NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
OCTOBER 7, 2019

Chairman Ronald J. Heintzelman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. In attendance were Supervisors Dennis Klusaritz, and Mark Hills, Attorney Lisa A. Young, and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings of September 9, 2019 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Township Offices will be closed Monday, October 14th for the Columbus Day Holiday.
2. An executive session was held September 19th, 2019, to discuss personnel matters; September 26th to discuss personnel & financial matters; and September 30th to discuss personnel matters.
3. Township trick or treat night will be held on Friday, October 25th from 6-8 PM, no rain date.
4. The Township will host a Veteran's Day Celebration on November 11th. The event will run from 11AM to 1PM and is open to veteran's from the Parkland School District.
5. Chris Strohler, Planner for the Wildlands Conservancy, announced a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held in honor of the completion of the South Whitehall portion of the Jordan Greenway Trail. It will take place on November 4th at noon.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the September Treasurer's report was approved as presented and the Treasurer was authorized to disburse checks # 14556-14633. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS:

Boy Scout Malachi Yost of Troop 242 updated the Board on the completion of his Eagle Project at the old Ebenezer Cemetery. On behalf of the Board, Supervisor Mark Hills signed his project completion form.

Girl Scouts Kaitlyn Mericle and Keaira Lutz, of Troop 6088, presented an update on their fundraising efforts for their Gold Award projects. Kaitlyn's project proposes making Kolapechka Park accessible to children with disabilities. Keaira's proposal is to create a dog park at the Neffs Park.

NEW BUSINESS:

2886 STROHL ROAD SUBDIVISION PRELIMINARY/FINAL

Mark Leuthe presented the 2886 Strohl Road Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Plan was approved as a Preliminary/Final subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer dated August 22, 2019.
2. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated August 22, 2019.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated August 21, 2019.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of August 27, 2019.

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5. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Secretary's checklist letter date July 26, 2019.
6. The Developer shall contribute $200.00 to the Traffic Impact Fund.
7. The Developer shall contribute $2,500.00 to the Recreation Fund.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

2886 STROHL ROAD SUBDIVISION WAIVERS REQUEST

Mark Leuthe, representing the 2886 Strohl Road Plan, requested the following waivers:

Sect. 3.01. Item Q(7). waiver from traffic impact requirements; and
Sect. 5.03 Items I. Grading & Stormwater, K. Landscape Plan, L. Erosion & Sedimentation Plan, M. Road Plan & Profiles, N. Sanitary Sewer & Storm Drain Plan-Profiles, O. Construction Details, and P. Lighting Plan.

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the waivers were granted. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

THE RIDINGS DISCUSSION

Phil Malitsch, Hanover Engineering Associates and Rick Krasley of Tuskes Homes appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed construction detour and trench backfill options for the road opening operation associated with The Ridings Subdivision construction.

- Val Strock, Parkland School District Asst. Director of Transportation, and Jim Steward, Neffs Vol. FC Chief, asked questions regarding the length of the closure and the accessibility for buses and emergency vehicles.
- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired about postal vehicles.
- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked how long ago this plan was seen by the Planning Commission.

RELEASE OF ESCROWS FOR LEGAL & ENGINEERING RAYAN ESTATES

After consultation with the Solicitor and the General Planning Engineer, Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder recommended the following escrow for legal and engineering be returned:

Rayan Estates $ 178.69

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board authorized the Treasurer to return the escrow balance. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

PARKLAND HOLLOW RELEASE LETTER OF CREDIT

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board accepted the written recommendation of the General Planning Engineer Stephen Gitch, dated September 19, 2019, to end the 18-month maintenance period and authorized the release of the Letter of Credit for Parkland Hollow pending all outstanding invoices being paid. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Rich Semmel, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired if this was the development on Clearview Road.

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF AGENDA SUBMISSION TIME KORNFEIND

Steve Pany, on behalf of the Kornfeind Apartments, submitted a written request that the Board grant a waiver from the submission date requirement in order that they may be placed on the agenda for the Planning Commission Meeting on October 22. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board granted the request. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

PENSION REQUIREMENT ESTIMATE FOR 2020

Treasurer Brenda Norder presented an estimate of the minimum municipal obligation for the North Whitehall Township Retirement Plan for the year 2020 to be $44,197.00. Income from State Pension Aid is projected to be $84,386.00. A total estimate of $128,583.00 is projected in pension expenses for budgetary figures.

PURCHASE OF 2019 CASE 580SN LOADER BACKHOE

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board reaffirmed the lease/purchase of a 2019 Case Loader Backhoe on a three-year lease with annual payments through FNB Equipment Leasing with first payment due at time of signing. Total cost to be $124,435.00. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked what the outright purchase price was.
- Ronald Roth, Rt. 309, Schnecksville, stated he felt the township should purchase it outright.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR APPOINTMENT OF CPA FIRM

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Secretary to advertise a notice that the North Whitehall Township Board of Supervisors intends to appoint a certified accounting firm to conduct the North Whitehall Township Fiscal Year 2019 Audit. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

REQUEST FOR SPEED STUDY ON ROUTE 873 IN THE VILLAGE OF NEFFS

An email request was received from Michael Koch expressing his concern about the current 35 MPH speed limit and the number of accidents on Route 873 in the village of Neffs. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Ronald J. Heintzelman, the Board authorized the Secretary to send a letter to PADOT requesting a review of the speed limit on Route 873 in the village of Neffs.
Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Tom Van Vreede, Church Drive, Coplay, asked if the request will cost the township anything.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
APPOINT MANAGER

Atty. Young asked the Board for a motion to appoint Christopher Garges as the Township Manager. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board appointed Mr. Garges as Township Manager. He will assume the position on October 28, 2019. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

Atty. Young also noted there was a new full-time hire for the Administrative and Planning offices.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Ronald Roth, Rt. 309, Schnecksville, suggested the Board consider installing personalized veteran flags on light poles. He also expressed his frustration with the on-going legal issues with the Selig heliport matter.
- Michael Basta, Crestwood Dr., Schnecksville, publicly thanked Atty. Young and acknowledged all the work she has done for the township during this transition time.
- Val Strock, Parkland School Transportation Dept, requested that future developers be required to submit plan information to his office with regard subdivision size and roads.
- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, inquired if there was a cap on the time that an approved plan could be kept opened without development. He also inquired about the status of Strawberry Acres.
- Amy Long, Recreation Board member, asked if the Board could hold off on the demolition of the Neffs Pool until the Recreation Board had time to assess the options. She also noted that the Rec Board wants to issue a survey to gauge the needs of the residents.
- Ronald Roth, Rt. 309, Schnecksville, suggested drain tiles be installed to drain the excess spring water from the pool area.
- Jim Steward, Neffs Vol. FC Chief, noted that this is Fire Prevention Week and the fire companies will be visiting the elementary schools.
- Kristie Wilk, Director of NOVA, gave the Board an update on staffing issues, call volumes and fundraising efforts.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer