

# **GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

**February 14, 2017 7pm**

Present: Supervisors Sandy Anderson, Bill Felege and Paul Pangratz, Solicitor Christine Hall McClure, Secretary/Zoning Administrator Becky Hosack, Roadmaster Ray Branthoover, Donald and Theresa Shaner and Chris Byers.

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 1/24/17**

**The INVOICES from 1/25/17 through 02/14/17**

**The PAYROLLS ending 1/28/16, 2/4/17 and 2/11/17**

**And the Treasurers Report dated 1/31/16.**

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

## **RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES/AGREEMENTS**

Paul Pangratz made a motion to approve **Resolution #17-002 – Disposition of Municipal Records** – Girard Township Board of Supervisors is declaring its intent to follow the procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Retention and Disposition Schedule for Records of Pennsylvania Municipalities amended on July 16, 1993.

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Resolution #17-002, duly adopted this 14th day of February, 2017 the Township of Girard hereby authorize the disposition of the following public records:

Paid tax receipts for the year 2013.

For the year 2009 – Ledgers/Journals, Credit/Debits, Monthly Reports, Property Transfer Reports, Mobile Home Park Reports, Mobile Home Removal Permits, Bank Statements/Cancelled Checks, Per-Capita Duplicates, Real Estate Duplicates, and Un-Paid Real Estate Lists.

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

Solicitor McClure noted that in the law symposium coming up in the spring there will be a speaker on records retention.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

A minor subdivision known as the McMahon, Smith and Baldwin subdivision, consisting of 3 lots on Tax ID# 24-009-060.0-002.00 on Ridge Road. Total acreage is 49.3 acres being subdivided into Parcel A – 20.23 acres, Parcel B – 24.68 acres and Parcel C – 4.45 acres. The zoning is LB and R-1.

Bill Felege commented that there was no snow easement shown on the maps. He noted that it is in our ordinance and that the Planners need to be looking for that on the maps. Roadmaster Ray Branthoover stated he didn't think that the cul-de-sac size was large enough due to the new PennDOT regulations for liquid fuels reimbursement. Ray said he believed it needed to be 160' diameter. Becky stated that she doubted this would ever become a Township Road. Paul Pangratz made a motion to approve the subdivision, Sandy Anderson seconded it. Bill Felege voted no due to no snow easement on the maps, Paul and Sandy voting yet. Motion carried.

Sandy Anderson made a motion to write a letter of support for the Battles Farm Conservation Easement for 91 acres of land. Sea Grant is assisting the Lake Erie Region Conservancy and the Erie County Historical Society in the preparation of both Erie County Greenways and DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program grant application for the placement of a conservation easement to protect it from development in perpetuity. Bill Felege seconded that motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Bill Felege made a motion to advertise for and hold a hearing for a rezoning application for a 50 acre parcel on Fairplain Road, Tax ID# 24-005-034.0-002.02, owned by Ronald and Teresa Rusch. The parcel is currently zoned I-1 and they are requesting a rezoning to R-2 for the purpose of building a residential home. The public hearing will be on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30PM. Paul Pangratz seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

## ***SOLICITOR'S REPORT***

Solicitor McClure had nothing exciting at this time.

## ***OLD BUSINESS***

There was discussion on the disposal of the tree tops at Lake Erie Community Park. It was determined that Becky will run an ad for a bid for someone to come in and dispose of the tree tops and all debris. This will be tabled until the next meeting. Sandy Anderson made a motion to run the ad, seconded by Bill Felege. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

Sandy Anderson made a motion to order more 65 gallon recycling containers from Rehrig Pacific. They are \$54.34 each and that includes freight. The minimum order is 112. We sell these as a courtesy to our residents for recycling at \$20.00 each. Paul Pangratz seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Ray commented that the road crew actually goes and picks them up. It was surmised that the freight was from the manufacturer to Rehrig Pacific.

Nancy Hornyak was on the agenda to speak about Fairplain Road but was unable to attend. Paul Pangratz said he has spoken to her and they are interested in excavating off the hill on Fairplain Road. Becky is to contact her and set up a meeting soon.

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

There was discussion on selling the 10' salt spreader that the Township does not use anymore to Elk Creek Township for \$6,000. Bill Felege made a motion to sell it, Paul Pangratz seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

## ***NEW BUSINESS FROM THE SUPERVISORS NOT ON THIS EVENINGS AGENDA***

Bill Felege asked if there had been a decision made on spending the \$10,000 donation from the Luciano's on playground equipment. The money will be spent on a large "spider" crawl type piece and more mulch for the playground area.

Bill also brought up the meeting that he and Becky had attended with Fairview Evergreen Nurseries regarding the Township purchasing .64 acre of land at the dead end of North Creek Road leading to the dead end of Williams Road. In light of the fact that the Nursery agreed to sell the land to the Township, Sandy Anderson made a motion to have the property appraised. Bill Felege seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Bill noted that he would like Treasurer Lindy Platz to work alongside Porter Consulting Engineers in the new pavilion project. Bill Felege made a motion to have Porter and Lindy working on the project, Sandy Anderson seconded the motion. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Bill completed the maps that were required by the Department of Health on the location of all the tanks and leach fields within Lake Erie Community Park.

Bill was happy to report that Edinboro Borough has agreed to join the Emergency Management Association, making them the 13<sup>th</sup> municipality.

Bill attended a meeting regarding the fire that was at the Barnett Building in Albion. A ministerial group is supplying meals and clothing to those displaced by the fire. The building will stay and get renovated which may take 6 months. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor was devastated but only minor smoke and water damage in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors.

Bill mentioned that he had obtained some maps from Lake City that showed the sewer line from Caron to Lake City Borough's line. Becky is going to send it to Joe Pacchioni.

Sandy noted that they had a meeting with Lake City's police chief to discuss having Lake City Police do patrols at LECP. Becky is to contact Harborcreek Township for a copy of their MOU with Lawrence Park for police patrol.

Possibly new signs at the park were needed that were more reflective for the "dawn to dusk" signs. There was discussion on changing the wording since many people stay past sunset which is after dusk. No one wanted the police patrol to yell at people for staying to watch the sunset or if they were down at the beach and just coming up after the sunset. Possibly put a time frame such as Park Closed 11PM to 6AM or something similar.

Sandy Anderson asked if another camera had been ordered for the LECP for the new pavilion area. Bill indicated not yet, that they were going to wait to spend the money on it until the DCNR gave final approval for the grant money for the pavilion.

Paul Pangratz asked the status of the big leaf blower at the LECP. Bill stated that it was inside at the park. They use it occasionally to blow leaves off the playground. There is a hitch now on the truck at the park so it is easier for Karl to move the blower.

There had been a public hearing with 4 residents of Birchdale Woods I regarding stormwater. The hearing went well and the Supervisors withdrew the violation of the nuisance ordinance in light of the fact that the residents took care of the waster issue. One of the residents asked that the Township pay for a catch basin and tubing to help eliminate more of the water but since the water is not coming from a Township road, it is a resident issue and the Township cannot pay for that. There was discussion on how far back the berms need to be cut. Ray Branthoover feels it should be 3' back to the catch basins, Sandy Anderson said Fairview Township only does 12"-18". She also noted that the catch basins needed shoveled out.

***NEW BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR REGARDING ANYTHING NOT DISCUSSED THIS EVENING***

Donald and Theresa Shaner gave the Supervisors a cd with video and pictures as far back as 2009 of the water issue in Westgate Subdivision. Ashley Porter had suggested having as much evidence as possible to show the ongoing situation. Bill Felege thanked them and let them know the engineer was in contact with DEP and the Conservation District regarding this situation. They have not been forgotten. Theresa Shaner noted that ever since Westgate Drive was redone there is no crown in the middle of the road anymore so the water runs right down the center of the road and not off to the sides where it can go to the catch basins.

***NEW BUSINESS FROM THE TREASURER NOT DISCUSSED THIS EVENING***

Lindy Platz was not in attendance.

***NEW BUSINESS FROM THE ROADMASTER NOT DISCUSSED THIS EVENING***

Ray wanted to know if they could go out for bid for a grader. Sandy Anderson made a motion to go out to bid for a grader with Bill Felege seconding. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

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

Becky mentioned that she had been on a webinar regarding the new Medical Marijuana legislation that is being passed. She indicated that the zoning ordinance would need updated as well as the employee manual.

Bill Felege also brought up that Becky is to send letters to the residents and businesses in Westgate advising them that something that is being flushed down the sanitary drains is causing problems in Girard Borough. At times the liquid is white in the drains which could be a cleaner of some kind or it could be oil. It is not happening at a certain time or day. Whatever the substance is, it is killing the organisms in the system which in turn causes malfunctions. They are also having problems with wipes being flushed which do not break down and jam up the equipment. Even the types that say "flushable" may flush, but they do not break down.

Bill also wants a letter to go out to Park Wentling and Dan Laughlin letting them know that the Supervisors strongly oppose the bill to charge the municipality \$25 per capita for state police patrol. He stated that Girard Township has a 30% low to moderate income population and this will be a true hardship to our residents.

***ADJOURNMENT***

A motion was made by Paul Pangratz, seconded by Sandy Anderson to adjourn meeting at 8:02 pm. All voting in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Hosack  
Secretary/Zoning Administrator