

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2017, 7pm

Present: Supervisors Sandy Anderson, Bill Felege and Paul Pangratz, Secretary/Zoning Administrator Becky Hosack, Roadmaster Ray Branthoover, Treasurer Lindy Platz, MaryAnn Mook, Dennis Olesnanik, Dave Fox, Ron and Teresa Rusch.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING THIS EVENINGS AGENDA-None

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA WHICH INCLUDES:

The GENERAL MEETING MINUTES from the meeting held 2/28/17

The INVOICES from 3/1/17 through 3/14/17

The PAYROLLS ending 3/4/17, and 3/11/17

And the Treasurers Report dated 2/28/17.

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

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/AGREEMENTS -None

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

On March 13, 2017 at a public meeting, the Planning Commission members voted unanimously to give a favorable recommendation to the following:

A rezoning of Erie County index #24008063002000, 11020 Ridge Road, owned by Jeff and Lori Buie. This 7.56 acre parcel is currently LB 500' in the front, with the balance A-1. The rezoning would be to put the whole parcel as R-3. This would allow the owner to subdivide after the rezoning into 3 parcels to utilize the back of the property for 2 family or multifamily dwellings and the front to have 2 stick built single family homes.

To allow medical marijuana grower/processors to be permitted in the I-1, light industry and I-2, heavy industry districts, and the medical marijuana dispensary to be permitted in the C-1, commercial district and the LB, limited business district.

To have Becky send a letter to HMS Health LLC, stating that medical marijuana grower/processor businesses are permitted at 2953 Mechanic Street, which is in an I-1, light industrial district. The company requesting the letter has a lease with the owner of building at this address.

Paul Pangratz made a motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendations. Sandy Anderson seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Sandy Anderson made a motion to hold a public hearing on the rezoning of 11020 Ridge Road at 6:30pm on April 11, 2017. Bill Felege seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Sandy Anderson made a motion to send Millcreek Township's proposed Medical Marijuana ordinance to Solicitor McClure for her to review and revise to meet Girard Township's ordinance numbers so that the Township can adopt as well. Bill Felege seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor McClure was not present due to inclement weather.

OLD BUSINESS

Sandy Anderson made a motion to allow the rezoning of the Rusch property on Fairplain Road, tax ID 24-005-034.0-002.02. Bill Felege seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

There was much discussion on the removal of the tree tops at the west side of Lake Erie Community Park. It was determined since no one bid on taking the tree tops that the Township will try what Springfield Township did when they logged their park. Sandy Anderson made a motion to allow the residents to cut the tops as long as they have a permit and sign the waiver. Bill Felege seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried. The Township will issue a permit to municipal residents for \$25. They will need to sign a waiver and must post their permit in their vehicle. The start date for the cutting will be March 24th. Hours will be 8am-8pm. Becky will call and get Springfield Township's waiver and

permit and revise them for Girard Township. It will get posted on FB and the Township website and MaryAnn said she will do an article in the WCNJ also. Sandy also thought possibly the boy scouts could come in and do the final clean up helping the road crew with the chipping. The boy scouts could gather the brush and lay it out for the road crew to chip.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion on whether to allow the spraying of invasive species plants at Miller's Landing by the Lake Erie Cooperative Weed Management Area group. It is part of the PA Natural Heritage Program and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. The Supervisors were not sure that spraying 8 acres of land would stop the plants from reoccurring elsewhere such as the next property or across the road, but they saw no harm in it. Sandy Anderson made a motion to allow the spraying, seconded by Bill Felege. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The Supervisors reviewed an annual permit for fireworks displays by Daniel Lawrence. He will be doing 3 displays at the Klimek's campground off of South Creek Road. His permit was in order and signed off by the fire department as well as the state police. Bill Felege made a motion to allow. Paul Pangratz seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

The monthly zoning report was reviewed. There were only 2 permits issued in February.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS NOT ON THIS EVENINGS AGENDA

Paul Pangratz presented a letter to the other 2 Supervisors that he received from Dan Mayer of FLAG little league. FLAG is going to be rebuilding the dugout at the field inside Lake Erie Community Park and they are in need of some help. They need \$709 in materials and only have \$550. This does not include the roof. Sandy Anderson stated that if they ordered the items in the Township's name then they could save the \$40 in tax. This will be discussed by the Supervisors and will be readdressed at the meeting on the 28th.

Bill Felege has been in contact with the boy scouts and they are going to bring in a crew to pick up sticks and rake the flower beds at Lake Erie Community Park.

Eric Podgers from FLAG little league told Bill that they would like to have Girard Township on the back of one of the team's shirts because of all that the Township has done for them.

Bill said he would like to go to the Annual Firemen's Conference Dinner. Sandy and Paul cannot go.

Sandy asked about the truck dump body sitting at the Lake Erie Community Park. Ray Branthoover has someone that is interested in coming and getting it for scrap. It is worth about \$150. Ray stated that neighbors have been complaining about how bad it looks. Ray said they have to collapse the large tubes to scrap them out. They have done a couple so far.

Sandy asked about the old merri-go round that is at the park. She would like to make a donation to the park to have it and repurpose it somehow. Bill Felege made a motion to allow Sandy to have the merri-go round in lieu of a donation. Paul Pangratz seconded the motion. Bill and Paul voted yes, Sandy abstained. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING ANYTHING NOT DISCUSSED THIS EVENING

None

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER NOT DISCUSSED THIS EVENING

Lindy Platz discussed some issues she was having with her computer. She had the IT person come out and looked at it and he said there were errors all over the drive. Worst case scenario is that the Township may need a new server. She will keep the Supervisors updated as to the findings of what is wrong. It could be \$5,000-\$8,000 for a new server.

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE ROADMASTER NOT DISCUSSED THIS EVENING

Ray Branthoover talked of going out for bid with the COG for seal coat. It may be cheaper to just go with Springfield but he will see what the numbers come back like. He also noted that they were going in with the COG for pricing on other things such as tubes and stone. He had not done this before but it is worth seeing what the cost might be and the Township is not required to buy anything.

There was discussion on classifying more roads as 10 ton roads all year. When the ITC project starts they will be running Cross Station Road and Springfield Road and Ray felt those 2 specifically should be changed. After some discussion, Bill Felege and Sandy Anderson felt that all the Township roads should be classified as 10 ton roads all year. The ordinance will need to be changed and Becky will contact Solicitor McClure about doing that.

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

Becky Hosack had nothing at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Bill Felege, seconded by Sandy Anderson to adjourn meeting at 7:54 pm. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Hosack

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Secretary/Zoning Administrator