

July 12, 2011 - Antrim Township Board of Supervisors

MINUTES OF THE ANTRIM TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

July 12, 2011 7:00 p.m.

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 in the Antrim Township Municipal Building, 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following present: Vice Chairman James Byers, Supervisors Rick Baer and Fred Young III. Others attending the meeting included Solicitor John Lisko, Brad Graham, Township Administrator, and Sylvia House, Zoning Officer. Chairman Sam Miller and Supervisor Curtis Myers were absent from the meeting.

Visitors: See the attached list.

Vice Chairman Byers called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. The meeting opened with a word of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Byers called for Public Comment.

Tom Moore, of 11634 Kimberly Drive read a letter that he drafted regarding a water line that was installed in front of his house and in 2007 he requested an exemption from connecting. The Township granted an exemption at that time but now he has received a threatening letter from the Borough of Greencastle to connect stating that if he does not connect then they will come onto his property and force him to connect and will fine him \$1,000/day for failing to connect. He wants to know if the Board will defend its decision to exempt him from connecting. Mr. Moore passed out a copy of the letter to the Supervisors.

A Baer/Young motion passed 3-0 (Miller & Myers were absent) to approve as written the regular meeting minutes from June 28, 2011.

A Baer/Young motion passed 3-0 (Miller & Myers were absent) to approve the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated July 12, 2011.

Sylvia House, Zoning Officer addressed the Supervisors regarding a final plan approval for Castle Commons, a commercial land development on Williamsport Pike. Mrs. House stated that the Supervisors granted a conditional approval in 2008 with the condition that bonding would need to be supplied prior to final approval. However, due to the economy they have not provided bonding. They are actively seeking renters for the property but they don't want to lose their approval. They are requesting the Supervisors to grant them a final approval but they would not start construction until bonding is in place.

A Baer/Young motion passed 3-0 (Miller & Myers were absent) to grant a final plan approval with the condition that they cannot proceed with construction until appropriate bonding is in place for Castle Commons, a commercial land development on Williamsport Pike.

Item B on the agenda for Olde Sycamore Estates was tabled again as we have not yet received approval from DEP for their Sewer Facilities Planning Module.

Mrs. House also addressed the Supervisors regarding the Columbia Gas Easement that was discussed at the last meeting. Mrs. House explained that she does not have a firm answer from Columbia Gas as to whether they will be in agreement to move the line. She noted that Columbia Gas has said they usually pay \$1.00 a lineal foot for a 20' easement and \$2.00 - \$3.00 a lineal foot for a 50' easement. She also thinks they will be less likely to pay for the easement if they have to move the line. She also stated they

have agreed to a 30' easement. She is waiting to hear back from them about whether they would be willing to move the line. She will bring more information back to a future meeting.

Brad Graham, Township Administrator addressed the Supervisors regarding changing the paving specifications to eliminate the asphalt price adjustment of over/under 10%. Mr. Graham stated that if the price of the asphalt goes up at anytime during the project then we will have to pay the difference or if it goes down then we will receive credit for it from the contractor. Mr. Graham stated that we need to pass a resolution that is required by PennDot if we wish to use a formula other than theirs for accounting for increases in the cost of asphalt.

Resolution #231 – A Young/Baer motion passed 3-0 (Miller & Myers were absent) to approve the resolution for Penn-Dot to change the paving specifications to eliminate the asphalt price adjustment of over/under 10% and use the method of paying the difference for asphalt price increases and receiving credit for any decreases in asphalt prices.

Mr. Graham also addressed the Supervisors regarding the Patton Bridge road issue that was addressed at the last meeting. Supervisor Young stated that he wanted to take a ride out there but he hasn't made it there yet. Supervisor Baer mentioned the drawing they gave us and he thinks our easement goes to the creek. He thinks that maybe we could put guide rail or signage to deter people from going back there. Otherwise, he thinks we need to either close the whole road or do nothing. He is in favor of either keeping it the way it is or getting rid of the road altogether. He also mentioned setting up safety zones out there and then the Game Commission would respond to any complaints. He also said that the current residents out there knew this when they bought the property that it was a local party spot. The Supervisors decided they will discuss this at a future meeting once more information is obtained.

Mr. Graham also addressed the Supervisors regarding getting approval to obtain bids for the installation of a concrete slab at the Concession Stand at the Antrim Township Community Park. Mr. Graham noted that he obtained a quote from the engineer to prepare the specifications for this project and they gave us an estimate of \$2,500.00. Mr. Graham stated they made a slight change to the specifications to put footers where dugouts would be located. Vice Chairman Byers asked if we could just use stone. Supervisor Young asked if we could just use our new employee for this project. Mr. Graham responded that the new employee will have a lot on his plate when he comes on board and he doesn't know if he will be able to do this. Supervisor Baer asked if we could use Dave Molino to do this. Mr. Graham responded that this might be a conflict since he has been involved with the bidding for the Concession Stand project. Mr. Graham said if the Supervisors approve us going out for bid for the concrete then he can check with the new employee when he starts to see if he could handle doing the specifications for it.

A Baer/Young motion passed 3-0 (Miller & Myers were absent) to approve putting the concrete slab at the Concession Stand at the ATCP out for bid.

Mr. Graham also addressed the Supervisors and asked for approval to go out for bid for Fuel and Road Materials.

A Young/Baer motion passed 3-0 (Miller & Myers were absent) to approve going out for bid for Fuel and Road Materials.

Mr. Graham also addressed the Supervisors regarding a request he received from Chairman Miller to have a worksession on August 2nd. Supervisor Baer thinks we need to hold off until after summer and have the budget worksessions we already have scheduled. Supervisor Young stated that he won't be available on the 2nd and isn't sure if he would be available the next week either. Vice Chairman Byers also stated he would not be available. It was decided that since none of the Supervisors were available they would not schedule a worksession for August 2nd.

Mr. Graham also addressed the Supervisors regarding the Park Committee recommendations that were given to them at the last meeting.

The first item on the list of Park Committee recommendations was to have horse shoe pits installed at the Antrim Township Community Park. Supervisor Baer stated he got an e-mail about an Eagle Scout who would like to do this as an Eagle Scout project. The Supervisors were all in agreement that they would like volunteers to install the horse shoe pits.

The second item on the list of PC recommendations was regarding six London Plane trees and one Spruce tree that were killed from the summer drought last year in the Rotary Grove section of the ATCP. The PC recommends replacing these trees with more London Plane trees. Mr. Graham said he doesn't agree with these types of trees because he searched them on the internet and they are not drought resistant. He thinks we need to put something else out there. Supervisor Young recommended that Lynda Beckwith, Park Liaison contact Jon Snavely, who has served on the Park Committee previously and knows about plants, to find out what his recommendation would be for the type of trees to plant out there.

The third item on the list of PC recommendations is regarding conducting a Park and Recreation survey like has been done in the past. The PC recommends using an online survey service called Survey Monkey to publish the survey online and collect the data with a cost of \$199.00. Supervisor Young commented that he thinks the number one thing people are going to ask for is a community pool. Mr. Graham mentioned that they want to find out from the public what they would like to see at the park. Tom Moore addressed the Supervisors and stated that they have a disc golf board out at the ATCP and we could put the survey on there. Mr. Moore also stated that he avoids online surveys because of all the ads. Supervisor Young and Vice Chairman Byers both recommended about putting a message on our Sewer bill about the survey. Mary Klein, Township Secretary suggested that maybe we could put the survey on our own website and put a message on the Sewer bills so people would be notified about taking it. The Supervisors were all in agreement that they were not in favor of paying for the Survey Monkey service and would like Lynda Beckwith to look into other options for doing the survey.

The fourth item on the list of PC recommendations was regarding the Martin's Mill Bridge Park Use Policy form that was addressed at the last meeting. The PC recommended eliminating this form to be signed by anyone who reserves the MMBP pavilion. Mary Klein, Township Secretary stated at the last meeting that she thought this was required by our previous insurance company and Brad Graham, Township Administrator was directed to check with our current insurance company to get their opinion on the matter. Mr. Graham stated he spoke to our insurance company and they said it wouldn't be a bad idea for us to keep some kind of wording regarding "No Swimming" at the MMBP on our reservation form but we didn't really need a separate form for people to sign. Mr. Graham told the Supervisors he would have the reservation form re-designed to include this wording.

The last item on the list of PC recommendations was regarding hiring a designated part-time Parks and Recreation Director. The Supervisors were all in agreement that this should be a budget item discussion for next year.

Supervisor Young addressed the rest of the Supervisors regarding a resolution that was passed 6-8 weeks ago by the Borough of Shippensburg to relieve them from the undue burden of prevailing wage. Young stated that Dan Pellicano contacted him today and forwarded him a sample of the resolution that was passed by the Borough of Shippensburg and he thinks we need to pass a similar resolution to send to the State.

Resolution #232: A Young/Byers motion passed 3-0 (Miller & Myers were absent) to pass a resolution to relieve Antrim Township from the undue burden of prevailing wage that will be forwarded to the local State representatives.

Mr. Graham addressed Vice Chairman Byers and stated he needs him to stay after the meeting to sign the contract documents for the Lehman Road Box Culvert.

Mr. Graham also addressed the Supervisors regarding several "Thank You" letters we received that were forwarded to them. The first letter was from the Mason Dixon Boy Scouts for the Day Camp that was held at the ATCP. The second letter was from Ryan Carty who did the dugout project at the ATCP. The third letter was from the Rescue Hose fire department for the use of Township personnel & equipment during a recent fire. The last letter was from the G-A School District for the offer from the Township to loan them money for their building project.

Supervisor Young addressed the Supervisors regarding what Tom Moore said about the Mandatory water connection. Young addressed Vice Chairman Byers and said he was here at the time this exemption was given. Young stated he also supports Mr. Moore's request to honor the exemption that was given by the Township back in 2007.

Mr. Moore also addressed the Supervisors and stated he is interested in serving on the Park Committee. The Supervisors instructed him to submit a formal Letter of Interest and stated that the Park Committee is always looking for more people to serve.

A Baer/Young motion passed 3-0 (Miller & Myers were absent) to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary A. Klein

Secretary