

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 2, 2010

The Penn Township Public Works Committee met in public session on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM. Present were Chairman Goldsmith and Commissioners Rewa, Felix, Heilman, and Prieber. 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 October 5, 2010 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Bill Trump, 225 George Street and property owner of 621 and 621 ½ York Street expressed concerns about water in the basement of his York Street property. Mr. Trump stated that he had lived at the property eighteen years ago and there had not been problems with water in the basement. Mr. Trump believes the water is coming from John Street and Fair Avenue. He feels the water should be directed to York Street instead of running down the alley beside his property. The runoff from the alley fills his and his neighbor's back yards and floods the basements. The situation does not occur during every rain but it has been happening more frequently. Mr. Trump was informed that the Township does not maintain alleys. Mr. Trump stated that the basement flooded about five or six times this summer. Mr. Trump stated the situation has been occurring for about eight years and was first noticeable when it snowed and then rained. Manager Garvick would like to observe the situation to see what is actually occurring. The Committee will revisit the situation once the problem is reviewed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Bortner reported that leaf collection has begun and brush and limb collection was completed on or about October 25.

W. CHESTNUT STREET: Manager Garvick presented Ordinance 715 for the adoption of a portion of West Chestnut Street that has been completed by developers. The Committee recommended adopting the Ordinance at the next meeting.

NORTH GATE PLAZA: The Committee reviewed a request dated October 14, 2010 from Willner Realty Company for a waiver of a land development plan requirements to do additional work at the North Point Plaza (formerly Delco Plaza). Engineer Bortner presented the land development plan for the structures that currently exist at site. The owners presented a drawing of what the site would look like. They are proposing to demolish some of the existing buildings and replace them with smaller ones. Engineer Bortner suggested that a plan be required. The Committee recommended denying the request but it will be reviewed by the Penn Township Planning Commission for a recommendation.

YORK VILLAGE APARTMENTS: The Committee reviewed a request dated September 16, 2010 from HRG for York Village Apartments. They would like modifications of the requirements for preliminary plan, final plan and the landscaping bufferyards. Township

Engineer Bortner stated that he is not in favor of a waiver for the bufferyard which they are requesting because it would create a hardship. The bufferyard would be too concentrated and would inhibit stormwater flow. The request will be presented to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation.

COMMUNITY PARK GRANT REQUEST: Administrative Assistant Rodgers reported that the application made to DCNR for the construction of restrooms and indoor facility at the Community Park has been denied but we could submit another application again next year.

BUDGET DISCUSSION: The Committee reviewed the 2011 public works budget. Manager Garvick reported that some of the equipment purchases in the Public Works budget will be moved into another fund along with the removing of some of the paving projects. There was some discussion about what could be cut and Engineer Bortner indicated that the blizzard resulted in damage to most of the snow removal vehicles. Engineer Bortner reported that he had to replace the tires on all the vehicles when they were inspected due to chain damage.

CITIZENS QUESTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE REGARDING DISCUSSION ITEMS:
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey R. Garvick, Manager