

RICHLAND TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 17, 2010

PUBLIC MEETING

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the municipal building on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 was called to order at 7:00 PM. by Chairman, Herbert C. Dankmyer. There were eleven people present in the audience. The Officials present were:

Herbert C. Dankmyer, Chairman	Dean E. Bastianini, Township Manager
Raymond P. Kendrick, Vice Chairman	Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary
John A. Marshall, Supervisor	Charles M. Means, Esquire
Barton D. Miller, Supervisor	Robert Goetz, Traffic Engineer

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to approve the minutes from the Supervisors' meeting of February 3, 2010. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Dankmyer asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak. No one came forward.

Mr. Kendrick acknowledged, and moved to approve the December Financial Statement which was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the bills payable. Mr. Kendrick seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Forestwood Drive Traffic Calming Study

Mr. Robert Goetz, P.E. reported that the site distance evaluation at the Westwood, Greenspring and Edgehill Drives documented that adequate site distance exists at each intersection. Therefore, the installation of additional stop signs on Forestwood Drive is not warranted.

The following residents either asked questions or spoke in favor of the measures to slow traffic in the area: Mr. Robert Lusnak, 310 Forestwood Drive; Mr. Mark and Mrs. Jeaneen Bellows, 345 Forestwood Drive and Mr. Mark Forsythe, 348 Forestwood Drive. Mr. Robert Keally, 5527 Bauer Drive also spoke. Topics discussed included: a) why stop signs cannot be installed to slow down traffic; b) the effectiveness of increased police patrols, c) the possibility of installing only two speed humps, and d) the cost of traffic calming measures.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Miller made a motion to modify the Traffic Engineer's recommendation by installing two "Watts Speed Humps"; one near Lot 349 and another near Lot 336. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Bastianini will prepare a survey which will be mailed to each resident within the study area to determine if a majority agree with the recommendation.

Parkview Estates - Marathon Partners - Consideration of the final subdivision plans revising Phase 3 of the Parkview Estates Plan; a Planned Residential Development (PRD) tentatively approved in 2004.

Mr. John Schleicher, of Gibson-Thomas Engineering Company presented the revised land development plans for Phase 3 of the Parkview Estates Plan. A discussion ensued regarding: a) techniques to extend the useful life expectancy of the casing, which is proposed to house 600 ft. of PVC sanitary sewer pipe, b) dedication of open space to the Township, c) guarantees for the construction of recreational facilities in the plan and d) financial security to pay for the replacement of the sanitary sewer line casing in the future.

Mr. Kendrick made a motion to table consideration of the final plan until the Solicitor decides on the appropriate funding mechanism to pay for operation, maintenance and replacement costs associated with the sewer line in the future. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing the advertisement of an ordinance establishing all way stop intersections at the following locations: 1) Forestwood and Vineyard Drive; and 2) Richland and Ben Miller Roads, and Walcott Drive. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Bastianini requested authorization for Melissa Williams, Recreation Coordinator to attend the Pennsylvania Recreation & Park Society Conference at Seven Springs from Sunday, March 21 - Tuesday, March 23, 2010. Mr. Kendrick made a motion authorizing Ms. Williams to attend the conference with the Township meeting the expenses for meals, lodging, transportation and registration. Mr. Marshall seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Bastianini presented the Supervisors with a report titled "Winter Season Snow and Ice Control Events History", which was prepared by Jerry Reichart, Public Works Superintendent and a financial analysis of winter weather associated overtime and material costs.

Speaking on behalf of the Board members, Mr Dankmyer commended the road crew for the great job they have done.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Means requested an executive session following the public meeting to discuss a matter of litigation.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p..m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina L. Shaw, Recording Secretary

