

September 15, 2003

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held its regular meeting on Monday evening, September 15, 2003, at 7:30, at the Township municipal building. Present were Peg Dearolf, Daniel Herr, and Thomas Willig.

Public comment:

Clarence Kemrer, 1911 Edisonville Road, complained that his neighbor at 1909 Edisonville Road is not mowing the weeds on a bank on his property. The neighbor also sometimes throws trash over the bank. Kemrer has asked him to clean up the bank and has cleaned and mowed it himself several times. He would like to see a weed ordinance which would require his neighbor to keep his property mowed. Herr explained that the Township has no weed ordinance or other nuisance ordinances. There is no local police force to enforce such ordinances. If there are state-designated noxious weeds, the DCNR will look at the property.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 2, 2003, were approved.

Representatives from the **L-S Recreation Commission** Bod Bodnar, Carol Good, Tracy McGargle, and Jeff Book presented a proposal for a **community recreation center** costing from six million to seven million dollars, depending on whether there is an outdoor pool. Two financing options were included: a bond at 1.5% interest if one or more municipalities will co-sign, or a loan at 4.5% interest if no municipalities will co-sign. Although the first option would cost \$112,000 less per year, the Rec Center would make money with either option. Both options include intermunicipal contributions at the current rate. The Rec Commission programs have shown a steady increase of profit but have reached a peak because there is no place for more programs. The gym facilities at the school are being used by the school district more and more, so there is less time and space available for the Rec programs. The Commission has scaled back the proposal from \$15-20 million proposed by the architect. Book showed examples of other recreation centers from a conference he attended. They will solicit contributions from the community and hope to get a DCNR grant. The building will be in the West Lampeter park and the land is being provided by West Lampeter. The improvements West Lampeter is doing now will provide a safe walkway from the school campus to the park which will facilitate after school programs at the center. There will be membership fees and charges for the programs. Non-residents will be charged more. The Commission would like a response from the Township to the plan by the October meeting.

Garry Rubincam, **Roadmaster**, said he would like to work on improving the appearance of the **building** by replacing dead and overgrown shrubbery around the front of the building and painting the porch pillars and whitewashing the garage. The Supervisors approved the work. Rubincam asked about removing the trees on **Herr Road** this year in preparation for next year's widening. A bid of \$6275 was obtained for cutting the trees last year. The Supervisor agreed that the work could be done this fall. The Township may apply for a County transportation grant for work on Herr Road.

Willig said that the conditions that cause **May Post Office Road** to ice up in the winter and

result in accidents north of the intersection with Shaub Road need to be improved. He asked Rubincam to work on it. Since it is a State road, the Township will talk to PA DOT about the problem.

The **Kendig Run signs** are up on Prospect and Edisonville Roads.

Jay Kendig, 2033 Edisonville Road, asked about progress of the **Route 896 relocation**. A revised PA DOT agreement has been received and will be reviewed by the Supervisors at their next meeting.

After approving checks to be signed in the amount of \$36,895.75, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p..m.

Caroline D. Herr
Township Secretary