

May 5, 2009

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Monday, May 5, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Municipal Building, 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Peggy Dearolf, Kenneth Meck, and Thomas Willig.

Public comment was invited. There was none.

On a motion by Dearolf/Meck, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2009 were unanimously approved as submitted.

Kameron Dunn - Strasburg Township Park Advisory Committee (STPAC) - with an update on events. Barry Weaver resigned as chairman and Dunn was named as acting chair. With the resignation of Kim Rubincam as secretary, the STPAC needs two new members. Dunn reported the STPAC discussed the rental proposal of Mike Smith and are in favor of the move if the electricity and water can be separated. Willig noted some problems 1317 Beaver Valley Pike has had with their well recently. He added the well serves the stables also. Dearolf asked if the Polo Club had any water issues and was told they had not. Dunn mentioned the difficulty of marking out the trails as the mower at the Park is insufficient to deal with the grass along the creek. Dearolf said she would coordinate with the Township road crew to go through with the tractor. Dunn brought up the idea of advertising an open house as a way to get residents interested in the park and volunteering. Willig recommended having a structure in place to deal with a controllable group, like the Boy Scouts, before advertising to the general public. The installation of parking and directional signs would be the minimum to have in place. Willig noted the opportunity to have a stream cleanup day with materials provided by the Soil Conservation District. The grant application subject was discussed with Willig again stressing the importance of the STPAC to focus on the grant as a top priority.

Kim Ingram and Pete Kingsley appeared with questions for the Supervisors prior to applying to the Zoning Hearing Board. Kingsley provided background information on all that has occurred at the property located at 338 and 340 Hilltop Road. The apartment use was denied in 1998 and again in 2008. Ingram stated the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) approved the substitution of a body shop for a nonconforming use at the March hearing, but denied the apartments. A two-family conversion is their next hope. Willig noted the Supervisors cannot tell the ZHB how to rule, but they are in a position where movement bringing the property into compliance has to occur or legal action will be necessary. Ingram assured the Supervisors the application will be in by the May 14 deadline for the June ZHB hearing.

On a motion by Dearolf/Meck, the Supervisors unanimously voted to approve Resolution #2009-7, as provided by Township Solicitor Josele Cleary, designating Lancaster County Tax Collection Bureau as collection agency for the purposes of the Local Tax Enabling Act.

Revisions to the Gateway North Zone (GNZ) were reviewed as submitted by the Planning Commission. The Supervisors were in favor of the Wiker property remaining in the GNZ as designated rather than being restored to the Industrial Zone.

Revision of the driving horse boarding section of the zoning ordinance was discussed. The Supervisors recommend a restriction on the number of horses based on lot size be considered as well as a requirement for a manure hauler. Dearolf suggested net lot size be used as a base rather than gross.

The secretary was directed to contact Ranck's to get information about service history for 1317 Beaver Valley Pike.

Dearolf reported on a phone call she received from Glen Morrison, Eden Township Supervisor, about a meeting planned for June about forming an intermunicipal group health plan. The secretary was directed to contact Morrison for details.

Willig reported on a letter received from Representative Bryan Cutler's office about a property on the northeast corner of the intersection of Beaver Valley Pike and Bunker Hill Road. The owner complained to Cutler's office about vehicles heading north on Beaver Valley Pike taking the corner wide and getting up on the grass. Willig spoke with Storton Nelson at Cutler's office to see about the resident's goal for a resolution. Willig is concerned a traffic study may bring up more problems than solutions. Nelson could not answer Willig's questions, but will contact the resident and have them get in touch with the Township office. The resident has not directly contacted the Township up to this point.

After approving payroll and liability checks in the amount of \$4,510.72 and bill payments in the amount of \$7,893.52, on a motion by Dearolf/Meck, the Supervisors adjourned their meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Judith G. Willig
Township Secretary