

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 4, 2011

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 7:00 PM. Present were Commissioners Prieber, Heilman, Goldsmith, Rewa and Felix. Also present were Manager Garvick, Township Engineer Bortner, Highway Foreman Mahan, WWTP Supt. Mahone and Administrative Assistant Rodgers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the September 6, 2011 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

PARK HEIGHTS BLVD.: Township Engineer Bortner reported that the highway department installed most of the wearing course today on Park Heights Boulevard and if the weather hold ups they will finish with the project on October 5th.

16 CORNELL DRIVE: Bernard and Elaine Oehlers were in attendance to discuss their request presented at last month's committee meeting. Manager Garvick gave the following report:

September 12, 2011

I inspected the swale at 16 Cornell Dr. The swale has considerable weed growth and the banks are deteriorating on the 16 Cornell side. On the Rebecca Lane side there is a wall constructed with concrete pavers that is starting to deteriorate as well. The bank is not as eroded as the Cornell Drive side. In the drainage easement between 13 and 15 Rebecca Lane the drainpipe has been extended almost to the property line of 16 Cornell. It would appear that if a containment wall were to be constructed on the 16 Cornell side and the existing wall repaired on the 15 Rebecca side, the continuing erosion could be eliminated. I will bring the Township Engineer out to observe and offer comments. However, the swale is located on private property so I question how much the Township will be able to do.

September 23, 2011

The Township Engineer and I looked at the swale at 16 Cornell Drive. There are three options that could be considered by the property owners:

- (1) The pipe between 13 and 15 Rebecca could be extended and tied into the outfall pipe at Cornell and Patti Lane. This would reduce the amount of flow that now tends to wash out the swale bank, largely on the 16 Cornell side. There would still be some runoff that would enter the swale coming from the eastern side from the rear yards of homes on Cornell and Rebecca. Most of this flow could be captured with the addition of an inlet box at the connection point of the existing pipe.
- (2) The property at 16 Cornell could construct a wall similar to that on 15 Rebecca (and 15 Rebecca should repair its wall as well), which would eliminate any future erosion.
- (3) Both property owners could reconstruct the swale to its original form. It appears that 15 Rebecca has attempted to create more rear yard area by constructing the wall, which replaced the relatively flat swale that was originally constructed. The same thing could be done on the 16 Cornell side.

As a preventative measure, we had our forces clean out the inlet on Cornell Drive across from Patti Lane, even though the inlet had only a very small amount of debris in it and the pipe itself was clean.

The Oehlers indicated that they received similar advice from the York County Conservation District. They indicated that they may follow the advice of York County and do the repairs themselves.

KAREN LANE BRIDGE: Engineer Bortner reported that Keystruct Construction is expecting to begin the repairs to the Karen Lane Bridge on Monday. The road will not be closed. The project is expected to take less than two weeks.

COMMUNITY AID THRIFT STORE: Manager Garvick reported that Glenn Chandler is requesting a variance to the sign ordinance to exceed the amount of signage he is allowed for the Community Aid store at the South Hanover Shopping Center. He is requesting a 12 square foot permanent sign advertising for the collection of donations because they receive more donations when signs are posted. The sign would be constructed along Baltimore Street near the access to the Center. The store is already at the maximum signage limit allowed. Commissioner Felix stated that the South Hanover Shopping Center was given a variance to the sign ordinance when the facility was refurbished. The Committee recommended denying the request and suggested that Glenn may want to add additional lettering to the current pylon sign.

2012 BUDGET: Engineer Bortner reviewed the proposed engineering budget for 2012. He has reduced the engineering services from \$50,000 to \$10,000. These services were budgeted to be outsourced but due to the slowing economy the Township has been able to handle in-house the engineering reviews of all commercial and residential developments. The Public Works budget has decreased in salaries due to layoffs in 2011. He is proposing to buy a used dump truck to replace T-10. He also reviewed the Highway Aid budget. The Township has received the notice for its liquid fuels allocation for 2012, which is projected to be \$344,194. He stated that he felt any extra monies should be put in paving projects.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Kristina J. Rodgers, Township Secretary