

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 7, 2008

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 7:01 PM following a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Johnson, Rewa, Prieber, and Heilman. Also present were Manager Garvick, Engineer Bortner, Administrative Assistant Rodgers, Wastewater Superintendent Mahone, Environmental Director Hejmanowski, and Highway Foreman Mahan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 2, 2008 Public Works Committee were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Dale Gerber, 611 Beck Mill Road, requested assistance from the Township to repair his property that was disturbed during the installation of the Whispering Run sanitary sewer interceptor. Mr. Gerber has an agreement for a right of way through his property for the line but feels the contractor did not hold up to his end of the agreement to restore the property to its original condition. Mr. Gerber stated that the project created a lot of rocks being brought to the surface and had talked to Group Hanover about repairing his property. Mr. Gerber stated that they did remove some of the rocks but not all of them. He provided a diagram of the property and an estimate to repair the property. Mr. Gerber stated that he has resided at the property for 46 years. The Committee stated that they would review Mr. Gerber's concerns.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Bortner stated that brush and limb collection would begin on October 13, 2008. There was some discussion on when residents could start putting out material. It was noted that the ordinance that was passed would allow the residents two weekends prior to the start of collection to place materials curbside.

GATEWAY HANOVER: The Committee received a request dated September 17, 2008 from Conewago Contractors, Inc. for a waiver of the Township's sign ordinance to allow a twenty-five foot pylon sign at the Gateway Hanover Shopping Center. The Township's ordinance allows for a twenty-foot sign. In September the Board of Commission denied a similar request for a thirty-foot sign. Gary LeFevre, Conewago Contractors, represented the request. The developers have already been allowed two thirty-foot pylon signs within the Borough of Hanover. Ray Winger, Strickler Signs, noted that the individual signs do not exceed the maximum square footage allowed by the Ordinance. He also provided information from the American Planning Association with regards to signage. It was noted that most of the pylon signs within the Township are about twenty-five or twenty-six feet high. The Committee recommended approving the request.

BOOK A MILLION CLUB: The Committee received a request dated September 15, 2008 from Deforest Signs and Lighting requesting a variance of the sign ordinance for a Books A Million store. They are requesting an additional 42.08 square feet of signage above what the Ordinance currently allows. Manager Garvick noted that if they go with the 42" letters over the 48" letters they are proposing they would be closer to the signage allowed by the

ordinance. Gregory Shughart from Deforest Signs represented the request. The Committee suggested that they go with the 42" letters that are more compliant with the Township's ordinance.

ESAB: The Committee received a request dated September 8, 2008 from ESAB Welding and Cutting Products requesting a waiver of a land development plan to install a 22' x 15' concrete pad for a dust collector. Their initial request was for a 10'x 10' pad. They just installed another pad with a land development plan that was denied a waiver request. The Planning Commission made a favorable recommendation for this request. The Committee made a favorable recommendation on this request.

SOUTH HANOVER AUTOMOTIVE: The Committee received a request dated August 7, 2008 from Michael Cooper, South Hanover Automotive, for a waiver of land development requirements to improve his property at 848 Baltimore Street. The Planning Commission made an unfavorable recommendation to the Board on this plan. Engineer Bortner noted that the owner recognized some problems with run off from this property and has tried to correct them. He has additional improvements he would like to make to further help the storm water issues. Engineer Bortner stated there could be problems with the solutions he proposes and a land development plan would help ensure that the proposals are accurately designed. The Committee recommended denying the request.

HARVEST TIME TEMPLE: The Committee received a request dated September 26, 2008 from Harvest Time Temple requesting a waiver of the land development requirements to install a 24' x 32' x 10' pole building at their church at 700 Black Rock Road. The building would be used to house mowing equipment. The Planning Commission has not yet reviewed the request.

RAIL TRAIL MEETING: Manager Garvick noted that the Committee received an invitation from the Borough of Hanover to attend the York County Rail Trail Authority meeting on October 20, 2008. This invitation was extended to recognize the work being done by the Borough and the Township on the Hanover Trolley Trail, which extends the York County rail trail into Penn Township and Hanover Borough. The Committee stated that, since this is the regular meeting of the Township Board of Commissioners, the Township would respond with a letter to the Authority.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager