

Board of Supervisor Minutes
October 11, 2010

Chairman Elston opened the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:03 P.M. on Monday, October 11, 2010.

Roll call was taken, present were Gary C. Elston, David L. Mast and Nelson R. Beam. Others present were April Barkasi, township engineer and Kristin S. Camp, township solicitor.

Chairman called for any public comment on tonight's agenda. Since there was no comment he continued with the agenda.

Minutes: The Minutes from the September 13, 2010 were approved as written on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Beam. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented until further audit.

General Fund- Money Market:	\$730,012.31
General Fund - Checking:	2,798.88
General Fund - EMS	3,479.67
State Fund - Money Market	122,120.46
State Fund - Checking:	248.92
PLGIT Regular	28,526.31
PLGIT Recreation	248.62
DNB First CD	150,000.00
National Penn CD	125,000.00
Capital Reserve	126,409.01
Glenmoore Fire Truck	42,012.95
New Truck	47,654.53
Elverson Ambulance	30,328.27
TVFD	30,328.27

Audience:

John Mikowychok, Chester County Parks and Recreation: Was here at our August meeting and had planned to return with additional information regarding the property off Goodfellow Road that has the county 9-1-1 tower. Federal money was used to purchase this property and the county is requiring a sign be placed at this location. Two months ago Mr. Mikowychok was requesting that the trails be open to the public and a sign and parking area but tonight he is saying for now all that is required is the ability to place a sign.

Jeffrey, Mary Rita and Ross Miller and Randy Burdett are property owners abutting this site and are adamantly opposed to the trails being opened and a sign being placed. Mr. Mikowychok said that they have abandoned the idea of a parking lot and trails for now all the county is interested in now is placing a sign at the location.

A discussed ensued regarding the trails and the need for the sign now as the land was purchased fifteen (15) years ago.

Mr. Burdett is the property owner who granted the easement to the county is upset as he feels he was never told that it would be opened to the public. The consensus from the board and neighbors attending tonight is if federal money was used to purchase the property and these are the regulations then the money should be returned.

For now all the county is requesting is to place a sign stating:

Chester County
Dept. of Parks & recreation and Emergency Services
Grant assistance from the Land & Water Conservation Fund, National Park Services

The sign would be approximately 12X3 or 4 ft high and the No Trespassing signs be removed. Property owners could place post markers indicating private property on their land.

Our solicitor reviewed the original easement agreement and felt that the easement does not allow for the sign to be placed there. Mr. Mikowychok is going to take this information back to Ms. Wallis at DCNR. Issue tabled for now.

Frank Gillen, 26 New Road, Elverson, PA: Mr. Gillen withdrew his application for a Special Exception for a sanitarium on his property on September 28, 2010. He is here tonight for some clarification on what he can do with his property. Reviewing the Zoning Ordinance of 2010 he was told that the ROW and easement would have to netted out of his 10 acres, for more than 3 homes on one drive would require a road to be built. New Road is a state road so a HOP would be necessary from PennDOT. This is all information to be found in our zoning but it will be necessary for Mr. Gillen to hire an engineer to find out what and how many lots he can get on his property. Due to the economy Mr. Gillen says this is in the future but for now he would like to farm his property. He wants to install a livestock fence. Presently, he is considering raising goats. He is interested in removing the rest of his trees for the pasture and perhaps some crops. Joanne Turner and Peter and Colleen Rio were in the audience and were upset with his removal of the trees that he has removed already. Mr. Gillen feels he has approximately an additional 5 acres of woodlands.

The consensus of the board was that he needs the following:

1. Contact a good civil engineer to prepare a plan
2. A business plan
3. Fence that is off the property line
4. Permits
5. Avoid cutting as many trees as possible.
6. Manure storage, shelter for his animals.

There are also county regulations that will have to be followed. A NPDES permit may be necessary, also we have a Stormwater Ordinance that would have to be followed.

Mr. Gillen was advised to get the information together and then attend a Planning Commission meeting as we need specifics and what permits are needed. Mr. Gillen said he plans to attend the October 25, 2010 Planning Commission Meeting.

Reports:

No Zoning Report as Frank Newhams wasn't present. The Board of Supervisors inquired about the property at 15 woods Road as to how a garage was permitted to be built with no residence being constructed. Our solicitor will contact Mr. Newhams to discuss this issue.

It was decided that we are going to review the new ordinance (adopted August 2010) at the end of the year to see what, if anything, needs to be addressed.

Roads: Problem trees in the township have been removed. Road inspection needs to be scheduled. Beiler Paving will be doing the paving on Beam Road in the next 2 weeks.

The secretary will contact Collinson, Inc. regarding the proposal we sent for repairs to the guide rails on Isabella Road to see when this project will begin

There is a meeting scheduled for October 20, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. with PennDOT.

April Barkasi gave a brief report on the Hammell-O'Donnell Business Park located at Route 322 and Chestnut Tree Road. She reviewed the Heinrich traffic study for this property and discussion ensued regarding aligning the road which may involve taking private property and/or dealing with the pipe line or a traffic light at this intersection. Since both of the roads are state roads PennDOT will have to be consulted as well as the other townships involved.

David Mast gave the Recreation Report.

Susan Ward gave the Historical Commission Report.

Kristin Camp explained the EIT Law and that an ordinance has been drafted and advertised to be adopted at our next meeting.

Resolution No. 171 - 2010 to establish a policy for access to public records under the Right to Know Law was adopted on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Beam. Motion carried unanimously.

A request has been received from David Mast to extend the 90 Review period for his subdivision. The ninety day extension was approved on a motion made by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Beam. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 170-2010 - Officially adopting the 32.09 acres of tax parcel number 23-4-20 totaling 32.09 acres into the West Nantmeal Agricultural Security Act. was approved on a motion made by Mr. Beam, seconded by Mr. Mast. Motion carried unanimously.

Caryl Ann Cooper was appointed as the new secretary of the West Nantmeal Township Zoning Hearing Board on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Beam. Motion carried unanimously.

The expense budget for 2010 was reviewed. Discussion on items to be purchased was discussed. This was tabled until November so the board has time to review the budget.

Bills were paid as listed on a motion made by Mr. Beam, seconded by Mr. Mast. Motion carried unanimously.

General Fund	\$43,919.66
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With no further business to discuss adjournment took place at 9:47 P.M. on a motion made by Mr. Mast, seconded by Mr. Beam. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan L. Ward, Secretary