

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

In Attendance:

Vice Chairman:	Butch Keppley	Member:	Dave Thornton
Member:	Richard Stover	Township Manager:	Candie Johnson
Member:	Keith Kauffman	Police Chief:	Brian Brandt

Chairman John Ford was absent.

Call to Order

Vice Chairman Keppley called the April 9, 2018 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Stover to approve the March 26, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment/Guests

Blaine Pennypacker, 23 Vanderbilt Drive – Mr. Pennypacker said he paid his trash bill for the year in September 2017 and noticed the rate was increased in January 2018. Mr. Pennypacker asked why he's being charged the increased rate when he paid for the year. Ms. Johnson said she will look into the matter and get back to Mr. Pennypacker. Mr. Pennypacker then asked about brake retarders. Chief Brandt said he will be discussing this later in the meeting. Lastly, Mr. Pennypacker said he's noticed lots of bumps on Locust Street. Ms. Johnson said she will check into it.

New Business

1. **Scott Monger subdivision plan waivers**

- Moved by Member Thornton, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to approve a waiver of preliminary plan regulations. Motion approved unanimously.
- Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Stover to defer sidewalk requirements and retain financial security for the installation of sidewalks for the Scott Monger plan. Motion approved unanimously.
- Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Thornton to defer curbing requirements. Motion approved unanimously.
- Moved by Member Thornton, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to grant conditional plan approval for the Scott Monger Plan contingent upon all items in the March 15, 2018 Becker review letter being addressed. Motion approved unanimously.

Discussed briefly the small site stormwater plan requirements.

2. **Earl Shirk Agreements & Financial Security** – The signed agreements and financial security were not available for consideration at this meeting.
3. **Nathan Martin Stormwater Agreement & Financial Security** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Stover to sign the Nathan Martin stormwater management agreement. Motion approved unanimously. Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Thornton to accept the financial security for the Nathan Martin project. Motion approved unanimously.
4. **90-day extension request for Bobby Rahal Plan** – Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Kauffman to accept the 90-day extension for the Bobby Rahal Plan. Motion approved unanimously.

5. **90-day extension for Stone Barn Development** – Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Thornton to accept the 90-day extension for the Stone Barn Development project. Kauffman-yes, Thornton-yes, Keppley-yes, Stover-no. Motion passed with a 3 to 1 vote.
6. **90-day extension for the MM Weaver Plan** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Stover to accept the 90-day extension for the MM Weaver Plan. Motion approved unanimously.
7. **Kyleigh Fineberg request** – Kyleigh Fineberg, a student from Brownstown Elementary School, would like to place a free little library at the Lions' Park. Kyleigh and her parents will do all the work and take care of the little library. All Board members are in favor of Kyleigh's request. Moved by Member Stover, second by Member Thornton to allow a free little library to be placed in the Lions' Park by Kyleigh Fineberg and her parents. Motion approved unanimously.
8. **Seal coat bids with COG** – Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Stover to award the seal coat bid to Martin Paving for \$60,032.07. Motion approved unanimously.
9. **Line painting bids with COG** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to award the line painting bid to A-1 Traffic Control for \$81,928.31. Motion approved unanimously.
10. **On-lot Sewage Maintenance Agreement for Earl Shirk** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Stover to sign the On-lot Sewage Maintenance Agreement for Earl Shirk. Motion approved unanimously.

Manager's Report

- **Compost site** – Ms. Johnson showed the Board a digging iron that had gone through the grinder at the compost. She said that Jerry was using the grinder when the digging iron went through and nearly hit him. The Board discussed putting items like this on display so residents can see what happens when a large metal item like this ends up in the grinder.
- **Mulch at the compost site** – Ms. Johnson said there is an abundance of mulch at the compost site. Ms. Johnson proposes using Township equipment and staff to load the mulch for residents. She said the residents would have to sign a waiver. The Board members are in favor of this.
- **Road Department working hours** – Ms. Johnson and the Roadmaster are proposing a change in work hours for the road department. Proposed are four, 10-hour work days and a ½ day on Fridays to start and then Fridays off. Vice Chairman Keppley said he's not in favor of everyone in the road department having Fridays off and suggested staggering the days off. Ms. Johnson will work on it to see what she can come up with and will bring the proposal back to the Board.
- **Farmersville Bridge project** – The project is set to begin on Monday, April 16th.
- **Adopt-a-Drain program** – Sara Service, Stormwater Coordinator, presented an overview of the proposed, Adopt-a-Drain program. The Township will solicit volunteers from the community to help keep storm drains near their homes free from debris and yard waste. Ms. Service said she would work with the Township's attorney to develop an agreement for the volunteers to sign. The Board members are in favor of starting an Adopt-a-Drain program.

Police Chief's Report

- **Brake retarders** – Chief Brandt cited a 2005 study done by PennDot which outlined when and where brake retarders can be prohibited, one of the areas being on 772 up to School Lane Avenue. They cannot be prohibited along Route 222 however. The Chief also said he cannot find an ordinance that was adopted which would allow the Township to enforce the brake retarder prohibition sign. Chief Brandt will do some research and put an ordinance together for the attorney to review.
- **Creek Hill Parking** – Chief Brandt spoke to the realtor for Creek Hill. The realtor has contacted the HOA for the development and they plan to send letters to the residents about the parking issue.
- **Quick tickets for Code Enforcement** – Chief Brandt will be talking to Columbia Borough about how they issue quick tickets for code enforcement violations. He will have information for the Board at the next meeting.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Thornton to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Stover to accept the February Treasurer's report. Motion approved unanimously.

Supervisors' Comments

None

Adjournment

Moved by Member Thornton, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to adjourn the April 9, 2018 regular meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.