

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
MONTHLY MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2015

The Regular Monthly meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Howard A. Beers, Jr. with members Vice Chairman Tina Drake and Supervisor Russell Kresge, Jr. present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and shortly thereafter Solicitor Dunn arrived.

Vice Chairman Drake moved to accept the minutes of the August 3, 2105 meeting and the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Linda Zak was recognized who asked about the sale of some property to the Nestle Corp. asking if Ross Township has anything to do with it. Chairman Beers noted that the property is located in Eldred Township, however, Ross, Eldred, Jackson, Polk and Chestnuthill Townships have a regional zoning. Ms. Zak asked if something similar could happen in Ross and it was suggested she check with the Ross Township Zoning Officer for that determination.

Randy Detrick, owner of Blue Ridge Vineyard and Winery was present in connection with some correspondence he received relative to his Land Development Plan at the Blue Ridge location and the activities at the Winery. He discussed conversations he has had with his neighbor who has complained to him about noise, voices and other activities being held at the winery. He explained to the Supervisors he allows community events at the winery and does not charge a fee indicating when held at the very latest until 10p.m.. Romantic dances are held with music. He indicated that he closes primarily at 6p.m..He noted that if he is not going to be allowed to continue offering this venue would consideration be given to allow what is scheduled to be completed rather that disappoint the groups , organizations and individuals who are anticipating their event. He discussed the size of the building and noted that the deck was discussed at the time of construction and it was noted that the building exclusive of the deck was to be 3,000 s.f.. No sales go on out on the deck but rather use for a view of the vineyard and for relaxation. After some discussion it was determined that the Alternate Zoning Officer would be the person to resolve these issues. Mr. Detrick discussed some zoning known as agro tourism which Jackson Township has and Chairman Beers noted that in the regional zoning discussions (which includes Jackson Twp.) he does not recall that terminology. Mr. Detrick noted he will research that further and get back to the Supervisors.

PLANS-NONE

OLD BUSINESS-NONE

NEW BUSINESS-A resignation letter was received from Rick Fisher as SEO. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to accept the resignation effective September 30th. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge to appoint David Manter as SEO to include 70% of fees collected and \$45.00 per hour. It was noted that he has his own liability insurance. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. ( He is to start immediately)

The fall clean-up was scheduled for October 2nd. & 3rd. which will include the County Waste Authority's

electronic pick-up also. (Fri. & Sat.)

Judy Breidinger Park Committee Chairman discussed the memorial sign for the playground and it was decided to purchase the 16x20 white and green sign from Jason Wittel at a cost of \$80.00. A motion was made by Supervisor Kresge, seconded by Vice Chairman Drake and carried. Vice Chairman Drake noted that the Ross Township Park Committee has dwindled to one person and suggested putting a blurb in the newsletter and website for interested residents who might like to volunteer for membership on the committee.

Some discussion took place concerning up and coming park programs. Bernie Kozen submitted a list of the WEPOSC events also.

ROAD FOREMAN-There was some discussion concerning the gas tank issues and Supervisor Kresge noted that he would check into some leads he may have in order to obtain a replacement.

Line striping as discussed and it was determined that we can forward as long as the proposal is lower than \$10,000.00 and cannot be done now and then come back later. After some discussion it was determined that the COG bids may be in around the 28th of Sept. and we usually do line striping with that group. The \$10,000 limit will allow three (main) roads to be done at the rate received from DBI Services. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge to do the three main roads to the limit of under \$10,000 if completed by September 28th and if not the COG bid should be accepted.

The Road Foreman discussed the sign program that was started last year and a motion was made to continue with five (5) miles which include Mountain Rd. for approximately \$1,900.00. This motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Some discussion took place concerning the guard rail installed at Tittle Rd. that needed some adjustment. It was determined to pay the previous bill in the amount of \$6,579.60 since the company agreed to make the necessary corrections for an additional \$1,485.00 in material.

CORRESPONDENCE-A letter was received from Brodhead Watershed Assn. requesting support. After some discussion it was determined to table this item until the next meeting.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to donate \$75.00 to the Friends of Cherry Valley per their request for support. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge. There was a roll call vote taken on the motion. Voting in favor was Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge. Voting against was Chairman Beers. The motion carried.

After a review of the bills to be paid a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to pay the bills in the amount of \$77,585.55. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge and carried.

Invoices were presented for the new building construction in the total amount of \$50,269.50. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Kresge. A roll call vote resulted in Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge in favor and Chairman Beers opposed. The motion carried.

At 7:55 an executive session was called to discuss a personnel matter.

The meeting resumed at 8:09 p.m. with no decisions made.

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to appoint Shawn McGlynn as Alternate Zoning Officer to work a 4 hour per week minimum at a rate of \$65.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kresge. A roll call vote was taken on the motion. Voting in favor were Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Kresge. Opposed Chairman Beers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary