# Washington Township Municipal Building 185 Manors Road Elizabethville, PA 17023 June 4, 2020

The regular meeting of the Washington Township Board of Supervisors was held at the above place and date.

Chairman, Benjamin Brown called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

# **Board Members Present:**

**Board Member Absent:**Cynthia Stout

Benjamin Brown Kevin Stadheim
Glenn Stoneroad Gerald Lettich

# **Administrators and Others Present:**

Donna Sitlinger – Secretary Joseph Kerwin, Esq. – Board Solicitor Robert Crabb – Roadmaster Matthew Stoneroad – Chairman, Recreation Board Citizens – 2

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chairman Benjamin Brown called for public comments with no response.

## **RECREATION BOARD:**

Chairman Brown recognized Matt Stoneroad, Chairman of the Recreation Board. To justify the importance of the subdivision/land development ordinance providing for the development of recreational areas or facilities by either the dedication of land suitable for recreation or payment of a fee in lieu of dedication of land, Mr. Stoneroad provided a wish list and approximate cost of the Recreation Board's short and long-term plans regarding improvements to the Loyalton Park. Expanding recreation areas to other areas of the Township is also being considered. Mr. Stoneroad listed the park improvements that were purchased with the collection of recreation fees.

# **MINUTES:**

The minutes of the Board of Supervisors May 19, 2020 regular meeting were approved as presented by motion of Supr. Lettich, second by Supr. Stadheim. Motion carried.

# **PAYMENT OF INVOICES:**

General Fund: \$7,722.39 Liquid Fuels Fund: 97.96

A motion was made by Supr. Stadheim to approve the payment of the invoices, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

# PSP Land Development Plan:

As the proposed development will be utilizing public sewer, DEP approved the project to be exempt from the requirement to revise the official plan of ACT 537 planning for new land development. Review comments were provided by Stahl Sheaffer Engineering in regards to the revised Traffic Impact Study scoping meeting application.

# **Update 2019 Delinquent On-Lot Sewer Pump-outs:**

The Supervisors approved the SEO to confirm the sewage tank is empty on property parcel 66-9-51 at the time he issues a permit for the repairs. It is the consensus of the Supervisors to delay authorizing the SEO to issue a citation to property parcel 66-9-22. Supr. Stoneroad will contact the property owner.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

# **Destruction of Township Records:**

A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to approve the destruction of Township records as listed and attached to **Resolution 2020-10**, second by Supr. Stoneroad. It was noted the disposition of records were followed as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 and as amended March 28, 2019. Roll Call Vote: Stoneroad (yes) Stadheim (yes) Lettich (yes) Brown (yes) Motion carried.

# **Elected Auditor Vacancies:**

A motion was made by Supr. Lettich to appoint Micheal Swanger to the vacant seat of elected auditor, second by Supr. Stadheim. Motion carried. The term will expire December 31, 2021.

Discussion was brought up regarding the recreational area and facility ordinance. Is there a conflict that the language of the ordinance is meant for housing developments and not business? After discussion regarding the language of the ordinances in general, a motion was made by Supr. Lettich to allow the planning commission to go over the zoning and subdivision/land development ordinances, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried.

Discussion was brought up if it is appropriate for representatives of the Township to become involved with building permits as the Township does not enforce nor control the state building codes.

Due to a personal commitment, Supr. Lettich departed the meeting at 8:03 PM.

# **SUPERVISORS REPORTS:**

**BENJAMIN BROWN:** No report.

## **KEVIN STADHEIM:**

## Road Crew Report:

Roadmaster Crabb reported the road crew is currently replacing pipes and cleaning up limbs as a result of the recent rain storms.

**GLENN STONEROAD:** No report.

**CYNTHIA STOUT:** Absent.

**JERRY LETTICH:** No report.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chairman Benjamin Brown called for public comments.

Chairman Brown recognized Micheal Swanger. Mr. Swanger commented his stepson was involved with the Elizabethville Area Girls Softball Association and overseen the maintenance of the ball field at the Loyalton Park. With his unexpected death last year, Mr. Swanger asked the Supervisors if they would consider naming the ball field at the Loyalton Park after his stepson. Mr. Swanger asked that his stepson be recognized by adding a sign with his name Brandon "Bubba" Miller under the electronic scoreboard, of which he was responsible for attaining.

After discussion, it is the consensus of the Supervisors, prior to considering Mr. Swangers' request, to obtain input from the Recreation Board.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Spring Cleanup: Saturday, June 6, 2020 8AM – 3PM Planning Commission: Monday, June 8, 2020

Authority: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 Supervisors: Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Recreation Board: Wednesday, June 17, 2020 (8PM)

All meetings, unless otherwise indicated, are held at the municipal building and begin at 7 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Supr. Stadheim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Supr. Stoneroad. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary