

West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 9, 2014 7:30 PM

Attendance: Chairman Kenneth Miller, Jr., Vice Chairman David Brown, John Jacobs, Steven Siana of Siana, Bellwoar & McAndrew, LLP, Township Solicitor, Township Manager James Wendelgass, and Township Secretary Tammy Swavely.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

A number of residents made comments on items not on the agenda.

The minutes of **May 27, 2014** were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jacobs and a second by Mr. Brown. The minutes of **May 29, 2014** were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Jacobs and a second by Mr. Brown.

Reports (full copies are attached):

Township Manager Report: The Township Manager Report for the period ending 6/9/2014 was acknowledged as submitted.

Road Master Report: Mr. Miller read the attached Road Master Report for the month of May which was acknowledged as received.

Active Subdivision List: There are no pending deadlines.

Bills List: Mr. Brown made the motion to approve the Bills List dated 6/9/14 in the total amount of \$98,907.94. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. The Board answered some questions and the motion carried unanimously with Mr. Miller recusing himself from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Correspondence:

A request was received from Brady Flaharty, Rebel Soccer, to use the soccer field Monday and Wednesday evenings from August 27-November 5. The Park and Recreation Commission have recommended this for approval. Mr. Jacobs made the motion to approve the field use. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

A request was received from Linda Scheuerman to use the gazebo and park on July 13, 2014 from Noon-8:00 PM for a graduation party. Mr. Brown made the motion to permit the same. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. Mr. Brown voted yes, Mr. Jacobs voted yes, Mr. Miller voted no stating his reason was that she was not a resident.

Information about Keep Farming First on June 19 was shared. This is at the Octorara Middle School from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

Information on the Camphill Kimberton Village Hootenanny was shared. This is a public event on June 21st from 2:00 PM – 9:00 PM.

An email was received dated May 28th from Zoe Perkins, West Vincent Land Trust, asking for the resident list for a fund raising letter. Mr. Wendelgass stated that in the past the Board has declined requests for the Township mailing list. Since this organization has a relationship to the Township, the Board may consider it. Another alternative would be for the Township to do the mailing for them, this would avoid having to give out the list. Mr. Siana stated that the Board was focusing on the relationship with the land trust and needs to consider if they do it for one non-profit, they will need to do it for all. He suggested that the Board develop a policy to handle this type of situation. The same goes for the gazebo use which would be helpful in deciding if a person should be permitted to use the park. The Board will consider this and tabled the issue until the next meeting.

Information was shared about a pipeline meeting at the West Pikeland Township building on June 19th at 6:30 PM.

A request was received from Kimberly Coburn to use the gazebo on June 20, 2014 from 4:00 PM -7:00 PM for a birthday party. Mr. Brown voted yes, Mr. Jacobs voted yes, Mr. Miller voted no stating his reason was that she was not a resident. Mr. Miller would like a policy addressing park/gazebo use.

Subdivision/Land Development

Stonecroft: There is a problem with the aerators at the sewer plant. John Bachich, the developer, has had them rebuilt but prior to dedication he would like to replace them with a new style with a new warranty. Mr. Bachich would like to use the Capital Reserve to purchase the aerators. Carroll Engineering feels that this would be acceptable for the Township. The Board would like a detailed cost analysis from Mr. Bachich before it makes a decision.

Old Business:

Stormwater Ordinance: Mr. Jacobs made the motion to advertise Ordinance 160-2014 to prepare for adoption. Mr. Brown seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Wi-Fi: The meeting room has had a router installed for those using the room. The password is wvt19425.

New Business:

Sidewalk to Elementary School: The Board desires to construct a sidewalk from the elementary school to the traffic signal at Lexington Blvd. and Route 401. This is for the safety of children crossing from Weatherstone to the school and back. This also includes when the children go to

the library at the corner. Mr. Brown made the motion that the Board authorize Township staff and consultants to prepare a plan, an ordinance and advertisement for the sidewalk. Mr. Jacobs seconded the motion. Mr. Miller stated that an estimate of probable costs would be approximately \$80,000. Mr. Jacobs asked if the Township would have to pay all the costs. He was informed that the property owner would be liable for 25% of the assessed value of his property. This would be about \$12,000-\$15,000. In the winter, the landowner is responsible for maintaining the sidewalk. A Penn Dot permit must be obtained to do this work which takes about three (3) months. Mr. Jacobs was troubled that the landowner would be charged, but understands that if the landowner would develop the property they would be responsible for all of the costs. Mr. Brown stated that this is a matter of public safety and needs to be completed for our children's sake. **Michael Schneider, 230 Trego Road** wanted to know if there was a demand for the sidewalk. He feels that it is a lot of money for the use that it would get. He wanted to know if there was a calculation on how many children cross versus cost. He questioned that if children that cross the street to get to the Sunoco, would a sidewalk be installed there. **James McQuillan, 494 Fairmont Drive**, came to the Board meeting with several neighbors to encourage the Board to move this forward for the safety of the children in Weatherstone because there is a need. The library parking lot is also used for activities which parents then cross over to the school. This happens several times a year. There is a demand to have a walkable school. Mr. Siana stated that the ability to access a sidewalk at a signal is the issue and it is a dangerous situation. This will encourage crossing at the signal and is not a function of how many use it, but the safety of the children. Having a school at without a sidewalk crossing increases the risk and a sidewalk at the Sunoco does not pertain to this issue. **Frances Ellis, 2823 Flowing Springs Road** feels that the landowner should not have to do winter maintenance on the sidewalk. Mr. Miller asked the Weatherstone residents present if they had to maintain their sidewalk, and they responded yes. **Kit Trollier, 16 Hunt Hill Road** asked what area would be subject to the ordinance. Mr. Miller wants it to be in the Ludwig's Corner Area. **Sue Miller, 2573 Horseshoe Trail** asked if this has been planned for a while. The Board informed her that it was. Mrs. Miller continued by saying that the Board did not just decide arbitrarily to build a sidewalk. This developed out of a need for a walkable community and this type of thing happens all over America every day. Mr. Miller called for a vote and it carried unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Application: A new Zoning Hearing Application from **Joseph & Jennifer Spadaford, 2948 Horseshoe Trail** was received for special exception to increase a nonconforming building, to permit accessory structures within the front yard setback and to permit structures and disturbance within the stream buffer. This is for the Boards information only, no hearing date has been set.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Swavely
Township Secretary