

NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MAY 5, 2014

Chairman Ronald J. Heintzelman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence. In attendance were Supervisors Steve Pany, and Richard Celmer, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Manager Jeff Bartlett and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of April 7, 2014 and Bid Opening Minutes of April 28, 2014 were approved. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A request for bids for in-place road projects was advertised on April 28 and May 5 and bids will be publicly opened on May 19 at approximately 9 AM.
2. A special meeting will be advertised and held on May 20, 4 PM. The sole purpose of this meeting is to award bids for the 2014 in-place paving season.
3. The Municipal Offices will be closed Monday, May 26 for the Memorial Day Holiday.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the April Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 8506-8607. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

GROSS MINOR SUBDIVISION

SKETCH

Mike Gula, Julie Gross and John Gross presented a sketch plan of the proposed Gross Minor Subdivision Plan to the Board.

1. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer dated April 16, 2014.
2. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated April 11, 2014.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated April 7, 2014.
4. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of April 22, 2014.

AWARD OF BID

PROPANE FUEL

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the contract for propane fuel was awarded to EF Laudenslager at their low bid price. Comments. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Mr. Bartlett reported on the proposal to develop an unused recreation area in Crestwood Heights into 2 building lots, by the developer. The developer is responsible for resolving issues with a driveway, easements for Lehigh County Authority and obtaining sign-off signatures from the subdivision's residents.
 - Harold Smith, Park Valley Rd., Neffs, noted that those lots were sold based on a playground being built and questioned if it was fair to now develop them.

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MANAGER'S REPORT continued

- Zoning Hearing Board update-the Tex BBQ special exception hearing is continued until May 28 at 7:30 PM.
- Lehigh County Authority (LCA) has requested a letter from the Township, stating that their Wynnewood Terrace project is in compliance with our land use guidelines, as part of their grant application for the upgrade of the Wynnewood sewer transmission lines. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer the Board authorized the manager to write the requested letter. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.
 - Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, inquired how this relates to LCA seeking a Penn Vest loan for a Wynnewood expansion project.
- Mr. Bartlett reported to the Board that the township has received several requests from residents to relocate the stop signs on Oakland Rd. & Mulberry St. as a matter of public safety. The Board asked Mr. Bartlett to further investigate the issue. Making the intersection a 3-way stop has been suggested.
- The township is still experiencing problems with contractors disposing of yard waste at the residents-only yard waste center.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- **RESOLUTION 05-05-14** **TRAILWAY EASEMENT**
Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board adopted Resolution 05-05-14. Resolution 05-05-14 accepts the recreational trailway easement located in the lands of Lehigh Valley Recycling to be used as a trailway and parking area for the Ironton Rail Trail. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.
 - Bruce Stettler, Steeple Chase Dr., Schnecksville, complimented Atty. Young on her work related to the Ironton Rail Trail issue.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Nick Felegy, Tri Clover Rd., Orefield, asked if he could borrow the township's pin locator and commented that he feels the current property pins on East Penn Trucking land are not legal.
- Mark Hills, Laurys Station, asked if the township reuses antiskid that is recovered.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired if there was any activity with Strawberry Acres.
- Glenn George, Rt. 873, Neffs, asked who is installing the folding stop signs and why.
- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, inquired if the township street sweeper would be picking up stones on Jordan Road.
- Harold Smith, Park Valley Rd., Neffs, wanted to know about the status of pumping the Neffs pool.
- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, asked why the township isn't filling in the pool.
- Glenn George, Rt. 873, Neffs, asked if the pool had to be broken up to be filled in.

COMMUNICATIONS

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ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer