

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Girard Township Supervisors
March 28, 2017 4pm

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Sandy Anderson at 4:00pm.

Present: Supervisors Sandy Anderson, Bill Felege, Secretary/Zoning Administrator Becky Hosack, Treasurer Lindy Platz, Roadmaster Ray Branthoover, Jim Mattson, John Simkovitch, Alex R. Platz, Dan Maher and MaryAnn Mook.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING THIS AFTERNOON'S AGENDA-None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:

The GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from the meeting held February 28, 2017
The INVOICES from 3/15/17 through 3/28/17,
The PAYROLLS ending 3/18/17 and 3/25/17.

A motion was made by Bill Felege, seconded by Sandy Anderson to approve the Consent Agenda. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/AGREEMENTS

Sandy Anderson made a motion to approve **Resolution #17-004 – Modified Consent Order and Agreement –**

Whereas Girard Township entered into a Consent Order and Agreement on April 9, 2010 with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection, (“Department”) to resolve violations of the Clean Streams Law and the Sewage Facilities Act,

Whereas the implementation of the projects required was not completed by September 30, 2013, the parties have agreed to extend the implementation of the projects until December 31, 2018, following the revised implementation schedule.

Whereby the Girard Township Supervisors agree to this Modified Consent Order and Agreement and they consent to the entry of the Modified Consent Order and Agreement as a final ORDER of the Department and waive their rights to appeal.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Girard, Erie County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled, this 28th day of March, 2017.

Bill Felege seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Bill Felege made a motion to approve **Resolution #17-005 – Articles of Agreement for the Sale of Real Estate – Purchase of Vacant Land from Fairview Evergreen Nurseries –**

Whereas a portion of North Creek Road in Girard Township, Erie County, is in need of repair and would require the road to be closed to vehicular traffic,

Whereas the Girard Township Supervisors are concerned for the safety of the residents of North Creek Road, and the access for emergency personnel and school busses if the road were to be closed,

Whereas Fairview Evergreen Nurseries owns farm land at the end of the dead end portions of both North Creek Road and Williams Road,

Whereas Girard Township desires to extend the dead end of North Creek Road to connect to the dead end of Williams Road to form a contiguous road.

Whereby the Girard Township Supervisors wish to enter into a purchase agreement with Fairview Evergreen Nurseries for 0.65 acres more or less to construct a road to connect the dead end roads.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Girard, Erie County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled, this 28th day of March, 2017.

Sandy Anderson seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The following old business was updated:

Letter of support was sent to PUC regarding the Lake Street bridge.

Mulch for playground is on order and scheduled to arrive this week.

Playground equipment is in.

The Township received one sealed bid for a grader. It was sent in by US Tractor, LLC out of Tampa Florida. The bid was for a 2003 Volvo 720B grader meeting the specifications from the Township. Their bid was \$42,000 and did NOT include shipping from Florida. A decision on the bid was tabled until the Township can make arrangements to view the grader.

Much discussion was had on the purchase of a grader. Sandy Anderson stated that she had spoken with both Elk Creek Township and Springfield Township and they both agreed that the Township could borrow their graders if they needed. Sandy asked if there were no

other places closer that the Township could buy from. Ray indicated that it had to be bid and no one else bid. There was conversation about the old grader that was sold for \$18,000 and that it was only 4 wheel drive, same as the Roadmaster was looking for. Ray indicated that the one that was bid was larger, bigger horsepower, larger moldboard, heavier, and the tires were twice the size. Lindy Platz asked why the Township was looking for a 4 wheel drive when the Township sold a 4 wheel drive. Why didn't the Township just keep what they had? Ray explained that the old one had to be pulled out of ditches, pulled down the road to pull the ditches because it did not have enough horsepower and because the moldboard was not long enough the wheels would fall in the ditch when trying to reach all the way in. The one that was bid could also be fitted to put a blade on it for plowing snow. There was discussion on how to pay for it. Sandy Anderson felt they should just put a deposit down and pay for it upon delivery. Bill Felege said there was no reason they couldn't just take a check down and pay for it all upon purchase. Sandy asked how it would get to PA. Rays said he had already talked to Chuck Sheldon who is a trucker and he agreed he could bring it back for the Township since he is in the area a lot. Becky Hosack asked if he was going to do it for free. Much laughter. Ray said he would charge. Bill Felege made a motion to send Ray and Ed to Florida to view it. Sandy Anderson seconded the motion. Ray was to call the company selling it and find out what the payment arrangements could be. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS NOT ON THIS AFTERNOON'S AGENDA

Bill Felege had nothing at this time.

Sandy Anderson asked if the MOU had come in from the Solicitor yet for the police coverage from Lake City Borough. Becky stated Chris had not gotten to that yet.

Sandy asked how the grant for the pavilion was coming. Lindy said that Gary was working on the new drawings with the changes the Supervisors made and that she had received the title certification from the Solicitor. Ashley Porter was working on the PNDI.

Sandy mentioned that it was time to come up with something for the PSATS donation for the Erie County Basket. Becky stated that possibly one of the deck planters from EMSCO might be nice. Lindy will check with her brother in law.

Sandy retrieved the old swing from the park that she wanted and gave the Township her donation check for it.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING ANYTHING NOT DISCUSSED THIS AFTERNOON

John Simkovitch was in asking if there was anything that could be done with the intersection of Rt 5 and Yale Avenue. The dip in-between has gotten very bad. Culbertson and Rt 5 is also bad. The Supervisors said they would see if they could fill it in some.

Dan Maher from FLAG little league was in to ask the Supervisors if they could help out at all with the construction of the new dugout in the park. FLAG spent \$709.14 on materials for it but they were still in need of \$550 for the concrete work. Sandy Anderson made a motion to give FLAG \$550 for the concrete work and the Township will still donate the material for the roof. Bill Felege seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried. Dan also asked about putting up a flag pole and an American flag so that the Pledge of Allegiance could be said before each game. There was discussion on where to put it. Sandy suggested they bring a flag for the holder and just take it down each time since there is no electric where they wanted to put it. Bill Felege said there is electric close by the area for the dugout if they wanted to change the location.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER NOT DISCUSSED THIS AFTERNOON

Lindy Platz had nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE ROADMASTER NOT DISCUSSED THIS AFTERNOON

Nothing else.

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

Becky Hosack mentioned the draft letter from Joe Paccioni regarding Jack Clark. Bill made a motion to send the letter to Tim Zieziula and Chris McClure for their review. Sandy Anderson seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried. Becky stated that the televising of the sewer lines was still not completed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Sandy Anderson, seconded by Bill Felege to adjourn meeting at 4:39pm. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Hosack

Becky Hosack
Secretary/Zoning Administrator