

VALLEY TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS' MINUTES

October 9, 2013

Attendance:

Chairman Gary Derr, Co-chairman Walt Rupert, Supervisor/Secretary Judy Achy, Zoning Officer Mike Kull and Solicitor Robert Buehner. Public was represented by Lizzy Basset from DHS Advanced Placement Environmental Science Class, James Degreen, Jack Diehl, Doug Weaver, John Fenstermacher, Bob Beishline, Helen Appleman, John Derr and Danville News Reporter, Karen Blackledge.

Zoning Change Request:

The Board of Supervisors of Valley Township convened at 6:45 to consider the request of James Degreen of 130 Wagner Drive, Danville, PA for a zoning change at a Public Hearing scheduled prior to the routinely scheduled Valley Township Supervisors Meeting. Mr. Degreen is requesting that his 2 parcels on the South side of McCracken Road West to Southland Log Homes and Derr properties be changed from R1 Zoning to C2 Zoning. He is also requesting that 5 acres East of Days Inn and North of Red Roof Road be changed from R2 to C2 Zoning.

Concerns from the public included Jack Diehl who was concerned about heavy traffic along McCracken Road. He would like to see the residential area to be maintained. Additional trucks would also be a real concern at the intersection with Rt. 54. John Fenstermacher also stated that he knew that McCracken Road is currently not in the greatest shape and what would additional truck flow do to the road. Helen Appleman was also in attendance to address her concern with additional truck traffic and what would this do to the safety of the residents. Mr. Diehl also commented he would like to see the aesthetics of the rural neighborhood maintained. John Derr commented that if a person owns the property, he should be allowed to do with it as he wishes. After everyone had enough time to speak, the Zoning Change Public Hearing was closed.

Call to Order:

Chairman Gary Derr called the meeting to order @ 7:10 p.m. with all in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2013 made by Judy, 2nd by Gary and motion approved unanimously.

Citizens' Comments:

Walt Rupert introduced a guest, Lizzy Basset from the Danville High School Placement Environmental Science Class.

The Board of Supervisors then turned their attention to the Zoning Request Change by Mr. Degreen. ***Motion was made by Judy Achy to table Mr. Degreen's request until the November meeting in order for the Supervisor Board to discuss the concerns addressed***

by the McCracken Road Residents but motion died without lack of a second. **Motion by Walt Rupert, 2nd by Gary Derr to allow changes as presented and motion passed with Judy abstaining.** Walt will take care of getting the map changed within 30 days as he also is a member of the Montour County Planning Commission.

Reports:

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Fire Department –Mike Kull shared with the Board the financial review completed for 2011-2012.

(2)

Planning Commission – At their October 2 meeting of the Planning Commission, Bob Beishline presented a subdivision for 3.25 acres to be conveyed from him to Dave E. & Suzanne S. Jensen. The plans have been noted “not for development”. The Planning Commission reported that the fees have been paid and the application with the plans signed by the Montour County Planning were reviewed and the Planning Commission approved the plans as presented. **Motion by Judy, 2nd by Gary to approve the plans as submitted and motion passed unanimously.**

At this same Planning Commission Meeting on October 2, Mike reported to the Board that he was contacted by Dr. Savastava in reference to the Shanti Mandi Temple. The previous plan was reviewed by Larson Design on 5/24/12 and approval of the Storm Water Management Plan required seventeen items that needed to be addressed. No representation from the temple was present and no action was taken.

(3)

Solicitor – Mr. Buehner spoke with Kathy Hunter of Land Plan and she is interested in assisting the township with updates. She will be joining in at the Planning Commission Meeting on November 6 and at the same time the Supervisors will be in attendance. Mr. Buehner sent letters of connect to Mr. Earl Robinson of Rudy’s Mart as well as Robert Dressler of Hilltop Inn which would give them 60 days to connect. Mr. Buehner also spoke with Mr. Schoppy’s attorney (Tour World) and he left his attorney under the impression that he paid \$15,000 some years ago to have the drainage hole converted to the septic system. The attorney was quite embarrassed upon hearing the truth.

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Zoning Officer –. Mike reported that he received an application from McDonald’s for signage and because of all of their signage needed, a variance is needed from the Zoning Hearing Board. They will be meeting on Friday, October 11 @ 6 p.m. Mike has discussed the flow of permitting and the need for the Montour County Assessment Office to be notified when a building permit is issued with Krystal Krick at Limestone Township and hopefully has gotten this system ironed out. Mike has worked up all new forms and is able to get them to the requestor almost immediately as they are now all electronic.

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Municipal Authority – Mr. Buehner reported that Valley Township, Cooper Township, Mahoning Township and Riverside Borough are forming a regional authority to try to negotiate with Danville Municipal Authority. Robert Savidge has resigned from the Municipal Authority due to health reasons.

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Road Foreman/Equipment Report – Meadowbrook Road project is complete and the oil has been shot. Bogart Road has been done through the Dirt and Gravel Project and they

did a great job. The road crew has attended the Dirt and Gravel Program and are now certified. A new T-tag 550 truck has been ordered through Costars Program at a cost of \$88,000 to include the truck, plow and cinder spreader. It is replacing the T-tag 2001. The pick-up truck is still running.

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SEO – No word from Jim Sanders.

New Business: A request was received from the Danville Halloween Committee for a donation and *motion by Judy, 2nd by Gary to donate the same as last year and motion carried unanimously.*

Approval of Bills:

Motion to pay the bills made by Judy, 2nd by Walt and motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment:

Motion by Judy to adjourn @ 8:15, 2nd by Walt and motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Achy
Valley Township Supervisor/Secretary