

WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
688 SUGARTOWN ROAD, MALVERN, PA
FEBRUARY 24, 2020 AT 7:00 PM

The Regular Meeting of the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors came to order at 7:00 PM. Supervisors William R. Shoemaker and Barbara L. Handelin were present. Also present were Township Manager Sally Slook and Police Lieutenant Jeffrey Heim.

Supervisor Shoemaker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for military personnel.

Announcements

The Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss real estate matters and legal matters.

New Business

Minutes – Supervisor Handelin moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2020. Supervisor Shoemaker seconded the motion. A resident asked if draft minutes are available to the public prior to the Board approving them. The Board replied they are not available, but protocol dictates the Chair ask if there are any questions or comments. There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 2-0.

Expenditures - Supervisor Handelin moved to approve the list of expenditures and interfund transfers dated February 21, 2020. Supervisor Shoemaker seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 2-0.

Police Report – Lieutenant Heim reported several arrests, including 2 suspects arrested for fraudulent checks, another suspect arrested for vehicle theft, and a third suspect arrested for theft at Paoli Presbyterian Church. A DUI arrest was also reported and another suspect was picked up on an outstanding warrant from another jurisdiction during a routine traffic stop. Lieutenant Heim reminded everyone to be diligent in locking car doors and home windows and doors, especially as the weather gets warmer, to deter thefts. Recently, IRS phone scams have been reported. The IRS does not contact taxpayers by phone or email; only by US mail. No one asking for personal or confidential information over the phone represents the IRS. If personal or confidential information is given, please report to the Willistown Police Department so they can investigate.

Subdivision and Land Development Application for 57 Grubb Road, Malvern, PA 19355, S-2-19 – Supervisor Shoemaker moved to approve the extension of time for the subdivision and land development application for 57 Grubb Road, Malvern, PA 19355, S-2-19 until March 31, 2020. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 2-0.

Subdivision and Land Development Application for 107 West Central Avenue, Paoli PA 19301, S-4-19 – Supervisor Shoemaker moved to approve the extension of time for the subdivision and land development application for 107 West Central Avenue, Paoli PA 19301, S-4-19 until March 23, 2020. Supervisor Handelin seconded the motion. There were no comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 2-0.

Escrow Release – Supervisor Handelin moved to authorize release #12 of Escrow Funds for JW Land Development, Inc., Chapel Hill Subdivision, in the amount of \$186,223.50. Supervisor Handelin explained this escrow release will primarily cover landscaping. Supervisor Shoemaker seconded the motion. Fred Haack, 486 E. King Road, asked if this will be for all landscaping since only half the houses have been built. Supervisor Shoemaker said the

development is being built in phases and they will continue to put in landscaping as they go. The Township Manager stated the balance remaining in escrow is \$763,000. Discussion ensued. Mike Kerr, 33 Stonehenge Drive, asked for the original escrow balance for the entire project, including all phases. The Township Manager did not have that figure with her and would get the information to Mr. Kerr later in the week. (The original escrow amount was \$3,772,767.36 and this was reported to Mr. Kerr). There were no further comments from the Board or the public, and the motion carried 2-0.

Conditional Use Hearing - Supervisor Shoemaker introduced a public hearing in the application of Michael Brooks at 220 Dutton Mill Road, Malvern, PA 19355, single family dwelling known as tax parcel 54-8-3.5, pursuant to Section 73-32. D (1) of the Environmental Protection Ordinance. The applicant wishes to construct a new in-ground swimming pool and associated improvements within the area of the precautionary slope of the steep slope conservation district.

Mr. Vince Pompo, Esq., Township Solicitor, conducted the public hearing. A court reporter was present to record the proceedings and the transcript will be on file in the Township Administrative Offices.

Citizens Comments

Mike Kerr, 33 Stonehenge Drive, asked whether the Phase 1 study results for the valuation of the sewer system were available. The Township Manager replied the Board recently approved the contract with PFM to do the Phase 1 valuation, and Township staff is currently gathering all the information PFM has requested. Once PFM has the requested documentation, it will be another 30-45 days before the Township receives the valuation.

Fred Haack, 486 E. King Road, asked who is responsible for cleaning up debris on private property after car accidents. Lt Heim stated the tow truck company will clean up debris in the road but not on private property. Discussion ensued.

Michael Brooks, 220 Dutton Mill Road, asked who is responsible for compromised trees along the side of Dutton Mill that could potentially fall into the street on to an oncoming car or person. Supervisor Shoemaker stated they can ask the property owner to address the issue but the Board has no authority to make them remove the trees. The Township Manager will have someone from the Township contact the property owner and ask them to take down the trees. Mr. Brooks also asked if PECO will take down the shorter electrical poles once the longer poles have been installed. Discussion ensued.

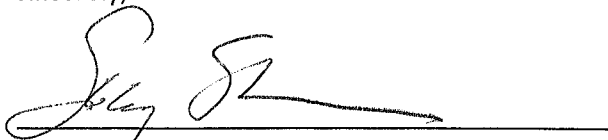
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020, at 7:00 PM the Township Building meeting room located at 688 Sugartown Road.

Adjournment

Seeing no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Sincerely,



Sally Slook, Township Manager