

September 8, 2015 - Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting
September 08, 2015 7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, September 08, 2015 at the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following members present: John Alleman, Chairman; Rick Baer, Vice-Chairman; Pat Heraty, Fred Young and James Byers. Also attending was: Sylvia House, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Jennifer Becknell, Secretary. (*Brad Graham, Administrator; and John Lisko, Solicitor; were absent.*)

Alleman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and reminded the audience that meetings are audio recorded and posted to the Township website.

Alleman called for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of a former Antrim Township Supervisor, Stephen Zeis, who served from 1984 – 1987.

Young opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Alleman called for Public Comment.

Karin Johnson, Greencastle Borough resident, expressed to the Board of Supervisors that she uses the Antrim Township dog park regularly and would not like to see the dog park dismantled. Ms. Johnson shared some of her ideas on how the dog park could possibly be improved. Her ideas included switching the big dog and small dog signs on the gates every couple of months to give the grass a chance to rejuvenate from wear and tear and she also feels the gates to the individual run areas should open in reverse to what they are now.

Richard Walck, 14676 Sherwood Drive, addressed the Supervisors concerning the ongoing problems he is having with the swale on his property that does not flow downstream properly due to the swale south of his property not being maintained. Mr. Walck explained that he was informed by an engineer that the swale should drain within 72 hours and his takes months. The Township Zoning Officer stated that the swales in the Sherwood subdivision have been researched before. The subdivision is old and the approved subdivision plans lacked the detail for the Township to require the swales to be reshaped. The Township will check with their solicitor to see if there are any new laws or case law that would help resolve the matter.

Dale Hostetter, State Line resident, inquired if the Roadmaster has had a chance to examine Park Drive near the State Line Ruritan Club and if so, what was his assessment of the road condition. Staff will direct the Roadmaster to contact Mr. Hostetter on this matter.

A Heraty/Byers motion passed 4-0-1 (*Baer abstained as he was absent from this meeting*) approving the minutes from the August 25, 2015 Regular meeting.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 approving payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated September 8, 2015.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 approving the modification request of waiving the road maintenance bond for Springfield Contractors as they have completed the paving in the Cedarbrook development. The decision to release the road maintenance bond was based on the following factors: the base course has held up good for many years and core samples have been taken. The developer is preparing as-built drawings and deeds.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 approving the Letter of Credit renewal for Augusta Partners LLC in

the amount of \$24,502.50, which reflects the annual 10% increase. The Letter of Credit shall be received no later than noon on Monday, September 21, 2015 or staff shall be authorized to draw on the Letter of Credit.

A Heraty/Byers motion passed 5-0 approving the ordinance and authorizing staff to proceed with advertising the ordinance and announcing a public hearing for the purpose of a zoning change for 1620 Buchanan Trail East. The property owner, Nelson Shank, has requested that the entire property be zoned as Community Commercial whereas it is currently Agricultural and Community Commercial. The following changes to the Zoning Chapter are also covered in this ordinance and were approved at the August 25, 2015 meeting: a new basement definition; Buffer Zone and Screening requirements; language to allow off site signage for Customary Home Occupations.

Becknell presented the document from Valley Forge Asset Management entitled Addendum to Investment Policy Statement to the Supervisors for their signatures. This document was approved at the August 25, 2015 meeting and has been reviewed by the Township Solicitor. This amends the agreement between Valley Forge Asset Management and Antrim Township to allow Valley Forge Asset Management to invest in securities with a maturity date of more than five years, with an investment limit of no more than 30% of the total funds the Township has with VFAM in this category.

A Baer/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving Workers' Compensation coverage for Rescue Hose Co. No. 1 Fire Police during the following two events, should they choose to participate: the Borough of Mercersburg Townfest and the Borough of Mercersburg Halloween parade.

A Heraty/Byers motion passed 5-0 appointing Larry Eberly to the Antrim Township Planning Commission, effective with the next scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission. *(Mr. Eberly will be filling the unexpired term of Lester Musselman which runs to 1-1-19.)*

Baer commented that the Martins Mill Bridge looks good.

Alleman called for Public Comment. There was none.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Session at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell

Board of Supervisors Secretary