

## PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Regular meeting

April 9, 2009

Chairman Gary Martin called meeting to order and led everyone present in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Chairman Gary Martin, Vice-Chairman Ken Sheaffer, Supervisor Amos Seiders, Solicitor Marcus McKnight III, and Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Sangialosi

PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the minutes and conditional use hearing minutes from the March 12, 2009 meeting. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Supervisor Seiders made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as of March 31, 2009. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLANS

Pat pointed out that Eric Diffenbaugh sent a fax granting the township a 90-day extension to review the Harrison plan. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to accept the 90-day extension. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Pat reported the Planning Commission has reviewed the conditional use application for Sammy Dunn and has found it to be incomplete. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to inform Sammy Dunn the application is incomplete, return the application to him along with his check and inform him he needs to fill out properly and return to the township along with another check. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Citizen Award – Chairman Martin made a motion to table. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
2. Waste containers – Pat reported she called Tom Imphong and the township needs to send him a letter requesting the containers and what the township is offering like plow snow, supplying CDL driver to take recyclables to landfill etc. Then the township will need to sign an agreement. Vice-chairman Sheaffer stated we would need to pick a location. Pat was instructed to draft a letter and bring to the next meeting.
3. Waste Ordinance – Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to advertise the ordinance. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.
4. Permit fees – Pat reported she checked with surrounding townships to see what they are charging for zoning permits. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a

motion to set the zoning permit fee for any construction under \$1000.00 at \$15.00 and more than \$1000.00 the posted \$30.00. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Ratify boom lift – Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to ratify the purchase of a boom lift. Supervisor Seiders seconded the motion. Motion approved. Chairman Martin explained that the supervisors have been talking about this piece of equipment for awhile and checking on pricing. Supervisor Seiders spotted this one and after inspection by all, the lift was purchased for \$10,000.00.
2. Open bids for building extension – The first bid was from Ron Brough: Labor cost \$20806.00 and material cost \$19454.32; total cost \$40,260.32. the second bid was from Paul Seiders: Labor cost \$20500.00; material costs \$17,767.15; total cost \$38267.15. The bids will be reviewed and the contract will be awarded as soon as possible.
3. Chairman Martin reported Seth Shafer a member of the Zoning Hearing Board will be moving out of the township and he has tendered his resignation from the Board as of April 30, 2009. Supervisor Seiders made a motion to accept the resignation. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.
4. Chairman Martin then reported the Zoning Hearing Board is proposing to fill the vacancy with Matt Farkas who is now a voting alternate. Chairman Seiders made a motion to move Matt Farkas into Seth's position. Vice-chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### PROJECT UPDATES

1. Bridges – Pat reported that the ad for bids for the Leeds Road bridge will also run in the Sentinel. We only had one company pick up the specs to bid on, so we will try advertising in the Sentinel and see if we get more interest.
2. Chain link fence – At this time the bids were opened: South Mountain \$2378.74 and an additional \$106.30 if you want tension wire on the bottom of the fencing; Blue Mountain \$2582.69; and Leid Fencing \$2625.00. These bids will be reviewed and awarded as soon as possible.
3. Hike and Bike and Volleyball court – Pat reported the volleyball court at the park has been completed and ready for use. The walking trail is also complete.

#### SOLICITOR REPORT

Fettrow – Marcus reported the foreclosure is on hold and we are proceeding with the public sale of assets. He also reported sending a letter to Robert Henry regarding a water complaint at the Pine Road development site. He is giving him 10 days to contact John Shambaugh to discuss the matter and get corrected.

Marcus also reported that Southampton is receptive to the idea of us piggybacking on their contract for waste hauling. Chairman Martin reported we are probably looking at the fourth quarter before we would be ready to proceed. He also explained for those

present that this is not mandatory, you can partner with your neighbor and there are also bag rates available.

Marcus has reviewed the Upper Yellow Breeches Watershed ordinance and has made some recommendations and corrections. He passed out copies for review by the ordinance and he was wondering if we might be able to take their ordinance and make it compatible for Penn. He stated the engineer will review and compare that ordinance with the Yellow Breeches one.

Pat brought up the Souder property and Fred Leeds reported more junk is being brought in and there has been no clean up effort made. Vice-chairman Sheaffer made a motion to file with the district justice and double the fine. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Fred reported that Mr. Bitner has removed his building and his conditional use application and check have been sent back.

Marcus reported there was a zoning hearing on Wednesday in which the application of Robert Henry was considered. He stated the applicant wants to subdivide a non-conforming lot into two non-conforming lots.

Fred reported the Fish Hatchery plan has been tabled waiting for County comments. Hopefully it will be forwarded to the supervisors by the next meeting.

#### OTHER REPORTS

WCCOG – Pat reported the COG meeting is Monday. She gave the supervisors copies of a resolution that will be voted on on Monday. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the resolution. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Newsletter – Chairman Martin pointed out that Todd Vogelsong is not listed as the Vice-Chairman of the Zoning Hearing Board. Pat pointed out there were a couple more corrections and she has emailed Lori those corrections. Chairman Martin made a motion to approve the newsletter with corrections. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Park and Rec Board – Lloyd Jones reported on the walking trail and volleyball court. He also stated that he will be attending a meeting at the fire company to discuss the walking trail incident. Vice-chairman Sheaffer suggested that Marcus attend that meeting. He made the motion, seconded by Chairman Martin. Motion approved. The remaining funds given to the Park and Rec by the auxiliary will also be presented on Monday night.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING – Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the bills. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

#### SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Vice-Chairman Sheaffer pointed out that the Planning Commission meeting on Monday was way too long and cost the township at least \$1000.00. He told Fred he needs to keep the meetings shorter and to the point. Fred reported there was a lot on the agenda.

Pat asked about the 150 year celebration. Chairman Martin reported that in October 2010 Penn Township will 150 years old and we need a committee to plan an event for this occasion.

Pat then reported the 2008 audit has been completed and will appear in the Valley Times Star next week. She stated there were only a couple minor suggestions and they will be implemented.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned.

Chairman Martin reopened the meeting for a small piece of business. Fred reported there could be a potential conflict with a zoning permit. Vice-Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to reappoint Ron Tritt as assistant zoning officer. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned again.

Next meeting May 14, 3009

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Sangialosi  
Secretary/Treasurer