

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP
MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JANUARY 9, 2008**

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.

Topic: Special Projects Update

**Present: Township: Terry Stoudt, Ronald Heintzleman, Ronald Stahley & Atty. Lisa Young
 Spotts, Stevens & McCoy (SSM): Scott Unger**

- Kolapechka Park is nearing close out with the contractor.
- Laurys Station Firehouse Park
 - An estimate of grounds maintenance costs incurred by the Township was forwarded to the contractor.
 - Discussions on how to implement the playground have begun.
- The Neffs Valley Park:
 - DCNR legal staff has reviewed the draft agreement.
 - A draft fee schedule will be developed with the YMCA in the immediate future.
 - All project partners were informed of the progress.
- Atty. Young continues work on legal issues surrounding the Park Valley Bridge project.
- Regarding the Inter-municipal Agreement with South Whitehall Township to create a Joint Comprehensive Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan:
 - Scott provided a cost estimate for the grant processing.
 - At a recent meeting, the results of a survey in South Whitehall Township showed that the opinions of the respondents are very similar to the survey conducted in North Whitehall Township. Respondents favor more passive recreation (trails, etc.) and open space.
 - When the plan is nearing completion, the recreation fee will be recalculated. It is possible the fee could be consistent across the participating municipalities.
- Ironton Rail Trail
 - The trail portion acquired from SAFE Development Corp. will be field marked.
 - A brief discussion ensued on the challenges in connecting to the existing trail.

Topic: Executive Session

- An Executive Session on employee concerns was held with employee representatives.

Topic: Nova Annual Update

**Present: Township: Terry Stoudt, Ronald Heintzleman, Ronald Stahley & Atty. Lisa Young
 Applicants: Joe Solderich, Don Steffy, Kevin Schmidt & Henry Shoemaker**

- Mr. Steffy expressed the appreciation of NOVA for the support of the township's financial contributions and in-kind services.
- Information on the Local Services Tax was requested and provided.
- Joe presented a breakdown of organizational statistics supporting the financial and human resource challenges this and other emergency service organizations face.
- Staffing levels were explored.

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Topic: *Ormrod Sewer System Liens*

Present: *Township: Terry Stoudt, Ronald Heintzelman, Ronald Stahley & Atty. Lisa Young*
Applicants: *Bruce Rex and Attorney Charles Shoemaker*

- Atty. Shoemaker reviewed the history of the water line installation liens from 1980 on two of the four West Ormrod Community Association parcels along with a third parcel lien removed in 1997.
- Atty. Shoemaker offered a settlement proposal similar to the 1997 release. Atty. Young will prepare the release documents for review and consideration by the Board of Supervisors.
- The lien on the fourth lot will be considered when the lot is proposed for ownership transfer.

Meeting Adjourned at 1445 PM.

Recorded by, Ronald E. Stahley

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary