

West Earl Township Board of Supervisors, 157 West Metzler Road, Brownstown, PA 17508

In Attendance:

Chairman: Harold Keppley, Jr.  
Vice Chairman: John Ford  
Member: Dale Wissler

Member: Richard Stover  
Member: Russell Ressler, Jr  
Secretary/Manager: Patrick Barrett

Call to Order

Chairman Keppley called the March 22, 2010, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Guests

**Amanda Hickle, Lancaster Farmland Trust** – Ms. Hickle was at the meeting to obtain the Board's permission to use Township roads during their annual Pedal to Preserve bike ride. The ride will take place on Saturday, June 5, 2010 which is the same day of the Firemen's Association parade in Bareville. Ms. Hickle explained that she spoke to a representative from the Bareville Fire Company and is confident that the riders will be through the Township before the Parade begins. She expects the riders to be through the Township by 9:30 a.m. and the parade starts at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Hickle will provide the Township with an insurance certificate and will notify Chief Brandt of the ride. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Vice Chairman Ford to approve the Pedal to Preserve bike ride. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Ford noted several changes. Under the compost site heading, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet point, gate and gating was misspelled several times. Under the Supervisors' Comments heading, Chairman Keppley's comments, **Senator** Boyd should be changed to **Representative** Boyd. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Ressler to approve the March 8, 2010 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion approved unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development

**Anglesea Subdivision** – consideration of financial security reduction no. 11. Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Wissler to reduce the financial security for the Anglesea Subdivision to \$917,298.00 as recommended by Rettew. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

**Resolution No. 2010-15** – recognizing Jonas G. Reiff for his service as a Township employee. Moved by Member Stover, second by Vice Chairman Ford to adopt Resolution No. 2010-15. Motion approved unanimously.

**Ordinance No. 211** – cable franchise agreement between West Earl Township and Blue Ridge Communications. The Board discussed the agreement and would like some additional information. Mr. Barrett will contact the solicitor, Jerene Zimmerman, and get back to the Board. A decision to advertise this Ordinance was tabled.

**Trash exemption application** – from John B. Beiler, 161 Rose Hill Road. The Board reviewed the application. Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Wissler to deny the application for exemption from using a trash hauler due to the application being incomplete. Motion approved unanimously.

**Eagleview Estates recreation area dedication** – Mr. Barrett explained that he spoke to a representative from the HOA for Eagleview Estates. He said that the HOA is aware that they are responsible for the lot where the gas tank is currently sitting. The Board does not want to take ownership of the lot where the tank is located due to liability issues but believes that the lot should be included in the recreation area once the tank is removed. Mr. Barrett asked the Board if there were ready to take dedication of the recreation lot area and if so, he will notify Josele Cleary to she can begin the process of a title search, etc. The Board discussed the plans for the recreation area and some concerns with the other two lots. The Board would like some additional information before making a decision. Mr. Barrett will contact Josele Cleary and report back to the Board.

Public Works Director's Report

Mr. Barrett mentioned the DEP permit for the compost site. He said he spoke to DEP and learned that if the area at the compost site is under 5 acres then a permit is not needed. However, if the Township decided to try and pursue additional land from the farmer that lives next to the compost site, and the area would be larger than 5 acres, a permit for the site would be needed. Chairman Keppley said that gaining an acre from the farmer next door could make a big difference in the amount of material the site is able to handle.

In addition to his written report, Mr. Houser provided the following information.

- **Compost site drawing** – Mr. Houser provided a drawing of his ideas for the compost site and gating system. Mr. Houser pointed out the turn-around area which could be used if someone's access card does not work. He said that it should be a large enough area for a tractor trailer to turn around but he will test it to make sure. Mr. Houser also pointed out the placement of the entrance and exit areas.
- **Public sewer at the park in Talmage** – Mr. Houser asked the Board if they could request that the Sewer Authority waive the tapping fee and monthly user fees for the public sewer that will be connected in the park. The Board agreed to submit a written request to the Sewer Authority. Moved by Member Stover, second by Chairman Keppley to submit a written request to the West Earl Sewer Authority. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Ressler & Mateer request** – Mr. Houser received a request from Ressler & Mateer. Ressler & Mateer will be doing lots of sewer hook-ups in Talmage and would like to stockpile some stone at the Stone Quarry Park. No more than one load will be there at a time and the stone will only be stored for about a month. Moved by Member Stover, second by Vice Chairman Ford to allow only Ressler & Mateer to stockpile stone at the Stone Quarry Park. Chairman Keppley-yes, Member Wissler-yes, Member Ressler-abstain. Motion approved with a 4 to 0 vote.
- **1992 Chevy Pick-up** – Mr. Houser explained that he has been trying to keep the Township's 1992 Chevy Pick-up truck inspected in order to sell it. It will now take between \$1,200 and \$1,600 to get the truck to pass inspection. Mr. Houser asked the Board what should be done with the truck. Mr. Barrett said that the truck can't be sold unless it is inspected or it could be sold as-is but the sale would still have to be advertised.

Manager's Report

- **Financial security release** – Farmersville Road project. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Vice Chairman Ford to release the financial security in the amount of \$3,223.00 and waive the requirement for an as-built plan. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Retirement party for Jonas Reiff** will be on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- **Email from Ed Hinkle** – Mr. Barrett received an email from Ed Hinkle. Upper Leacock and East Lampeter Townships are going to begin working on their joint official map. Mr. Hinkle said that the engineering costs for the map would be about \$10,000 per Township. Member Stover said he doesn't see the value in pursuing this. Vice Chairman Ford said that this cost was not in the budget for this year. The Board agreed not to pursue a joint official map.
- **Boy Scouts** - The Boy Scouts have requested a donation of mulch for a project they will be working on. The Board is in favor of donating mulch for the project.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Member Stover, second by Chairman Keppley to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Supervisors' Comments

**Richard Stover** – Member Stover asked when the meeting with Craig Underwood and Randy Maurer would be. Mr. Barrett will find out and let the Board know. Member Stover reviewed the most recent bill from the Zoning Hearing Board's solicitor. He asked what could be done about the very high bill. Mr. Barrett will take a closer look at the bill. Chairman Keppley said that the details about the bill should be shared with the Zoning Hearing Board members and that they may not be aware of all the charges for phone calls, etc. Mr. Barrett will talk to Tom Zorbaugh about it.

**John Ford** – Vice Chairman Ford asked how frequently the Police submit their reports. Discussion followed relating to the frequency of the reports, when the Board receives the reports and how often the Chief of Police attends the meetings.

**Harold Keppley** – Chairman Keppley spoke about some concerns he has about the Schaum's Corner intersection and the traffic light. Chairman Keppley also mentioned that Brian Kauffman will be meeting with Jerry Ingham on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Heckman's property. He believes that a Board member should be there. Chairman Keppley asked the Board if they've given any thought to scheduling a compost site workshop to finalize ideas that were discussed at the last meeting. The Board decided to have the compost workshop on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at noon. Mr. Barrett will advertise the meeting.

#### Adjournment

Moved by Vice Chairman Ford, second by Member Stover to adjourn the March 22, 2010 regular meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion approved unanimously. 🗳️

