

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 6, 2007

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, at 7:30 P. M. Those in attendance were Donald Knouse (Chairman), Mark Jordan (Vice-Chairman), Lois Leonard (Supervisor), John Baranski (Solicitor), Jeff Shue (Engineer) and Lou Anne Bostic (Secretary).

Pledge of Allegiance:

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Mr. Jordan, unanimously carried, to approve the agenda as prepared.

Minutes: Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Mr. Knouse, unanimously carried, to approve the previous meeting minutes.

-Mr. Jordan informed the public that any more references to “Ruby Ridge or York Riots” or any other terrorist type threats made at a public meeting or in the office will be reported immediately to the police.

-RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC REQUESTS:

-Michael Kline, 150 Jewel Drive is concerned about the absence of a stop sign at the intersection of Jewel and Taylor Drives. Mr. Shue will look into this matter.

-Robert Hendricks, 115 Fisher Drive would like to know why the township covered the no parking signs in the Bennett Run development. He informed the board that he feels this is a safety and legal issue.

Mr. Knouse explained the history and said that he feels the board should make a final decision regarding the issue tonight.

-Paul Finn, 55 Clary Way, states that there are no parking or safety issues related to parking and he would like to have the signs remain covered.

Attorney Baranski recommended that this matter be placed under old business and discussed at that time.

-Tim Rojahn, 130 Fisher Drive, informed the board that there is a problem with loitering and curfew activity occurring in the area of Fisher & Thomas Drive. Mr. Rojahn asked the board to consider adopting an ordinance to address this matter. The township solicitor will research the matter. The township currently has a curfew ordinance in place. Jeannie Shoffner, 15 Clary Way stated that the police informed several residents that they can do nothing about the curfew. The manager will submit a copy of the ordinance to NYCPRD to remind them of the current ordinance in place.

-Ms Speck, 60 Trevor Road asked if the township can control the door to door soliciting that is occurring within Bennett Run. The manager explained that the township requires all salespeople to obtain a license with certain exceptions and the residents should contact the police if the person does not have a license.

-Ms Loeb, 65 Adam Street feels that the Home Association should notify all buyers of any and all rules. She was told to contact the association regarding her request.

-James Davison, 525 Andersontown Road was present to question again the cable service in the area. The solicitor informed him that the township will review the agreement with Comcast at the next contract renewal date, until that time there is nothing else the township can do to help Mr. Davison with obtaining internet service.

-Curtis Knaub, 1595 Jug Road, apologized to the board and the audience for his past referral to "Ruby Ridge" and stated that he was just frustrated when he made the statement. Mr. Knaub is here to ask Mr. Knouse why he "intimidated" him at the last meeting. Mr. Knouse says he did not intend to intimidate Mr. Knaub. Mr. Knaub asked for an apology and Mr. Knouse said that he is sorry that Mr. Knaub felt he was intimidated. Mr. Knaub also complained about unfair and selective zoning enforcement. Mr. Knaub was informed that the township has to follow up on zoning complaints. Mr. Knaub would like to see the township sponsor a recycling program.

-Daryl Hull, planning commission representative asked the board to consider adding CAD requirements to the pending SALDO update. He feels that the township will benefit by having all development plans available on a CAD system. The board will consider the request.

-Jane Deamer, Northeastern Senior Center was present representing Northeastern Senior Center. She is here to recruit volunteers and donations for the center. The facility is located in Mt. Wolf and handles over 20,00 visits a year by people 60+ years of age, 1900 of them are Conewago Township residents. The center has outgrown its facility and is currently looking for a new one. She thanked the township for their yearly donation.

-Bill Deal, SEO Services was present at the request of the board to discuss the septic system installation at 1625 Jug Road (reference 7/2007 minutes) Mr. Deal presented all documents and along with Clayton Myers, the installer, explained to the board that the system has been installed as per DEP specifications. Mr. Knaub voiced his concerns with the installation and states that the system was not properly installed. The board is satisfied with the SEO and the installed system and is confident that the township has met all DEP obligations. Motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to accept the SEO & DEP determination that the system is in compliance.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

-Eric Rentzel waiver request of Section 505a of the SALDO. Motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the waiver request.

-Eric Rentzel Final Subdivision Plan. All conditions have been met. Motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the final subdivision plan.

-Hickory Ridge Mews, Lot 24, Preliminary Subdivision Plan. Motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to approve the plan with the following condition:

- All Beech Ridge associated permits must be obtained and provided to the township.

- -REPORTS: There were no comments heard regarding the following reports: Treasurer's, Road, Sewer, Strinestown Community Fire Company Financial Report and Building Permit Report.

-SOLICITOR'S REPORT: attached and made part of these minutes.

-ENGINEER'S REPORT: Mr. Shue reported on the following:

-Millcreek Road project is almost complete.

-Bennett Run complaint from neighbor across Copenhaffer Road regarding storm water concerns has been inspected and no problems were noted.

-Zions View park property survey has been completed.

-Warranty work with Stewart & Tate on the 2006 road project is being pursued.

-Susquehanna Trail work is complete with the exception of guard rail installation. The contractor is awaiting delivery of the material. Mr. Knouse expressed concerns with the turning lane area. Mr. Shue stated that when the lines are painted the area should not be confusing to drivers.

-OLD BUSINESS:

-Comprehensive Plan update was provided to the board. The Planning Commission is reviewing the document- a public meeting will be scheduled for the commission to present the plan.

-Bennett Run no parking signs. Mr. Knouse is asking for a final decision from the board. This issue has been addressed pro and con for the past 12 months. Mr. Jordan and Ms Leonard stated that they do not have a problem with removing the signs. The board would like to compromise on the issue to try to address all the residents concerns. A motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, was made to remove all no parking signs with the exception of those located on the following main roads.

-Fisher Drive

-Test Drive

-Thomas Drive

Mr. Knouse stated that this decision is final.

James McCoy, Susquehanna Trail, asked the board why they need signs in Bennett Run when the Hunter Creek and Stonegate developments do not have signs. The board explained that the roads in the other developments have not been adopted by the township.

-NEW BUSINESS:

-Mr. Jordan has requested that the township get quotes for a three point mower and snow blower for the Kubota tractor.

-The manager presented a new vegetation model ordinance to the board for their review.

-Bennett Run road adoption request. Motion by Mr. Jordan, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2007-13.

-The township has received an offer of land dedication from the Raymond Benedict Estate. The property is 23+ acres and is located off of Pine Tree Road. The donation would require the property to be maintained perpetually as open space or to be used for recreation purposes only. Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Mr. Jordan, unanimously carried, to agree to the terms for the land donation.

-A special meeting has been scheduled with the Board of Supervisors and the Recreation Advisory Board for August 22nd. At 7:00 p.m. Meeting will be held at the township building.

- OTHER BUSINESS: None

-Mr. Knouse announced that an executive session will be held after the meeting to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

-ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Ms Leonard, second by Mr. Knouse, unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

- Respectfully submitted,
Lou Anne Bostic