

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

April 1, 2019 7:00 PM

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

Chairman Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the minutes of March 18, 2019; second by Mr. Couris.

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

REPORTS:

Manager's Report: Ms. Batdorf read her report. Updated materials for the Phoenixville Comprehensive Plan process will continue to be posted and are available on the township website. The Township is communicating with PennDOT regarding pothole issues. The Southeastern PA Regional Hazardous Waste Schedule is now available. The flyers are posted in the township building and will be available on the township website. The Community Garden is now open for registrations and forms are on the website and the second annual Festival in the Park Event will take place on Saturday, June 8th. We are looking for sponsors to support all the programs. Also, Green Valleys offered to conduct a volunteer clean-up of township open space around Griffith Farm and the Horseshoe Trail property across the street on Route 100. They have also in the past planted trees. This will be held on April 11th with a rain date on April 12th. Sunderland Avenue construction is underway and the WaWa construction has begun. The 2019 DCED Audit is complete with a clean opinion. There will be a presentation of the audit in May. Other items noted were a meeting with DiRocco to finish out Flint Road and coordinating the completion of surveys and bid documents associated with the 2019 Road program. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on April 9th at 7 pm regarding 670 Birchrun Road.

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane asked if there was a recommendation from the Historic Commission on the special exception request for the Zoning Hearing Board regarding 670 Birchrun Road. Will the township be represented by counsel at the Zoning Hearing Board?

Chris Carroll asked if this will be basically a rental property or are they looking to create a condo association and subdivide it.

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane stated that Scott Risbon mentioned that he would flip the barn property and he would maintain the house as a rental property.

Bills List:

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the Bills List, dated April 1, 2019, in the amount of \$99,404.83; second by Mr. Couris.

There being no comments or questions on the bills list, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Batdorf stated that staff is trying to understand and hear resident's responses and comments on providing information and asks that everyone bear with us. The staff always tries to put forth information that is helpful to the residents to understand the township's performance indicators. Ms. Batdorf reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

John Eldridge, 1634 Hilltop Road stated that the report is getting nicer. Commented that the first page says 2/18; is that a new tactic? On the next page it goes against budget. There was a comment on different funds, but no net income. Thinks there should be a total on all the lines. Mr. Eldridge also commented that at the last meeting Ms. Batdorf commented that the budget was distributed evenly throughout the year; he suggests the budget follow what is known.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road complimented Ms. Batdorf on the Treasurer's Report. There is much more detail and color than in previous years. Mr. Curry would like to compliment Mr. Eldridge as well for his suggestions.

George Dulchinos, 1415 Hollow Road noted Mr. Eldridge's comment about making it look good for comparison; Mr. Dulchinos thinks that last year's year-to-date and this year's year to date will get you into that ballpark. What is the percentage of year to date revenue?

Announcements: None

Correspondence: None

Presentation:

Chris Carroll - Anti-Discrimination Ordinance and Vaccines - Mr. Carroll spoke about his request that the township adopt an anti-discrimination ordinance and also the importance of requiring residents to be vaccinated. A lengthy discussion on these issues ensued, with comments from a number of residents.

Subdivision/Land Development:

Natural Lands Parking Lot Land Development - Request for Escrow Release - MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the Escrow Release in the amount of \$117,660.00 to Natural Lands Trust, Inc. for 1805 Flint Road; second by Mr. Couris.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road asked Mr. Sundermier of Natural Lands if there is a date for the opening of the Natural Lands Preserve.

Chris Peeples, Kimberton Road commented that he drove past the area last week and there was the beginnings of a soccer game and the parking lot was full. He loves what Natural Lands did on Flint Road; he also feels that in tearing down the barn, the township will find themselves in a hole; up where the barn is located, there's plenty of room for the township to expand.

Looking at this township building everything is jammed in.

Pieter Ouwerkerk, 11 Springlea Lane asked when the township is going to open up the Bryn Coed Park.

There being no other comment or questions, *Motion carries unanimously.*

Subdivision Extension Request - 1830 Saint Matthews Road, Amanda Maxwell - MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the Subdivision Extension Request for 1830 Saint Matthews Road; second by Mr. Couris.

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

Old Business:

Stefanie Williams, 2898 Flowing Springs Road, Request for Relief from Driveway

Requirement, Section 2201.E.8.C – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to approve the Request for Relief from the Driveway Requirement, Section 2201.E.8.C, for 2898 Flowing Springs Road, with conditions that the driveway meet ordinance requirements and the location remains in the general vicinity of the proposed location as presented; second by Mr. Couris.

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

New Business:

Accept Resignation of Frances Ellis as Vacancy Chair – MOTION by Mr. Schneider to accept the resignation of Frances Ellis as Vacancy Chair; second by Mr. Couris. There being no questions or comments, *Motion carries unanimously.*

MOTION by Mr. Schneider to appoint Bob Ellis as Vacancy Chair; second by Mr. Jacobs

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane stated that when she saw this listed on the agenda she thought that maybe you would be looking for a volunteer to be appointed.

There being no other comments or questions, *Motion carries 2-0-1, with Mr. Couris abstaining.*

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Maria Jacobs asked Mr. Couris why he abstained. Mr. Couris stated that he was left out of the discussion of the decision making process; he agrees with Ms. Shick that it should be put out to the general public. Mrs. Jacobs stated that she understood that the Vacancy Board is not something you call for volunteers for, it's not a commission, it's an appointment.

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane stated that she would like to verify that Mr. Couris was not involved in making this decision. Was this decision made in executive session and Mr. Couris was not present?

Chris Peeples, Kimberton Road stated that he lives on Kimberton Road and the state put in a section called New Kimberton Road. This causes confusion with people trying to find his place. He thinks Kimberton Road should be distinguished from Route 113. He feels Kimberton Road should be changed to Old Kimberton Road.

Brian Curry, 512 Blackhorse Road stated that he thinks there are certain state standards for signage. It's not as simple to change a road name as people think it is.

Chris Peeples, Kimberton Road stated that his road has never been repaved. It is now sort of falling apart; there is a process called hydrofracture. It's called ditching now and he thinks it will save thousands of dollars. Mr. Peeples stated that if the township wants to grade the road, he would take all the dirt from the process for his farm.

Pieter Ouwerkerk, 11 Springlea Lane supports the idea of ditching. He came from the Netherlands and had never seen a pothole.

Jim Deisinger, 1030 Linden Avenue suggested that the Board use some of the capital reserve monies from Weatherstone to pay for the permanent water installation for the Community Garden.

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 8:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathryn Shillenn
Township Secretary