

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Girard Township Supervisors
August 8, 2017 - 7pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Sandy Anderson called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00PM.

Present: Supervisors Sandy Anderson, Bill Felege and Paul Pangratz, Solicitor Christine Hall McClure, Secretary/Zoning Administrator Becky Hosack, Treasurer Lindy Platz, Roadmaster Ray Branthoover. Visitors Gerald Gregory, Stan Freeland, Mary Ann Mook, Adam Reese, Bill Bailey, Ryan Birkner, Catherine Fischer, Dennis Olesnanik, David Wolbert, Lucian Spalla and Mr. and Mrs. Shaner.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING THIS EVENINGS AGENDA-None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:

The GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from the meeting held July 25, 2017,
The INVOICES from 7/26/17 through 8/8/17
The PAYROLLS ending 7/29/17 and 8/5/17.

And the Treasurers Report dated 7/31/17.

Bill Felege made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Paul Pangratz seconded the motion. All voting in favor.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/AGREEMENTS

None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor McClure had nothing at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

At a public meeting on August 7, 2017, the Girard Township Planning Commission gave favorable recommendations to the following:

A minor subdivision by Girard Township for index #24-006-031.0-001.00, .695 total acres to be dedicated as a portion of a Township road connecting North Creek Road and Williams Road. Bill Felege explained this was being done so that when work needs done on North Creek Road to repair the road in the future, there will be an alternate entrance and exit for residents. This will also allow for grant possibilities as it will no longer be a dead end road.

To have the Supervisors hear a Conditional Use Hearing for an Equipment Sales and Service business at 10958 Ridge Road, Girard, owned by Terry Suscheck. The 4.6 acres is zoned LB and A-1 currently consisting of a single family residence and a detached garage. Mr. Suscheck would like to open a trailer sales at this location. Sandy Anderson explained the trailers would be enclosed trailers, open sided trailers, these would be storage trailers, not mobile homes.

Bill Felege made a motion to approve the recommendations. Paul Pangratz seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried. Becky will advertise for the conditional use hearing for September 12th at 6:30pm.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Stan Freeland of Platea Volunteer Fire Company was in attendance to speak about his concerns over clean-up day. His concerns consisted of what if the usual location at the old Skat station on Rt 18 was not cleaned up in time for the clean-up day. There are vehicles and semi trailers there from accidents on I-90 and the DEP is involved. He had heard that the owner, Carol Hyde was going to be responsible to clean it up. Stan noted that he spoke with Bill Taylor and he was not aware that DEP was involved. Lindy Platz spoke stating she had spoken with Bill Taylor as well and she was told that Bill spoke with Ray Gresh about using his land for parking again and over flow of traffic but Ray had not given an answer yet. Stan indicated he was going to talk to Ray Gresh from a fire department stand point. Paul Pangratz said it sounded as though Ray Gresh was leaning towards not wanting to allow the use of the field anymore. Alternate locations were discussed in the event that the Skat station and/or Ray Gresh's property could not be used.

2 bids were reviewed for landscape work that needs to be done at the project site at Ethel and Barbara Drive. Greenscape Lawn and Garden Service quoted \$4,000 and Andrzejczak's Landscaping quoted \$3,968. Bill Felege made a motion to

accept the Andrzejczak bid. Paul Pangratz seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried. Ray will call them and let them know.

Lindy Platz asked the Supervisors that since the Township was already asking for donations from local businesses for the Cruise-In if she could just purchase gift cards for for clean-up day. Sandy Anderson made a motion to purchase 2 \$25 gift cards. Bill Felege seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

A letter was reviewed that Sandy Anderson wrote to HRG, Inc. regarding issues at Culbertson Drive from the tube replacement project done back in 2015. Sandy Anderson made a motion to send the letter. Paul Pangratz seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS NOT ON THIS EVENINGS AGENDA

Bill Felege suggested setting up a day that Bill, Ray, Lindy and Becky would go to the park and meet with White Tail to go over the new camera system. Sandy Anderson stated she would like to go also.

Bill stated there were 2 applications for the part time worker position for Lake Erie Community Park. Becky is to call and check references so that the Supervisors can set up interviews.

Paul Pangratz suggested that a meeting be held to discuss what needs done at the Culbertson site and what part of the work that the Township can do instead of spending \$300,000 for Showman to do the work.

Sandy Anderson thanked the West County News Journal for their donation of a subscription to the newspaper for the music series in the park. A raffle was held during the concert and \$105 was raised. Sandy also thanked Conneaut Savings Bank for their donation for a raffle – 2 lawn chairs and \$155 was raised that night. The money goes into the park project fund. Sandy mentioned the upcoming Car Cruise-in on August 23rd at Lake Erie Community Park.

Sandy had attended an Erie COG meeting regarding the Erie Area Trail Network and explained the plan. There is signage planned noting all the parks in the area as well as signage that could be purchased to post in the municipality stating how far it was to the nearest park. These signs are \$450 and are 3'x6' with a hiker on it and the mileage to the park. Sandy made a motion to purchase 2 signs. Bill Felege seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

There was discussion on a new business that wants to move into the old Buyers Fair building that would offer archery sales and an indoor archery range as well as an outdoor archery range. The owner would eventually offer gun and ammo sales as well. Sandy stated that he had brought his business proposal to the Planning Commission the previous night. Adam Reese was in attendance and gave his thoughts on the business. He first applauded Mr. Snyder for wanting to bring the business to the Township and said he did not have any issues with the inside portion of the business, but he was not happy with the plans for the outdoor archery range. Bill Bailey also spoke up stating his concerns about the outdoor archery range. The two stated that after looking at the ordinance further, they determined that the outdoor archery range fell under Outdoor Commercial Recreation, which is not an allowable nor conditional use in the C-1 district. There was much discussion on Mr. Snyder's consideration of the 33' high elevation of the hill behind where he wants to put the shooting range as a barrier; stray arrows from inexperienced shooters; the fact that residents walk in that vicinity and there were pets and children in the area also. Cathy Fischer who is a neighbor to the east of the property in question voiced her concerns as well as she walks her dog on their property which abuts this land. She too was concerned about the possibility of arrows leaving the intended area and someone getting hurt. David Wolbert and Lucian Spalla, neighbors to the rear of the intended business area, were also in attendance and voiced their concerns regarding the people that drive in the back of the building dropping off items at the Thrifty Shopper.

Attorney McClure noted that this would need to be a use change to allow the outdoor range.

The Supervisors indicated that Becky Hosack is to send a letter to Mr. Snyder stating that after further discussion and review of the use in the zoning district, the outdoor shooting range would not be permitted. He was able to move forward with the indoor use.

Dennis Olesnanik asked why the nice pavement on Elk Park Road had to be covered in seal coat. Ray Branthoover explained that the pavement was only a wearing course and would not hold up without the seal coat. Dennis also asked if they had extra stone or gravel they could throw it in his ditch on the north side of the stream on his property. It is going to wash away the bank.

The Shaners were in attendance checking on the progress of the stormwater issue. Sandy Anderson explained that the Solicitor will be meeting and talking with the Township engineer to get more details then send out a letter to the owner of Chardonnay Village. The Shaner's wanted the Supervisors to know that the owner of Chardonnay was still running heavy equipment on Sundays in the upper portion.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING ANYTHING NOT DISCUSSED THIS EVENING

Included in the section above.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER NOT DISCUSSED THIS EVENING

Lindy Platz had nothing.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE ROADMASTER NOT DISCUSSED THIS EVENING

Ray stated that Townline Road was open and that Fairplain Road was coming along well, it was about ½ way done. The slope looked good and should help with the snow and the line of sight.

Ray said that seal coating would begin on the Township roads on Wednesday and would be done in about 2 days.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE SECRETARY/ZONING ADMINISTRATOR NOT DISCUSSED THIS EVENING

Becky Hosack asked Ray if the driveways on Elk Park Road would be sloped once the seal coating was done so that the drop off was not so severe. She had residents asking. Ray indicated they would be sloped.

Becky also asked if she could run an ad in the WCNJ regarding the cruise in so that Mary Ann could write an article.

Sandy Anderson made a motion to run the \$6.50 ad seconded by Bill Felege. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Paul Pangratz, seconded by Bill Felege to adjourn meeting at 7:47 pm. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Hosack

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Secretary/Zoning Administrator