

WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
June 2, 2016

The Regular Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Thursday, June 2, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Township Building by Chairman William Moore.

Supervisors present: Barbara Z. D'Angelo | Robert D. Jones | William T. Moore

Engineer: Craig Kologie, Castle Valley Consultants

Solicitor: Michael G. Crotty, Esquire

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Supervisors began the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

None.

CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Moore noted that nine (9) pieces of relevant correspondence were noted on the correspondence list, which is available for review at the Township building.

MINUTES

The minutes for the May 5 and May 19, 2016, meetings were presented for consideration. Supervisor Jones noted that he was not present at the May 19th meeting. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Board approve the May 5, 2016, meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Chairman Moore thereafter moved that the Board approve the May 19, 2016, meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried with the affirmative votes of Chairman Moore and Supervisor D'Angelo.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Manager/Treasurer Randzin presented the Treasurer's report. Seven (7) invoices were presented, together with the May PLGIT payment for ratification. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township approve the seven (7) invoices on the bills list in the amount of \$22,628.84. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Supervisor D'Angelo moved that the Township approve and ratify the May PLGIT payment in the amount of \$11,195.93. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

POLICE REPORT

Captain Tomlinson and Lieutenant Fisher of the Pennsylvania State Police were present to present their report and meet the Board and residents. Both are local and look forward to serving the area. The April and May 2016 PSP reports were submitted, which reflect 52 incidents in April and 30 incidents in May. Captain Tomlinson noted that the surrounding area has seen an uptick in daytime burglaries, and residents are urged to lock their homes and vehicles, and to report any suspicious vehicles. Next, Lieutenant Kimes from the West Brandywine Police Department provided its report. It conducted traffic patrols for 88 hours in May, focusing on speeding infractions in the school zone and various intersections. In total, WBTPD issued 116 total citations for May, 77 of which related to speeding and 41 of which were in the school zone. As school concludes, the Department anticipates shifting to enhance patrols in developments. A discussion also took place about the potential acquisition or use of a traffic speed sign to alert drivers of their speeds.

EMC

No report.

DARC

No report.

GLENN MOORE FIRE COMPANY/ WESTWOOD & ELVERSON AMBULANCE

GMFC submitted no report. Steve Gentz from Elverson/Honey Brook Ambulance provided its report. It responded to five (5) calls for the month of May in the Township, with an average response time of twelve (12) minutes. It was noted that the bulk of the calls in the Township were located on the Turnpike. Westwood was unable to have a representative present, but submitted its report to Manager/Treasurer Randzin. In total, it responded to four (4) calls in May in the Township, with an average response time of fifteen (15) minutes.

PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

Marcell Moore provided the report of the Park and Rec Board. Community Day is scheduled for June 4th, and volunteers are being sought. A carnival theme has been planned, with great games, events, rides and activities for all ages. Supervisor Jones inquired as to the potential of whether the parade could be re-incorporated into Community Day next year.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION/TOWNSHIP ARCHIVIST

John Miller presented the report of the Historical Commission. It anticipates taking a final pass through the draft of Article X, which he expects will be circulated to the Planning Commission for its review in July or August. Mr. Miller also noted that, in conjunction with the Wall that Heals on July 28th – 31st, the Township will be recognizing two of its residents who died in the Vietnam War. Their information will be posted on the Township website. Additionally, the Township has received the memorial signs for the Burnt Chimney historical resource, which will be installed in the near future. The HC also looks forward to hosting a table at Community Day. With respect to his role as Archivist, Mr. Miller continues to move forward

in setting up the equipment for the digital archival project. Chairman Moore explained that the Township and Archivist are in the process of attempting to digitize its historical/archival records in order to provide for additional preservation and greater public access.

TRAILS PRESERVATION BOARD

Supervisor D'Angelo noted that the Township has been presented with the updated quotes for the additional trail signs within the Glen Dale Preserve development. Dorothy Kirk indicated that the neighboring property owner approved the signage. After discussion, Supervisor D'Angelo moved that the Township purchase the twenty-one (21) trail signs pursuant to the quote from Paramount Signs, in the amount of \$545.71. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EAC

No report.

AUTHORITY

No report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Supervisor Jones introduced and summarized the draft Zoning Ordinance amendment that has been prepared through the Planning Commission and discussed at prior Board meetings. A review of the prior comments from Supervisor Jones were discussed, with the Board noting its agreement to his revisions as reflected in the latest draft as well as the allowance of vegetated steep slopes in area to be considered as pasturage. The Board noted that it would like additional discussion and consideration of the "Keeping of Animals" provision (see below), but is otherwise agreeable to authorizing the remainder of the proposed provisions for advertisement. After discussion, Supervisor D'Angelo moved to advertise the draft ordinance, with the exception of Section 5 – Keeping of Animals, for a public hearing on July 7, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

With respect to the Keeping of Animals draft provisions, an extensive discussion and feedback was exchanged as to its provisions. The proposed section reduces barriers from the existing ordinance on the allowance of medium livestock and incorporates provisions to affirmatively allow for chickens/fowl as an accessory residential use. Supervisor Jones noted that, contrary to the apparent misconception by some, the Board was not imposing new restrictions on currently permitted uses, but, as it has done in multiple times over the past years, standards were being relaxed to allow for greater property usage and rights. Supervisor D'Angelo raised her thought that additional numbers of chickens should be

considered as permitted on (1) acre lots (approximately five (5) per acre referenced in the proposed draft). Supervisor Jones and the Board further noted their general desire to maintain the rural character of the Township in consideration of the appropriate standards. Supervisor Jones discussed the potential for considering standards similar to those imposed by West Nantmeal Township, which employs a form of AEU animal equivalent unit standard. Zoning Officer/Township Engineer Craig Kologie noted that the AEU standards are generally employed in principal agricultural operations, which then dictates various levels of restrictions/regulation by the Commonwealth (e.g., related to the creation and approval of nutrient management plans, etc.). Resident Audra Matlack, whose housing of goats triggered a neighbor complaint as to their noncompliance with the existing ordinance and initiated the Township/Planning Commission's review of the Keeping of Animals provisions, commented that she believes that an AEU standard should be considered and that smaller livestock should be permitted on smaller lots. If considered, such a standard would be required to be scaled down to reflect the principal residential character of the properties. Supervisor D'Angelo noted her concern that transitioning to that methodology would impose additional permitting requirements. Additional comments were made by Andrew Matlack, Mary McCabe, Dorothy Kirk, Vicky Russell, Marc Hayford, Chuck Yost and Patrice Machikas, with respect to the various animal accessory use standards and their support for allowing medium livestock on smaller lots. Ultimately, the Board requested further information of alternatives for animal density standards to be discussed at a future Board meeting, noted that they look forward to further dialogue with the residents on the issue at upcoming meetings, and thanked the residents who raised their thoughts in a constructive manner.

- b. Municipal Authority Trail: Road Foreman Steve Senn indicated that he anticipates the need for additional equipment to complete and repair the connector trail. Supervisor Jones noted that he would contact Brian Funk as to whether he remains willing to donate the use of some of his equipment. Otherwise, Mr. Senn will meet with Craig Kologie to go over the fence plan for the area along the trail.
- c. Roadside Mowing: Supervisor D'Angelo moved that the Board authorize and approve the Roadside Boom mowing to be done by Trego Enterprises in an amount not to exceed \$500. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- d. Bike Lane Grants: A discussion took place as to the potential for bike lane grants in order to have a bike lane installed along Creek and Fairview Roads. The Board requested that Craig Kologie review the various grant requirements available. The Board also noted its agreement with contacting PennDOT to raise the potential for the bike lanes along Creek and Fairview (PennDOT roads).
- e. Codification and Posting of Township Ordinances: Chairman Moore requested that the Township move forward with codifying and ultimately posting the Township Zoning and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances online. The Board is in agreement, and requested that Solicitor Crotty and Engineer/Zoning Officer Craig Kologie work collaboratively to do so.

- f. Morning Meeting – June 16, 2016: Chairman Moore noted his preference that morning meetings be reserved for limited purposes, with standard Board and Commission reports deferred until the night meeting unless necessary. Supervisor Jones and Supervisor D'Angelo agreed. Otherwise, it was noted that there was no pressing business that would require the June 16th meeting. Chairman Moore moved that the June 16, 2016 morning meeting be cancelled. Supervisor Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Personnel: As a clarification of the salary established by the Board for Manager/Treasurer Randzin at the last night meeting, Chairman Moore moved to approve and clarify that the salary established for the Township Manager/Treasurer would be effective retroactive to January 1, 2016. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
- b. WT Public Works and Maintenance Building: Road Foreman Steve Senn conducted a review of the Public Works' facilities and has prepared a list of equipment for the Township to consider purchasing. The Board noted its agreement with the immediate purchase of the maintenance equipment and supplies on the list, with the exception of the vehicle lift, hose crimper and loader bucket. The Board requested that Mr. Senn continue to follow up on those items and obtain quotes for those materials given their cost. The need for updated staff computers and truck lettering was also discussed. The Board requested that he obtain additional quotes for installation of Wallace Township truck lettering. After discussion, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township purchase two (2) computers from Best Buy in an amount not to exceed \$1,500. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Next, Supervisor Jones moved to approve providing Road Foreman Steve Senn with a Township PLGIT card, subject to his execution of the required PLGIT Card Agreements. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Lastly, Supervisor Jones moved that the Township approve the purchase of the commercial grade push mower in the amount of \$692. Supervisor D'Angelo seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Further discussion also took place as to the Albert Greenfield, Sr., bench donated to the Township several years ago by the Lions Club. It was in disrepair and had been stored at the Township maintenance garage. The Board requested that Mr. Senn contact the Lions' Club to inquire as to their placing the bench on the Greenfield property, near Mormon rock.

- c. Wagenseller Park: Steve Senn noted that the dog waste stations have been installed. He will continue to monitor their usage to ensure that they are as effective as possible. Discussion took place as to the visibility of one of the stations. A sign will be installed to indicate its location.
- d. Eagle Scout Projects: The Board discussed the various pending Eagle Scout project. Eagle Scout Candidate Aaron Stoyack is continuing with his project at the Indiantown Schoolhouse. The Board was also advised that Mark Bainbridge is nearing completion of

his bench/table project at Wagenseller Park. The Board otherwise generally discussed a more thorough consideration of future projects to ensure that the Eagle Scouts are able to maximize their service. Steve Senn indicated that he would put together a list of potential projects.

- e. P3 Towers: The Township received the additional, alternative location sketch plans for the potential tower on the Township Building property. Each sketch was reviewed, and the Board requested that the Township Engineer approach the County as to whether it would be agreeable to Alternative Site Plan A.

Public Comment

- a. None.

Adjournment

Supervisor Jones moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Supervisor D'Angelo, which carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Randzin
Township Manager/Secretary