

March 15, 2011 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORKSESSION MEETING

March 15, 2011 4:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a worksession meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Chairman Sam Miller, Supervisors Fred Young III, Curtis Myers and Rick Baer; Brad Graham, Township Administrator, Lynda Beckwith, Assistant Zoning Officer, Tom Davis, Public Works Director and Mary Klein, Township Secretary. Supervisor Fred Young III and Curtis Myers arrived late to the meeting. Vice Chairman James Byers was absent from the meeting.

Visitors: There were none.

Chairman Miller called the worksession meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Chairman Miller called for public comment.

Clement Haldeman addressed the Supervisors regarding his farm and the Norfolk Southern Project. Mr. Haldeman was questioning the stream removal from the East to the West side and the culvert that is currently 4' x 4' which he states is being replaced by the railroad with a 16' cross square and a culvert that is 4' x 14'. Mr. Haldeman's concern is that the through put for the culvert is going to be four times what it used to be and he is concerned about flooding downstream. Mr. Haldeman also was concerned about the bridge adjacent to Williamsport Pike and the grade level of Williamsport Pike.

Supervisor Young arrived at this time – 4:07 p.m.

Mr. Haldeman also mentioned the bridge at Milnor Road and that it is undersized. He mentioned that whenever there is 4" or more of rain then the water goes across Williamsport Pike. Mr. Haldeman also mentioned the culvert south of Milnor Road and the fact that when the Right-of-Way was upgraded they knocked the heads off the culverts. He also mentioned the 4' x 10' culvert that is pouring into an 18" pipe at Cedar Grove Mennonite Church. He also noted that the culverts are clogged and some have deteriorated. The Supervisors acknowledged Mr. Haldeman's concerns but told him that he is in the wrong forum to address these issues. They told Mr. Haldeman that Brad Graham, Township Administrator would get him a contact number for Penn-Dot so he could address the issues with them.

The Supervisors reviewed the park field use and reservation policy that was prepared by the Park Committee at this time. It was noted that some of the leagues came to the Park Committee to offer their input. Chairman Miller stated that he is concerned with the seasons and wanted to know if this coincided with AYSO's season. Administrator Graham responded that AYSO's season would be March, April, May and the first week of June. Mr. Graham also noted that they are making the seasons work for baseball and soccer and the policy will be the same for both. Mr. Graham also stated the fee is for the reservation. Chairman Miller stated that he thinks no fee should be charged for our resident leagues. Supervisor Baer also noted that for organizations like baseball tournaments and softball organizations, he wants the Township to maintain the fields then we have control. Supervisor Young stated he has no problem charging a fee to offset our maintenance costs but maybe we could consider charging a lower fee for Township based organizations versus an outside organization.

Supervisor Myers arrived at this time – 4:35 p.m.

Supervisor Baer mentioned the multi-use fields and noted there has been talk about alternating the fields so the fields are playable. Lynda Beckwith, Assistant Zoning Officer stated that the Park Committee could reconsider the seasons and developing a separate fee structure for Antrim Township based groups. She also noted that the Park Committee discussed not allowing all the fields to be reserved at the same time. She stated she would take the Supervisors concerns and suggestions back to the Park Committee for consideration before the final policy is brought back to the Supervisors for approval.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding the water sale agreement with the GAFCWA. Mr. Graham stated that he forwarded a letter from the GAFCWA to the Supervisors regarding the list of exemptions we sent them and their response. Mr. Graham noted that the GAFCWA is not in agreement with one of the exemptions and they have a meeting Monday night and we may want to attend the meeting to address any issues we have with their letter. Mr. Graham said we can do one of three things: accept what they have submitted back, discuss other options with them or tell them there is no deal. He noted that face to face negotiations have worked better during this process. Mr. Graham stated that GAFCWA's stance on the Hess Development was that they were never part of the ATMA and it has always been part of what they considered as part of their water system. Supervisor Myers commented that they are going to hold up a sale over ten customers who would eventually hook up once the house is sold anyway. Chairman Miller asked if we are going to hold this up over the same ten customers. Supervisor Myers responded that yes he would because he thinks we have bent over backwards for them. Supervisor Young noted that it's a Township ordinance and the Board voted to not enforce the Hess Development to connect. Chairman Miller responded that at the time Solicitor John Lisko said the best thing to do was nothing. Miller also asked if we are willing to sell or not. The Supervisors decided that Supervisors Rick Baer and Curtis Myers would attend the GAFCWA meeting on Monday night and tell them that this is our last offer. Chairman Miller stated he would like to make a final decision on the sale of the water system on Tuesday night.

A Miller/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the Personnel Policy at 5:11 p.m.

A Young/Myers motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to adjourn the Executive Session and resume the worksession meeting at 5:55 p.m.

A Baer/Miller motion passed 4-0 (Byers was absent) to adjourn the worksession meeting at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary