

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

**In Attendance:**

Vice Chairman:	John Ford	Member:	Richard Stover
Member:	Dale Wissler	Secretary/Manager:	Patrick Barrett
Member:	Russell Ressler, Jr		

Chairman Keppley was absent.

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Ford called the May 24, 2010, Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment/Guests

**Burnell Burkholder** – Mr. Burkholder asked for the Board’s approval to close the street for the West Earl Heights block party. The block party will be held on June 19 in the Grebill Court cul-de-sac. Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Wissler to approve the road closure. Motion approved unanimously.

**Mike Wagner, US Commercial Realty** – Lancaster County Bible Church (LCBC) is considering purchasing an 18.1-acre property in West Earl Township which is located off of Pleasant Valley Road near Route 222. The Church would like to build a church branch on the property which is currently zoned C-2. Mr. Wagner presented an overview of the Church’s plan and asked for the Board’s thoughts to see if the project is worth pursuing. The Church has several branches throughout Lancaster and neighboring Counties. The proposed church building would be approximately 30,000 square feet and seat about 500 people. Vice Chairman Ford expressed concern about changing the zoning of the property to allow for church use. The property was recently re-zoned to the C-2. The Board members agreed that they would like to hear from the Planning Commission before making any decision on the matter. Mr. Wagner will attend the next Planning Commission meeting to present the proposed plans for the Church.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Ford noted one addition to the May 10, 2010 meeting minutes. The Board entered executive session to **discuss a personnel matter**. Moved by Member Ressler, second by Member Wissler to approve the May 10, 2010 meeting minutes as corrected. Member Stover abstained because he was absent from the May 10 meeting. Motion approved with a 3-0 vote.

Subdivision/Land Development

**Lift, Inc., 4122 Oregon Pike** – Land development and storm water waiver requests. Sidney Kime from David Miller/Associates presented an overview of the project. Mr. Kime explained that the impervious surface area would not be increased and the storm water basin will not be changed. Lift, Inc. will provide the required financial security for the project. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Stover to approve the waiver of the land development plan process. Motion approved unanimously. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Ressler to approve the emergency spillway waiver as recommended by Rettew. Motion approved unanimously.

**Abner & Miriam Zook Subdivision Plan** – 90% of this property is located in Upper Leacock Township. Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Ressler to defer the review process for this subdivision plan to Upper Leacock Township. Motion approved unanimously.

Old Business

**Ordinance No. 212** – revising the West Earl Township police pension fund in accordance with Act 51 of 2009. The Ordinance has been advertised. Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Ressler to adopt Ordinance No. 212. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Works Director’s Report

- Mr. Houser explained that he received a letter from a resident on Dogwood Drive in Akron. The resident would like the Board’s approval to install a “slow, children at play” sign on Dogwood Drive. Mr. Houser said that he believes the unsafe conditions on the street could be a speed limit posting issue. There are no speed

limit signs posted on that street. Vice Chairman Ford believes that a “slow, children at play” sign wouldn’t help the situation, but a speed limit sign might. The Board agreed that posting a speed limit sign makes sense. The Board would like Chief Brandt to look into the situation and report back at the next meeting.

- The paperwork the Township submitted for some financial assistance from FEMA to help cover the costs during several winter storms this year is in order. Mr. Houser is waiting for the funds to be distributed by FEMA.
- Member Wissler mentioned the intersection at Diamond Station Road and Farmersville Road in Ephrata. He said that there is a pole that is causing a blind spot at the intersection. Mr. Houser will talk to PPL about the pole.
- Mr. Houser reported that the no-parking signs on Locust Street have been posted and bagged. He is concerned about the increased speeds he is noticing on Locust Street since there are no cars parking there any longer. He believes the speed limit should be reduced from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. Mr. Houser will talk to the Police Chief about the situation. The no-parking signs will be uncovered on June 1.
- Member Ressler asked what was done to Brian Drive. Mr. Houser explained that Brian Drive and Dane Drive were swept and then seal coated by laying down stone and then acrylic oil over the top. Mr. Houser said that it’s just like oil and chip except for the different type of oil that was used and is something new that the Township is trying.

#### Manager’s Report

- The Township received a Thank-you card from the Veterans organization for the \$100 donation.
- The restroom project at the park is over budget. The Township budgeted \$45,000 and the project will come in at \$50,000 to \$52,000.
- The West Earl Sewer Authority has requested the Board’s approval to send connection notices to the residents in the Talmage sewer project area. Moved by Member Wissler, second by Vice Chairman Ford to send connection notices for the Talmage sewer project. Motion approved unanimously.
- Mr. Barrett took a look at the County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Farmersville bridge is scheduled to be replaced in 2016. Vice Chairman Ford asked if the Township would have any input. Mr. Barrett didn’t know. Member Stover expressed concern because it is a historical area. Mr. Barrett will do some more research.

#### Payment of Bills

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

#### Supervisors’ Comments

**Richard Stover** – Member Stover thanked Mr. Barrett for sending a notice to the people who have been dumping garbage at the edge of the Conestoga Creek.

The Board entered executive session at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

#### Adjournment

Moved by Member Wissler, second by Member Ressler to adjourn the May 24, 2010 regular meeting at 9:07 p.m.