

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
APRIL 7, 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**

The February 10, 2014 minutes under the Solicitor's Report on the Neffs National Bank's request for road dedication approved on March 3, 2014 shall be corrected to read Brook Hill Estates not Spring Knoll Estate as printed. Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of March 3, 2014 and Bid Opening Minutes of March 28, and April 1, 2014 were approved and the minutes of February 10, 2014 were approved as corrected. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The tire recycling area is now open for the season.
2. A request for bids for propane will be advertised on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and bids will be publicly opened on April 28<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9 AM.
3. The Municipal Offices will be closed Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> for Good Friday Holiday.
4. The Parkland Library announced the new library board representative from North Whitehall is Lynne Harakal.
5. A part-time position for yard waste center attendant has been advertised.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the March Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks #8387-8505. 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:**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE**

Neffs Fire Chief Jim Steward, President of the North Whitehall Township Emergency Services Organization, informed the Board of a project planned by the ESO to sell, at cost, reflective home address signs. These signs will prominently display residents' addresses, making them visible to emergency responders and complying with the 1992-1 Ordinance.

**LEHIGH COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CERT**

Scott Lindenmuth LVEM, Mary Ellen Shiels, Allentown Health Bureau, & Nelson Fogle, NWT EMD, gave a power point presentation on the Community Emergency Response Team Project. They encouraged resident to take part in the free emergency preparedness training.

**AWARD PAVING MATERIALS BIDS**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board awarded the 2014 contract for course aggregates and paving materials to Eastern Industries. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

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**AWARD OF BID**

**LEASED AGRICULTURAL LAND**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the rental of farmland at the Johnson Ponds of +/- 3.5 acres, for a 3-year lease, was awarded to James Heintzelman at his bid price of \$122.50 (\$35.00/acre) per year. Roll call: Richard Celmer – yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman – abstained due to the bid being awarded to a relative; Steve Pany – yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RECREATION ALLOCATIONS**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Recreation Board and authorized the distribution of the following 2014 allocations to the various organizations:

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| North Parkland Athletic Association  | \$ 3,500.00 |
| Ormrod Playground Association        | 2,000.00    |
| Laurys Athletic Association          | 5,000.00    |
| Schnecksville Playground Association | 3,500.00    |
| Orefield Athletic Association        | 5,000.00    |
| Neffs Playground Association         | 1,000.00    |

Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**TIMM & NANCY STOUTT**

**EXTENSION OF TIME**

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board accepted a 180-day extension of time, in order for the Board to review the Minor Subdivision Plan of Timm & Nancy Stoutt. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes.

- Ronald Roth, Rt. 309, Schnecksville, asked how much longer this issue will be continued.
- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, stated he thought they had a waiver for the extension.

**SHADY LANE**

**WATER RUNOFF**

Dan Linchuk, Shady Lane, Orefield, spoke to the Board regarding his continuing problem with water runoff causing erosion on his property. He feels it is the responsibility of the Township to fix the problem affecting his property. The water is coming from the property above him, on Woodlea Rd. He stated he can't repair his problem until the Woodlea Rd. property owner, Doug Moyer, repairs his.

Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board authorized the Solicitor or the Manager to issue a formal letter to Mr. Moyer requesting he provide a time table for repair to his property and to provide the labor to do so, with the Township agreeing to provide the materials only (stone) for both property repairs. 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 announced that temporary basketball stands are not permitted to be kept on township roads, or across sidewalks. The Public Works Department will remove any basketball stands that are in violation of this rule.
- Mr. Bartlett gave notice that the yard waste center is only for home owner's personal use. Landscaping or tree removal services are not allowed to use the center even if they are removing vegetation from a resident in North Whitehall Township. They are to drop their waste directly at the Middle Smithfield Compost Facility.

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**MANAGER'S REPORT** *continued*

- Mr. Bartlett announced future PADOT roads projects in the township: Kernsville Rd., Neffs Laurys Rd., Sand Spring Rd., Bellview Rd./Rt. 329 and Game Preserve Rd.
  - Dan Linchuk, Shady Lane, Orefield, inquired if the Game Preserve bridge would reopen.
- Mr. Bartlett reported there will be 2 issues heard at the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting on April 23. A setback request for a garage and a Special Exception for the use of a mobile food truck.

**MOTION** - Upon motion by Steve Pany, seconded by Richard Celmer, the Board authorized the Solicitor to appear at the Special Exception Hearing on behalf of the Township. Roll call: Richard Celmer - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Steve Pany - yes.

- Ronald Roth, Route 309, Schnecksville, inquired why the food truck isn't shut down until he receives approval.
- Leonard Nuss, Old Post Rd., Coplay, suggested the Township should have an Ordinance regarding basketball stands.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

• **BROOK HILL ESTATES**

Kevin Schmidt and John Simock representing The Neffs National Bank, Alan Ringer, Lehigh Engineering Assoc., and Atty. Charles Waters met with the Board to continue discussions on outstanding issues regarding Brook Hill Estates. Storm water easement locations, utility access and roadside swales were discussed in order to resolve issues prior to road dedication.

- Dan Linchuk, Shady Lane, Orefield, questioned why this drainage issue can get resolved but his can't.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):**

- Ray Deutsch, Vista Dr., Coplay, inquired about the status of the Mascaro agreement for the IRT parking lot.
- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, asked Atty. Young if she was the solicitor during the time of the Shady Lane issue.
- Nick Felegy, Tri Clover Rd., Orefield, asked Mr. Bartlett if he was going to resolve the property line issue and noted that the trucking company pushed snow on his property.
- Ronald Roth, Route 309, Schnecksville, suggested having Garry Remaley and Mr. Bartlett find the property pins with a metal detector.
- Blaine Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, inquired if the township would be picking up the antiskid stones.
- Jeanene Bauer, Jordan Rd., Orefield, asked about the revised Act 537 Plan status and if LCA has agreed to convey waste to proposed plant.

**COMMUNICATIONS** - Training Brochures, PSATS Proposed Resolutions, DCED Audit

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 9:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer