

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WORK SESSION

Tuesday, March 19, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

The Public Work Session was called to Order by Chairman Hartlaub at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge to the Flag and Invocation.

ROLL CALL: Present were Supervisors Hartlaub, Gobrecht, Parr, Staaf, and Woerner. Also present were Solicitor Linus Fenicle, Mike Knouse from C. S. Davidson, Inc. and Manager Kevin Null.

VISITORS: Visitors register attached.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved, in a motion by Supervisor Parr and seconded by Supervisor Staaf. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2013, were approved, as submitted, in a motion by Supervisor Parr seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht, and carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS: The Disbursements from all Funds were approved, as listed, in a motion by Supervisor Staaf, seconded by Supervisor Parr.

Supervisor Woerner asked if Supervisor Staaf would be willing to amend his motion to approve the disbursements with the exception of the Hanover Evening Sun newspaper subscription, page 4, check #14151, in the amount of \$96.70.

In a motion as amended by Supervisor Staaf, the Disbursements from all Funds were approved, as listed, with the exception of the Hanover Evening Sun newspaper subscription, seconded by Supervisor Woerner, and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Letter from Land Conservancy of Adams County – Road closure of Old Westminster Rd. between Westminster Avenue and Raubenstine Rd. from noon to 8 pm on July, 2nd for the Camp Bivouac and cavalry reenactment of the Battle of Hanover

In a motion by Supervisor Staaf seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried, the Board authorized the road closure on July 2, 2013 from noon to 8pm.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. St. David's United Church of Christ – Authorization to transmit revised DEP Planning Module

In a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried, the Board gave authorization to transmit the revised DEP Planning Module for St. David's United Church of Christ.

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B. Status update on Lutheran Retirement Village

Mike Stoner, Lutheran Social Services, Corporate Director – Facilities and Construction was present on behalf of the owner.

Shaun McDonough, Environmental Scientist, Ecotone, Inc. provided a progress report of the walking trail to the Board. He said they are developing the design and permitting for the proposed wetlands crossing. They have created the wetlands beautification plan, and the enhancement plan that involves removing the exotic plants and replanting landscaping materials within the wetlands to make it an amenity for the community that includes a walking path around the area. He said they are now working on designing the crossing that will cross the wetlands area. They will also need to be sensitive to minimizing the impacts and to satisfy the Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corp of Engineers. They are also installing the crossing outside of the 100 year floodplain. The processes they are working on now are the resources on site and to delineate them, and identify the wetlands prior to the completion of the design. They will then initiate the design process, the alignment of the crossing and the type of crossing. They are going to have to apply for a permit of authorization from the Department of Environmental Protection and the Army Corp of Engineers. He reviewed the proposed timeline to complete the project. He said they should have a permit of authorization within one year.

Mike Stoner, Lutheran Social Services, Corporate Director – Facilities and Construction said the delay occurred due to waiting on funding to have Ecotone, Inc. authorized to become an approved technical advisor. He said they were waiting on available government funding. The funding has since been pulled and they are not sure when funds will be available. They made the decision to move forward with the bridge to mitigate the need to place the walk along Sunset Drive. They made the decision bear the expense and engaged Ecotone, Inc. regardless of having the approved funding. He said this is how the delay occurred.

Shaun McDonough, Environmental Scientist, Ecotone, Inc. said he is hoping to have the permit in hand within twelve months.

Supervisor Hartlaub asked them to continue to keep the Township up to date with the process of the project.

C. Act 537 Review

Supervisor Staaf said he is not finished with the review and would like to request an additional 30 days to review.

Mike Knouse, C.S. Davidson presented an overview of the plan schedule. He said the plan will need to be approved by Resolution during one of the April meetings so that it may be forwarded to Department of Environmental Protection.

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Supervisor Woerner said he would like to move the plan to the April meeting to give an additional two weeks to review. He said after reviewing the plan summary it appears that the plan is very positive. He said there were zero properties to be found having long term implications.

D. Recreation Board Updates

Christine Gienski, Chair, West Manheim Twp Park and Recreation Board said she would like approval from the Board for the Eagle Scout troop project to start the walking trail through the woods as shown on the plan which includes the setbacks.

Supervisor Hartlaub said the Board of Supervisors received a letter from resident Brian Staub dated March 11, 2013 regarding the proposed trail. (A copy of letters submitted that were dated March 27, 2011, April 4, 2011 and March 11, 2013 as requested by Mr. Staub are included in Township File and as part of the meeting minutes on record).

In a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried, the Board gave authorization to the Eagle Scout Troop to start the walking trail project through the woods at the park per the sketches presented.

Supervisor Woerner said he just received the letter tonight and would like a few minutes to review the letter that was presented from Mr. Staub before he makes any decisions.

Christine Gienski, Chair, West Manheim Twp Park and Recreation Board said she received a call late last night from Marshall Stevenson, the POC for SW Lacrosse. He is asking if they can remove the left side foul ball pole so that the lacrosse teams can play on the fields. However, the pole is a major safety issue because it protrudes into the playing area. He noted that it would also be a problem for soccer, and he questioned its safety for baseball. Lonnie Gienski did some research on the web and found that while the field will accommodate football, Marshall is correct that it is too small for regulation soccer and lacrosse with the pole in place. Soccer requires 300 feet x 390 and lacrosse 220 ft. x 360 ft. The pole hits at 210 ft. from the very edge of the field. Marshall said they could shrink their area by a maximum of 10 ft., but that still puts the pole on the edge of the playing area and carries the risk of the players running into it or getting body checked into it. She would like authorization from the Board of Supervisors to remove the pole.

In a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried, the Board gave authorization to remove the pole.

Christine Gienski, Chair, West Manheim Twp Park and Recreation Board said Park Board member Dominick Winder has been able to pull together four soccer teams for this season. He discussed the costs of equipment necessary to run the teams that the registration fees won't cover. The Park Board strongly believes that because the Park Board started the soccer program, and because park funds have paid for the infrastructure for the baseball teams to use, that park funds should be used for this equipment. It will belong to the park, be stored at the park's pole building, and be available for any other teams that might want to play at the park. She submitted a quote

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that was provided by the AYSO Store in the amount of \$8,839.72. She would like authorization from the Board of Supervisors to purchase the equipment from the AYSO Store.

In a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht, seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried, the Board gave authorization to purchase the soccer equipment from the AYSO Store in the amount of \$8,839.72.

Christine Gienski, Chair, West Manheim Twp Park and Recreation Board reminded the Board of Supervisors about the Park Ribbon Cutting to be held on May 11th at 8:30 am.

Frank Kadyszewski, 265 Valley View Drive

At 7:50 pm Supervisor Hartlaub called for a five minute recess. The meeting was reconvened at 7:55 pm by Supervisor Hartlaub.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS: Supervisors Regular Meeting - Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:00 p.m. Work Session Meeting - Tuesday, April 16, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with Supervisors Caucus at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The Work Session Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Parr, seconded by Supervisor Staaf and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Gately
Secretary