

MINUTES
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
APRIL 5, 2021

The Penn Township Public Works Committee convened on Monday, April 5, 2021, via an online meeting, following the Public Safety Meeting at 7:20 p.m. Present were Chairman Black, Commissioners Brown, Cromer, Elksnis, and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Public Works Supervisor Ortman, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Black read a summary of the online public meeting guidelines.

Commissioner Heiland announced there will be an executive session following the meeting to discuss personnel and other legal matters.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the March 1, 2021 Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Heiland requested Township Secretary Sweeney to conduct roll call for the stenographer that was in attendance with Attorney Paul Minnich of Barley Snyder.

BONDS: Engineer Bortner suggested setting Subdivision and Land Development Improvement Bonds for Campbell's Snacks Flour Receiving Building in the amount of \$19,946.30, and for Stonewicke V in the amount of \$741,013.90. The Committee recommended setting the bond amounts.

DEAGAN ROAD PAVING PROJECT: Engineer Bortner reported he was approached by CS Davidson, Engineer for Heidelberg Township. Heidelberg is interested in completing work on Deagan Road and there are two sections located in Penn Township. They are inquiring if the Township would be interested in a joint project. Engineer Bortner stated that a portion was last paved in 2000, and the other in 2009, the road is showing some wear, but not the worse in the Township. Engineer Bortner stated it may cost about \$75,000 for both sections. The committee agreed that more information is needed.

BLOOMING GROVE PAVING PROJECT: Engineer Bortner reported he was notified by PennDOT that paving will take place on Blooming Grove Road from York Street to Grandview Road. Engineer Bortner reported that PennDOT implied they would take care of the ADA corner of York Street and Blooming Grove Road, as it is located at the intersection of two state roads, and inquired if the township was interested in the state doing any other ADA corners, sidewalks, stormwater; most likely at the cost to the Township. Engineer Bortner added that the email stated the projected start is 2022.

WAIVER REQUESTS FOR MUSTANG POINT SUBDIVISION AND LAND

DEVELOPMENT PLAN: The committee received requests from James R. Holley and Associates, dated November 6th and 16th, for waivers to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for Mustang Point. Attorney Paul Minnich, Barley and Snyder Associates represented this request for JA Myers, Inc. In attendance were Mr. Joseph Myers, and Scott Feltch of JA Myers, David Lupinski, Engineer for James R. Holley and Associates, and Legal Associate Chris Naylor. Attorney Minnich stated the plans have been reworked, and would like to address the waivers of block length. Mr. Lupinski reported the plan is 100.4 acres, located in the R-8 zone, urban residential zoning district, consisting of 185 lots of which 180 are building lots. The planned development is surrounded by residential developments, and to the south is South Western High School. There are seven adjacent streets that connect to the development. Mr. Lupinski reported that they have reworked the plan to bring lots 49 and 98 into compliance, and lots 51,57 and 58 could be reworked to bring into compliance as well. A waiver is needed for 506.e, a requirement of minimum block distances of 500 feet. This is needed for multiple intersections ranging from a minimum of 244 to 454 ft. Mr. Lupinski stated that there is adequate turning and site distance and movability for emergency services. Mr. Lupinski addressed the waiver request of section 508, maximum block length of 1,600 ft., he reported they cannot meet the requirement on the exterior side of the outside road of the plan due to the layout of the existing connecting streets and wetlands. On the interior streets that exceed the maximum length, they have proposed pedestrian foot paths. The waiver request dated November 16th for section 509.a for lots 49 and 98, will be withdrawn, if the Board is acceptable to the pedestrian foot path. The waiver request dated November 6, 2020, for a waiver to section 509.a for eight lots is not being withdrawn. Commissioner Elksnis reported the plan was originally brought before the Planning Commission and the commission had many concerns with accessibility of emergency apparatus, and he does not see that addressed with pedestrian foot paths.

WAIVER REQUEST FOR AQUAPHOENIX SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

PLAN: The committee received a request dated February 22, 2021 from Group Hanover, Inc., for a waiver of section 303, Volume Controls of the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Mr. Gerald Funke, Group Hanover, Inc., represented this waiver request. He is asking the board to reconsider the original decision to deny the request. Mr. Funke reported that the waiver is not for all of the impervious surface, they can infiltrate five percent. He had met with York County Conservation District before the project was started, and spoke of the clay soil in the area which has no infiltration. Mr. Funke reported the Conservation District agreed in this situation, if they could do as much as they could, they would be satisfied. Commissioner Elksnis expressed concern with more water going into the creek, and asked Mr. Funke if there was anything more can be done. Mr. Funke stated that they can add more trees and expressed that they are reducing the runoff because they are reducing the current paving, but cannot meet the required twenty percent. Commissioner Elksnis stated he has concerns with the erosion of the current basin.

MS4 UPDATE: Manager Rodgers reported the Township has the Stormwater permit, and she, along with Engineer Bortner have conducted interviews for the Stormwater Coordinator position, and have yet to find a candidate. Manager Rodgers reached out to Hanover Land Services, Inc. to see if they would be willing to do the paperwork and the township would continue to conduct the inspections. Their estimate is slightly under the cost for the employee without benefits. Manager Rodgers stated it would be in the Townships best interest to move forth with the agreement. Manager Rodgers reported that Engineer Bortner is confident that Asst. to the Engineer, Shawn Garrett could continue to conduct the inspections. The agreement would be a year to year contract. The committee instructed Manager Rodgers to move forward with the agreement with Hanover Land Services, Inc.

EXTENSION REQUEST: Zoning Officer Smith reported that there are no extension requests at this time.

UPDATE ON 4 SCOTT STREET: Zoning Officer Smith reported Mr. Rolar did not clean up the property by April 4th as promised. The Committee agreed the condition of the property continues to worsen. Zoning Officer Smith stated that he can post the notice for the building condemnation. Kara Stultz, 6 Scott Street, questioned the timeline of the process. Zoning Officer Smith reported that once the notice is posted, Mr. Rolar has twenty days to appeal, then he would go before a committee to appeal the condemnation. If the Township wins, then the Township goes to the County Court for approval. Ms. Brenda Staub, 14 Scott Street, agreed with Ms. Stultz, Ms. Staub expressed her concern that once the property is cleaned, and if the resident moves back in, what can be done to stop this from happening again. Commissioner Heiland stated that Zoning Officer Smith has been working through this process and they are doing what they can.

RECREATION – CREATIVE PLAYGROUND: Manager Rodgers reported that she received a request from a local cub scout pack to conduct their Pinewood Derby at Youngs Woods. She is bringing the request before the committee due to the parks and recreations rules and regulations prohibits construction of temporary or permanent structures on the park grounds, and because special events require approval of the Board. The committee had no issues with the request.

OTHER MATTERS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney
Township Secretary