

MINUTES

SOUTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP 520 PARK DRIVE BOILING SPRINGS, PA. 17007

OCTOBER 25, 2007

PRESENT: TOM FALEY, RON REEDER, JIM BAKER, BRYAN GEMBUSIA, & RICK REIGHARD – SUPERVISORS; Richard Mislitsky – Solicitor; Barbara Wilson – Manager; Jarrett Sweeney – Assistant Manager, Brian O’Neill – Engineer; Tim Duerr – Zoning Officer, Sandy Quickel – Recording Secretary, Linda Larsen, Carol Shetter, Attorney Robert Saidis, Ron Mell, Ron Hamilton, Jennifer Garcia, Jeff Ammerman, Mr. & Mrs. Less Heller, Doug & Helen Gale, Mike & Karen Rudy, John Bitner, Paul Slifko, Cindy Dunbar, Joe Fay, Mary Zeigler, Tom & Ann Benjey, Marti Green, Bob Geist, Harvey Dunkleberger, Preston & Janet Troupe, Andrea Ciccocioppo - “The Sentinel”.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Faley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chairman Faley.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A moment of silence was observed.

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tom noted that the meetings are recorded.

MINUTES: 10/11/07 Regular Meeting:

Bryan made a motion to approve the minutes. Ron seconded, & the vote in favor was unanimous.

#07-11C CARLISLE CROSSING, LOT #6 – Conditional Use Public Hearing:

Mr. Mislitsky opened the hearing & stated the procedure. A court stenographer was present.

Bryan made a motion to approve #07-11C, subject to staff comments. Rick seconded, & the vote in favor was unanimous. The hearing was closed.

PRESENTATION – John Bitner (County Gypsy Moth Control Officer):

John Bitner, Vector Control Officer, discussed their program on black flies, mosquitoes, & gypsy moths. The programs are managed by DCNR & the Forestry Division. Funding is supplied by state & federal funds. The County contributes about one-half of the cost for spraying. The cost to spray an acre in the Township is \$35/acre. State funding pays \$17/acre. There are 19 spray blocks in the Township (16 exclusively in SMT & 3 are shared with other municipalities). The Township’s portion for spraying would be \$44,000. Helicopters perform the aerial spraying. Public input was taken.

Helen Gale, Derbyshire Drive, asked about the product used for spraying. Mr. Bitner replied that it is BT & is a safe product.

Carol Shetter, 647 Gutshall Road, stated that the gypsy moth plaque is very bad & help is needed.

Mike Rudy, 70 Wise Lane, asked if information on this issue is on the CCPA website. He was told yes. Tom added that there is a meeting with County officials on November 7th, & that our Board will make a decision at the November 8th meeting. Karen Rudy asked for the locations of the proposed spray areas.

Kay Heller, 65 Wise Lane, commented that a lot of trees have been destroyed. She also asked how the survey is done. Mr. Bitner explained the process. Les Heller asked about wasps that were released years ago & were supposed to eat the moths. Mr. Bitner said that the wasps did not perform up to expectation.

Another resident asked if the Appalachian Trail area will be protected, & how far back on the trail will be sprayed.

Mary Zeigler, Allen Street, feels that people who own a lot of acreage should pay for their land to be sprayed. Senior citizens have financial burdens, & that taxpayers should not have to pay for it.

Tom thanked Representative Scott Perry for contributing state funds towards the spraying.

Tom Benjey, E. Springville Road, asked about spraying public/state land. He was told that the Forestry Department budgets for the spraying.

Marti Green, Derbyshire Drive, asked for a list of the most susceptible trees. Mr. Bitner has a list of trees.

Harvey Dunkleberger said he is concerned about the funding for spraying.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

The report was accepted, as submitted.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT:

The report was accepted, as submitted.

RECREATION REPORT:

The report was accepted, as submitted.

ROADMASTER REPORT:

The report was accepted, as submitted. Barb noted that the road crew will begin leaf pick up on October 29, & continue through November.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Bryan made a motion to approve a security reduction in the amount of \$49,410.69 for Westgate, Phases 5, 6 & 7 (#06-24). Tom seconded, & the vote in favor was unanimous.

Bryan made a motion to deny the security release for Walnut Bottom Medical Center LLC (#05-04) due to deficiencies as noted by the Engineer. Rick seconded, & the vote in favor was unanimous.

The applicant for the Parkview Conditional Use plan (#06-09C) has granted the Township until November 8th to schedule a public hearing. Jim made a motion to approve the time extension until November 8th. Ron seconded, & the vote in favor was unanimous.

PLANNING/ZONING/CODES ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

The Allen Distribution, Lot #1 conditional use decision is ready for signatures.

MANAGER REPORT:

The Township participates in the PACC consortium for purchasing vehicles & equipment. Ron made a motion to approve Resolution #07-23 to purchase from the PACC program. Rick seconded, & the vote in favor was unanimous.

The Tax Collector has resigned. Ron made a motion to accept Judy Campbell's resignation. Rick seconded, & the vote in favor was unanimous.

Barb stated that the County, School District & the Township agree that Robert Cairns is the best applicant to replace Ms. Campbell. Ron made a motion to appoint Robert Cairns as Tax Collector filling the unexpired term. Tom seconded. Bryan noted that the term expires 12/31/09. Jim stated that several great people applied & to keep their names on file at the Township for future positions. The vote in favor was unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Preston Troupe, 6 Peachtree Lane, commented about a holding pond full of water & is worried about mosquitoes collecting in this area. Also, there is a drain pipe issue & no fencing around the pond. Brian said that the pond will be seeded with grass, then the water will not pond. Also, there are no requirements in the ordinance to fence in ponds. Ron suggested Brian contact the developer & ask him if he would place a trash rack on the pipe ends.

Doug Gale, Derbyshire Drive, commented on the current tax collection system. He feels the state & local governments should review this system.

Marti Green, Derbyshire Drive, asked if the tax collector is audited yearly.

Mary Zeigler, Allen Street, stated that tax collectors have no boss to hold them responsible.

Paul Slifko, Lindsey Road, said that the weeds behind his house have been mowed.

Carol Shetter, Gutshall Road, commended the road crew on the great job mowing along the roads & fixing potholes.

Marti Green asked about the paving issue on Forge Road with S&A Homes. The paving will connect the rough sections in the roads when completed.

SUPERVISORS' DISCUSSION:

Bryan thanked Representative Scott Perry for his assistance on the tax collection issue. Barb agreed & stated that Mr. Perry has offered to sponsor a bill/amendments on this issue.

Mary Zeigler thanked everyone for their support at an event held at the Carlisle Airport.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT:

Bryan made a motion to pay the bills. Ron seconded, & the vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT:

Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ron seconded, & the vote in favor was unanimous.

WITNESS:

Sandra A. Quickel, Secretary

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