

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
FEBRUARY 20, 2008

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Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

Topic: *Special Projects Update*

Present: *Township: Terry Stoudt, Ronald Heintzelman, Ronald Stahley & Atty. Lisa Young
Spotts, Stevens & McCoy (SSM): Joe Pinkey
IRT Commission: Ray Deutsch and Paul Mantz*

- Ironton Rail Trail
 - The trail portion acquired from SAFE Development Corp. has been field marked.
 - Surveying will continue to mark the Township owned stretches of trail adjacent to the SAFE parcels. A meeting with SAFE principals was proposed to discuss future construction.
 - A discussion was held on the challenges in connecting to the existing trail at Portland Street. A status meeting with the Saxton Fields principal will be requested to review and explore possible access and routing solutions.
 - Messrs. Mantz and Deutsch announced 29 March 2008 as a clean-up day on the IRT system. Another date for work on the North Whitehall portion may also be announced.
- Kolapechka Park is nearing close out with the contractor.
- Laurys Station Firehouse Park
 - Estimates have been received from General Recreation for the playground equipment.
 - Joe will check with General Recreation regarding installation services.
- The Neffs Valley Park:
 - A meeting with the YMCA is tentatively scheduled.
- Atty. Young continues work on legal issues surrounding the Park Valley Bridge project.
- Joint Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan:
 - The next meeting is scheduled for 11 March.
 - Joe presented the first draft of portions of the plan for review and comment.
- Mr. Pinkey requested guidance with regard to SSM working on a land development plan for the SAFE property. On a motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the disclosure was acknowledged and any objection to potential conflict of interest was waived, all members voting yes.

Topic: *Traffic Issues*

Present: *Township: Terry Stoudt, Ronald Heintzelman, Ronald Stahley, & Atty. Lisa Young
Lehigh Engineering Assoc (LEA): Dave Earp*

- Dave commented on the Bausch subdivision proposal.
- He relayed that Mary Ann's Plaza requested improvement agreement information. However, since issues with PA DOT have not been resolved and no plan has been generated for review, this cannot be accomplished.

Topic: *Escrows and Recycling*

Present: *Township: Terry Stoudt, Ronald Heintzelman, Ronald Stahley, Atty. Lisa Young &
Barbara Schwartz*

- Barbara reviewed development escrows and recycling information with the Board and Attorney Young

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Topic: *Kuehner Land along Rising Sun Road*

Present: *Township: Terry Stoudt, Ronald Heintzelman, Ronald Stahley, Steve Gitch & Atty. Lisa Young*

Applicants: Attys. Charles Stopp and Keith Strohl, Paul Kuehner, & Mike Barron (LCA)

- Atty. Stopp reviewed the history of the proposal including the withdrawal of Beazer Homes from the process. He affirmed Mr. Kuehner's desire to develop the property in a responsible manner and reminded the assembly that in December the Township's Planning Commission recommended central wastewater disposal for the site.
- Potential options for the site were discussed and the possibility of a regional plant to improve two existing plants in the area was revisited.
- DEP involvement will be sought.
- On a motion by Terry P. Stoudt, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, a letter will be authored to another property owner in the vicinity of the Act 537 proposed amendment, all members voting yes.
- Budgetary concerns and reimbursement of a portion of the study costs by DEP were discussed.

Topic: *Spring Knoll Lots 6 & 8*

Present: *Township: Terry Stoudt, Ronald Heintzelman, Ronald Stahley & Atty. Lisa Young*
Applicant: Ken Snyder

- Mr. Snyder explained changes in the DEP Planning Module procedures on Lots 6 & 8 of the subdivision.
- Atty. Young will check with the Sewage Enforcement Officer regarding proper plan notations and procedural changes.

Topic: *Planning Commission Chair*

Present: *Township: Terry Stoudt, Ronald Heintzelman, Ronald Stahley & Atty. Lisa Young*
Planning Commission: Rich Celmer

- Mr. Celmer requested an informal discussion regarding his recent appointment as Chairman of the township Planning Commission.

Topic: *Mobile Home Removals*

Present: *Township: Terry Stoudt, Ronald Heintzelman, Ronald Stahley & Atty. Lisa Young*

- As state statute requires removal permits to be issued by the tax collector, Attorney Young advised the Board that the tax collector should be advised to coordinate all removal permits with the Zoning Officer in order to ensure compliance.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 PM

Recorded by, Ronald E. Stahley

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary