

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

May 6, 2019 7:00 PM

Attendance: Chairman, John Jacobs; Vice Chairman, Mike Schneider; Member Bernie Couris; Erica Batdorf, Township Manager; Kathryn Shillenn, Township Secretary

Mr. Jacobs announced that an Executive Session regarding personnel issues was held before the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the minutes of April 15, 2019; second by Mr. Couris.

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane stated that she just noticed in the minutes under Tim Kanavy's Resolution of Approval that it was mentioned that there were no questions or comments before the approval, but Mr. Kanavy did question his engineering bills; Ms. Shick feels this should be noted in the minutes.

Ms. Batdorf stated that it was mentioned in the minutes and that she is working with Mr. Kanavy to go through the bills. Ms. Shick would like to know if this will be shared at the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

There being no further comments or questions on the minutes, *Motion carries unanimously.*

REPORTS:

Manager's Report: Ms. Batdorf read her report, which was acknowledged as received. There are quite a few activities coming up in the township, i.e. a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on May 18th from 9 am to 3 pm at Owen J. Roberts Middle School and the Community Garden is still open for registrations. The Environmental Advisory Council and the Audubon Society are co-sponsoring a Designing with Natives Backyard Design Workshop which will be held Saturday, May 11th from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at the Township Building and will be free to the public. The 2nd Annual Festival in the Park will be held June 8th at Evans Park with a 5K race kicking off the Festival. French and Pickering Creeks Trust conducted a clean-up at the Weatherstone Open Space on April 27th and the Park and Rec Commission is seeking volunteers to serve as trail ambassadors and begin clearing trails at Bryn Coed Township Park. Also, Natural Lands held an opening day celebration of the Bryn Coed Preserve on May 5th. Ms. Batdorf also attended a Chester County Township Manager Planning Symposium held at the West Goshen Township building on May 2nd. The Open Space Review Board has been working on mapping the Township's protected open space and it is projected that 40% of West Vincent Township land is preserved at this time. Ms. Batdorf also read reports for the Building & Zoning Department, Finance Department and the Public Works Department.

Bills List:

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the Bills List, dated May 6, 2019, in the amount of \$130,789.99; second by Mr. Couris.

Art Ewell, 972 Fellowship Road questioned why there is Comcast and not Verizon in the garage since the township building has Verizon.

There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Batdorf reviewed the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report is posted on the Township website. Ms. Batdorf stated that the finances for the quarter for the township are in line with the Real Estate Tax. We are still monitoring the EIT. The Building Department and Public Safety income falls in line with permits. We are on track right now with the Budget. The General Fund is in line for the first three months and all of the funds are earning good interest at this point. Mr. Jacobs asked how much the township expects to spend on road improvements. Ms. Batdorf stated about \$1,000,000. Mr. Schneider asked why the interest is so high under the monthly budget amount in the Capital Fund.

Announcements: Ms. Batdorf introduced Reggie Roy, the new Road Master for the Township.

Correspondence: None

Presentation: None

Subdivision/Land Development:

Request for Escrow Reduction - Toll Brothers Sunderland Avenue Extension Project -
MOTION by Mr. Schneider to Authorize the Reduction of Bond #BP00575790091 for Toll Brothers - Sunderland Avenue Release No. 1 in the amount of \$441,929.16 for site improvements; second by Mr. Couris.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked what part of the project is completed at this point. Ms. Batdorf stated that would be the site improvements. The actual road paving should take place in about a month.

There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Request for Subdivision Extension - 16 Years LLC - **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to Approve the Subdivision Extension Request for Sixteen Years, LLC until June 30, 2019; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously*

Old Business: None

New Business:

Request to Reduce the Required Yard Setback for an Agricultural Building - 1411 Hilltop Road, Eric and Shelly Rahe - **MOTION** by Mr. Schneider to Approve the Reduction of the Required 100' Yard Setback for an Agricultural Building - 1411 Hilltop Road; second by Mr. Couris.

Mr. Rahe discussed this request, which pertains to Section 2220 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked why this wasn't routed through the Planning Commission. Ms. Batdorf stated that in the Zoning Ordinance it is at the discretion of the Board. There being no further comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Request for Donation for French & Pickering Trust Iron Tour - June 9, 2019 - MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve a \$1,000 Donation for the French & Pickering Trust Iron Tour on June 9, 2019; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no comments or questions, *Motion carries 2-1, with Mr. Schneider voting no.*

Resolution to Appoint Zoning Hearing Board Alternates - MOTION by Mr. Couris to appoint John Sullivan as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate to fill an unexpired term ending 12/31/19 and Chelsea Fitzpatrick Bellay as a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate to fill an unexpired term ending 12/31/20; second by Mr. Schneider.

There being no comments or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road stated that he lives on the dirt road portion of Hilltop Road and he feels it is in better condition than it's ever been; also feels part of Jaine Lane is in better condition.

Maria Jacobs stated that at Parks and Rec they talked about asking for two 4x4's to put up at the corner of Saint Matthews Road and Route 401 to string up temporary banners to advertise events happening in the township. The Festival in the Park is about a month away, everyone is invited to attend.

Ramray Saikam, Creekside Community stated that he would like to thank Erica for bringing together the School Board and Toll Brothers to discuss the Sunderland Avenue School Bus issue. Also, summer is coming he has to spend \$65.00 a day for summer camp for his children. Other townships offer summer camp for kids; this would be a huge savings for parents of hundreds of families. He wanted to share this with the township supervisors to see if there is something we can do.

Harriet Stone, Birchrun Road stated that this Sunday afternoon from 2 pm to 4 pm there will be an open house at the Green Valleys Headquarters. Everyone is welcome to come.

There being no further discussion, the MOTION to adjourn was brought forward by Mr. Schneider; second by Mr. Couris. *Motion carries unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Shillenn
Township Secretary