

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 6, 2021

The Penn Township Public Works Committee convened on Monday, December 6, 2021, following the Public Safety Committee Meeting at 7:27 p.m. Present were Chairman Black, Commissioners Brown, Cromer, Elksnis and Heiland. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the November 1, 2021, Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Mr. Karl Maynor, 134 Moore Drive. Mr. Maynor stated he has been before the Committee previously regarding his shed that is on township property. He cannot apply for a variance, and he cannot move the shed. He stated that he had a permit for installation of the shed fifteen years ago. Chairman Black asked if he had a copy of the permit, he does not. Zoning Officer Smith and Manager Rodgers stated that there is no record of the permit. The size of the shed is approximately twelve by sixteen. There was discussion of a possible easement, and Mr. Maynor maintain the shed, until he decides to sell the property, or lease the portion of land. All costs incurred would be at the expense of Mr. Maynor. The Committee will have to seek advisement of the Township Solicitor.

Mr. Paige Wingert, resides in Manheim Township, but owns a business in Penn Township. Mr. Wingert asked the Committee to consider the installation of a dog park. Mr. Wingert spoke about the benefits and possible locations in the Township. He is willing to make a donation towards the installation. Commissioner Heiland stated that he has had some residents show interest of a dog park, but added there has been very little preliminary discussions and the Township would need to research insurance and liability. Commissioner Elksnis stated that the Community parks have a no dog restriction, and is concerned with safety and maintenance. Commissioner Brown stated there is going to have to be a lot of research in upkeep, and how it is to be funded.

REVIEW OF BROOKSIDE HEIGHTS FENCE: Attorney Chris Naylor, Kyle Gillespie, and Mickey Thompson, Burkentine Builders, were in attendance to answer any questions the Committee had regarding the proposed fence for the Brookside Heights stormwater management retaining wall/basin area for Brookside Heights. Zoning Officer Smith presented the plans with the details of the two fence options. The first being an eight to ten feet wire mesh non-climbable fence, Mr. Gillespie added the company also offers a six-foot option. The second option is a six foot solid vinyl fence. The Planning Commission favored Option two, the six foot solid vinyl fence. The Committee agreed and favors option two.

Engineer Bortner stated the he has an issue with the bond for the plan. The Township currently has bonds for Phase three and Phase four in the full amount of the bond. Last year the Township approved the reduction on Phase three and in September reduced Phase four. He stated Phase four is not a concern, but would like the Phase three bond to remain at the full amount. Manager Rodgers asked if we could reverse the reduction, and send a letter stating the installation of the full bond amount of \$1,170,250.68. Mr. Gillespie stated that will not be a problem. The Committee made a favorable recommendation for approval for the plan with the fence and bond issues being addressed.

RIDGE AVENUE AND WILSON AVENUE BRIDGE GUIDE RAIL PROJECT: Engineer Bortner reported that bids were opened for the guide rail project and there was only one bid received. The bid price was twenty-two percent above the engineers estimate. C.S. Davidson checked with the lone bidder and found that the cost increase was due to a PennDOT requirement that was not factored into the estimate. The bid price is under what is budgeted. The Committee recommended approving the bid.

REVIEW OF CURRENT SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Engineer Bortner gave the committee a review of the current Subdivision and Land Development Plans. Current Plans are:

- SL17-10 – Mustang Pointe
- SL20-09 – Pero Farms Hanover Facility LLC
- SL20-10 – Aquaphoenix Scientific Building Addition
- SL21-01 – Clover Lane Development (Stonewicke V)
- SL21-05 – Elsner Engineering Works
- SL21-07 – Stonewicke – Phase III
- SL21-09 – Porter and Warehime Property, BPR LLC
- SL21-11 – Brookside, LLC & Meadow Springs, LLC
- SL21-12 – Above & Beyond Christian Child Care Center

The Committee thanked Engineer Bortner.

AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE REGARDING RETAINING WALLS: Manager Rodgers presented the Committee the amendment to Ordinance 843, eliminating the use of retaining walls in retention ponds. The Committee recommended adopting the amendment.

MS4 UPDATE: Manager Rodgers reported drafts for MCM 1,2,3 and 6 have been received for review and should be ready for approval in January.

EXTENSION REQUESTS: Zoning Officer Smith submitted extension requests for SL20-09-Pero Farms Hanover Facility LLC, SL20-10-AquaPhoenix Scientific Building Addition, SL21-07-Stonewicke-Phase III, SL21-09-Porter and Warehime Property and SL21-11 Brookside, LLC & Meadow Springs LLC. The Committee recommended approving the requests.

UPDATE OF 4 SCOTT STREET: Zoning Officer Smith reported the property is listed for Sheriff's Sale on February 7, 2022. There was a police report on November 28, while he does not know what the report was for, the Police Lieutenant reported that there was trash and garbage in the carport, and an odor coming from the house.

RECREATION-CREATIVE PLAYGROUND: Manager Rodgers reported they have a meeting with JMT on Wednesday to go over the Community Park Playground award, with George Ely Associates about ordering equipment, and labor issues. Commissioners Heiland and Elksnis will also be in attendance.

Chairman Black stated that he had attended the Hanover Trolley Trail Operating Committee quarterly meeting. They thanked Penn Township for opening event. There will be an event on April 30, 2022, a Walk for Water from Moul Avenue to Gitts Run Road. They will be moving forward with expanding the trail from Spring Grove towards York. There is an Open House on December 8, 2021 from 7-9 p.m. and the Commissioners are invited to attend.

OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Brown reported he noticed work trucks by Park Heights Boulevard Bridge. Engineer Bortner reported that C.S. Davidson has been moving forward with the work on the Park Heights Boulevard culvert replacement project.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,  
Township Secretary