

EAST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
376 N CRAWFORD RD., Grantville, PA 17028
May 15, 2017

The regular meeting of the East Hanover Township Board of Supervisors was called to order with the pledge to the Flag by Chairman Mike Yingling at 7:00 P.M. Present were Supervisors George Rish, Glenn Moyer, and Rick Smith. Rob Hess was absent.

Isaac Wakefield, Solicitor; Norm Ulrich, Engineer; Paul Cornell, Manager; Jackie Wilbern, Assistant Manager; and Deborah Casey, Secretary/Treasurer were also present.

The meeting was audio taped. The tapes are strictly for the use of the Secretary-Treasurer for clarification during preparation of the minutes. The Public Guidelines of Decorum require all individuals wishing to make public comment do so at the front of the room and state their name and address.

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MAY 2, 2017 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

- **Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2, 2017, meeting. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts -	\$1,123,614.76	
General Fund		\$ 175,599.84
Street Light Fund		\$ 11.40
Fire Co. Fund		\$ 2,185.96
Park and Recreation Fund		\$ 1,411.00
Gaming Fund		\$ 944,406.56
Expenditures -	\$ 64,336.37	
General Fund		\$ 61,170.18
Park & Recreation Fund		\$ 1,884.00
Fire Co. Fund		\$ 1,141.00
State Aid Fund		\$ 141.19

- **Mr. Rish made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Discussion was held on the Gaming monies received. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Available Funds - \$7,513,924.61

CONSIDERATION OF INVOICES FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING

PAUL D. CLARK - \$511.88

- **Mr. Rish made a motion to pay the invoice from Paul D. Clark in the amount of \$511.88. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence is listed as a handout and may be reviewed during regular office hours.

REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHARLES LONGREEN

Mr. Longreen was not present but provided the Board with a written report.

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY – PAUL CORNELL

Mr. Cornell reported they had a meeting with South Hanover to try to work with them on our upcoming sewer needs. The Authority has requested the Board be at their meeting in June to discuss financing of the 2020 project.

MANAGER REPORT – PAUL CORNELL

Mr. Cornell noted the Township received the endorsement through PennPRIME of its cyber technology policy. He provided the Board with 3 memos, one has to do with the minutes of the Supervisors meetings and a request to start to investigate an alternate recording secretary. The minutes take up a lot of Mrs. Casey's time and he feels that would free her up for the finance work she needs to do, and some of the other work that needs to be done as we reorganize. By consensus of the Board, Mr. Cornell has permission to investigate a recording secretary. The other memo relates to the phone system in the building since it is antiquated and doesn't work with the VOIP system the Township installed. He will research systems and pricing over the next few weeks. There will be a staff luncheon on May 24th with employees bringing covered dishes. He invited the Board to attend if they are available.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – ISAAC WAKEFIELD

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – RON JOHNSON

No report.

PARK AND RECREATION – ANTHEA STEBBINS

Ms. Stebbins noted she has been planning Get Out to the Park Day which is June 10th, the Disc Golf Course project proposal, and addressing safety concerns regarding cars parked in the parking lot on weekend nights. Mr. Cornell has helped with engaging the State Police. The State Police have been in contact with the people who have the concerns and they will be making rounds more frequently. There is a broken slide with a crack in it. She received some quotes on replacing it, but today did some research and found a gentleman from Chem-Tainer who is going to do some plastic welding at a significant less cost than a new slide. Some spring cleaning has been done around the park; she is working on the Summer Playground Program, and the Banquet planning. She attended a meeting with West and South Hanover Township's Park and Recreation Directors. We have had some volunteers at the Park who have help to do some repair work.

CODES AND ZONING – JACKIE WILBERN

Mrs. Wilbern provided the Board with a report of activity over the past month and the monthly activity UCC report from Light-Heigel. Chairman Yingling asked what the length of a permit is. Mrs. Wilbern noted it is for one year.

ENGINEERS REPORT – NORM ULRICH

Mr. Ulrich provided the Board with an updated report for the month of May. Talley Petroleum has been approved and in the process of getting everything finalized. Sheetz is moving forward but they do have a lot of outside agencies they need approval from. Preserve at Bow Creek – we are at the as-built stage. We will be setting up a conference call since they have some pretty significant issues and differences with the plans. Fleet Repairs – they have made another submission but did not attempt to address all the comments in the Engineer's letter. Manheim Auto Auction – Mrs. Wilbern noted they granted the Township an extension until the end of the year. Mr. Ulrich thanked Mr. Cornell for his help in trying to get the Carlson Rd. project moving forward with the GP11 permitting which is still with DEP. Discussion continued. Once the permit is approved, then a notice to bidders will be prepared within a week. Mr. Cornell had concerns about the time frame if it gets closer to the end of the year since the bids won't be as good, and if we don't get the permitting in a reasonable time, he suggested we might want to put the project off until next year. Chairman Yingling noted he got a call from a resident at The Preserve at Bow Creek regarding the blocks where the grass grows up through them. He asked if the height of the grass is controlled by ordinance. Mrs. Wilbern noted the maximum height is 12 inches.

GRANTVILLE FIRE CO. – WAYNE ISETT

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF A FIRE MARSHAL

Mr. Cornell noted Chief Theal has been serving as a default Fire Marshal for the Township since he is the Fire Chief. He has asked the Board to consider appointing him to the position of Fire Marshal. It would also allow him to get training from the State Fire Police and others when they are called in if there is any investigative work that needs to be done. Chairman Yingling asked if it would be a conflict of interest when you have the Fire Chief, head of the Fire department be the Fire Marshal which is independent of the Fire Department. Mr. Stein noted it would only be a conflict of interest should there be a suspicious fire with someone from within the Fire Co., or if an insurance company has issues with how a fire was fought. Mr. Cornell noted if it is a suspicious fire, the State Police Fire Marshal will be brought in. Discussion continued. Chairman Yingling noted he would like to see the position as a protection of the average home owner who has a house fire and if an insurance claims comes up, having the Fire Marshal there adds a little more gravity in the chain of evidence.

- **Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017, next consecutive number to appoint Don Theal as Fire Marshal for East Hanover. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. The Motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

NEW BUSINESS

REQUEST TO CONSIDER PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A DISC GOLF COURSE

Ms. Stebbins asked for consideration to add a Frisbee Disc Golf Course to the Park at the northern/western end of the Park. This would be in line with the 2016 EHT Community Park Master Site Plan by creating additional active and passive recreational opportunities for all user groups in the Township. The Park and Recreation Board is recommending the design and installation of a 9-hole Frisbee golf course. She provided the Board with a memo of the description, benefits, and location of the course. She noted she recently toured Shenk Park in Derry Township who recently created an 18-hole course. Their course was designed in large part by local disc golf experts Lynn Baker and Chas Ford. Both Mr. Baker and Mr. Ford have offered to help with the design of our course. She described Mr. Baker and Ford's background. K&W has indicated they would want several walk-throughs of the grounds with Township maintenance staff and Park and Recreation Board members to assist with the design process should we hire them. The challenge to having the facility will be maintenance since that area is not currently mowed. She continued her discussion. The total project cost is estimated to be between \$10,000.00 and \$12,000.00. Although the project was not budgeted for this year, in 2016 the Board allocated \$200,000.00 for the implementation of the Master Site Plan. Chairman Yingling asked if we have any idea of what the ongoing maintenance cost would be. Ms. Stebbins noted it would only be mowing. Chairman Yingling commented this would be a low cost project to see what kind of benefits the Township residents get from it, and see if it draws people who would not normally come to the Park. Discussion was held on ways you could measure how many people use the course. Ms. Stebbins noted it would be in an area of the Park that is not highly visible so it would be difficult to see people using the course. Discussion continued. Mr. Rish asked if it was known how popular the courses are at other sites. Ms. Stebbins commented she only knew about Shenk Park which just recently opened. Ms. Stebbins noted one of the limitations to 9 hole courses is it is not amenable to tournaments. What has been suggested is to put 2 tees at each hole which would make it amenable to tournaments. Discussion was held on the 2 tees and the project.

- **Mr. Smith made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$12,000.00 for the design and construction of a disc golf course. Mr. Rish seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

Chairman Yingling asked that Ms. Stebbins provide for the next meeting a time table including implementation, installation, and opening day.

REQUEST FOR FIRE POLICE TO SUPPORT LINGLESTOWN CIVIC ASSOCIATION RUN/WALK

Mr. Cornell commented we received a letter from Wayne Isett who received a letter from the Linglestown Fire Company requesting assistance for their American Legion Memorial Day Parade and the Civic Association Charity Run/Walk on May 29, 2017.

- **Mr. Rish made a motion to authorize the East Hanover Township Fire Police to assist Linglestown Fire Co. with their Linglestown Area Civic Association Charity Run/Walk and the American Legion Memorial Day**

Parade on Monday May 29, 2017 if they are available, able and willing to do so. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.

MEMORIAL BENCH REQUEST

Ms. Stebbins noted she is requesting permission to allow Park and Recreation funds to be used to purchase a memorial bench for the Park. The Park and Recreation Board is interested in purchasing and installing a Memorial Bench which would be in honor of people who have contributed significantly to the Park and Recreation Department. They are looking at purchasing an 8 foot bench and have name plates on the back for individuals at a cost of no more than \$1,000.00. They are asking for Public Works assistance in placing the bench. The funds would come from the Fees in Lieu account. Mr. Smith asked if it could be done in time for Get Out to the Park Day. Ms. Stebbins noted the Park and Rec Board will decide at their next meeting, June 5th where to purchase it from so it would not be in time for Get Out to the Park Day. Discussion continued on Memorial Benches.

- **Mr. Smith made a motion to authorize the purchase of a Memorial Park Bench up to the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Fees in Lieu account with the intent to make it an ongoing program recognizing that we are not quite there yet. Mr. Rish seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4 in favor, 0 opposed.**

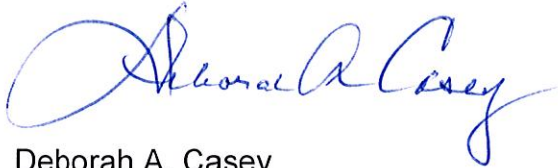
BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Andy Stein provided the Board with an update on the Gaming. There have been significant legislative rumblings, the most important is from Senator Costa who has put in a bill that fixes the Gaming Law as directed by the court. The State Supreme Court stay ends on May 24th and there is no indication whether the Court is going to extend the stay. Senator Costa's legislation hopefully fixes it within the guidelines. The State is considering some other gaming options such as online gaming and lottery sales, video poker, etc. From the House there has been discussion of a bill sponsored by Representative Diamond about a pro rata share based on acreage. That would affect the County share which is where we go to for specific grant money. That would probably not affect the unrestricted gaming monies and it would be a shame if it did since it would hurt East Hanover Lebanon if it was on a pro rata share. The big issue is that it is beginning to pick up steam of being a part of the State budget process. The leaning in the Senate is to fix the legislation. The leaning in the House is the have and have nots. The next big issue is whether it will be fixed by May 24th. What none of the bills have contemplated is reducing the money that goes directly to the host communities. He asked the Board to consider another budget workshop as we have some refined numbers and clarity on long term projects. It would be helpful to the Board if they had the meeting prior to the joint meeting with the Municipal Authority. The expansion cost for the 2020 sewer project is coming in at the high end of our early estimates. Between the budget, sewer and looking at zoning, Comp Plan, etc., there is going to be some policy issues and it would be best if the Supervisors, the Municipal Authority, and the Planning Commission are actively involved and all on the same page. Mr. Smith asked if the picture would change depending on the outcome of the gaming

legislation. Mr. Stein noted it would not. Discussion continued. Mr. Stein noted Gaming is taxed at 43% and there is no way to raise that.

Mr. Rish made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deborah A. Casey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Deborah" being more prominent.

Deborah A. Casey
Secretary/Treasurer