ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

MEETING

JUNE 3, 2019

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ross Township Supervisors was called to order by Chairman

Howard A. Beers, Jr. Chairman. Supervisor David Shay was present. Vice Chairman Drake was

absent. Solicitor McManus was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Beers.

A review of the minutes and Treasurer’s report resulted in a motion to approve by Supervisor

Shay, seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Megan Martin was next on the agenda. Since she had not arrived yet

Chairman Beers explained she would like to have a boot camp in the grass area of the park.

She has insurance coverage and he noted that it appears as though it’s a group of ladies

gathering for an exercise class. Supervisor Shay asked if she is charging for this and Chairman

Beers said there is no charge for this but she was considering some in the future. He added

that he does not agree with charging for it. At this point, Ms. Martin arrived and Supervisor

Shay also was not in favor of charging. Ms. Martin asked if it were for charity would that be

o.k. Supervisor Shay said it would probably be better to deal with that when the time comes.

After some discussion is was decide to allow this boot camp under the conditions, at this point,

there is no charge. Ms. Martin noted she would possibly be starting in July.

Bernie Kozen, Director of the West End Park and Open Space Commission expressed appreciation

to the Township for assistance with delivery of stones to the West End Park.

George Washburn, a Township resident, was recognized who “thanked” the Township for accepting

his lawn mowing proposal for the season.

Mr. Washburn noted that a resident named Bill Oxforth should be recognized for his maintenance

of the monument along the walking trail (fallen soldier) who continually takes care of it and has

it looking so good. He added that many people he comes in contact with while mowing mention

how nice it looks so he is suggesting the Township write him a letter of appreciation.

Mr. Washburn discussed the problem of dog waste along the walking trail and the park area

created by the people who walk their dogs and don’t clean up noting how disgusting it all appears

and creates such a problem when grass cutting. He added that most of the dog walkers pick up

as they should but the few that don’t are creating this issue. He suggested having a meeting

to spur interest in having the dog walking group police themselves as a way of alleviating this situation.

Chairman Beers thought it might be a good idea. Supervisor Shay said it’s a possibility and probably

better then we have right now. Mr. Washburn went as far as to suggest if it doesn’t work than maybe

no dogs should be allowed. Chairman Beers said it would be nice to put this on the website so that

residents are informed but the Secretary doesn’t know how to do it.

PLANS-It was noted that an extension request until September 9, 2019 was received on the Bogart subdivision. The extension was agreed to on a motion made by Supervisor Shay, seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

The Ervin Miller stormwater plan was on the agenda, however, an email came in earlier today and

asked that it be tabled.

OLD BUSINESS- A motion was made by Supervisor Shay to eliminate Antler and Aspen Rds. from the

bid for road work since there was some confusion about the paper work resulting in a total of more

money than allotted.

Some discussion took place concerning proposals received for heating and a/c.: Nauman Mechanical

$612.50 including filters and Affordable Comfort Contracting, Inc. in the amount of $500.00 with no

filters included. It was decided to have the Secretary research the cost of the filters from each of

the contractors to determine the better total price. A motion was made by Supervisor Shay, seconded

by Chairman Beers to approve the Affordable Contractor if the Nauman Contract does not include

filters. The motion carried.

The draft of the Stormwater Management Ordinance was next on the agenda and Solicitor McManus

noted that Carson Helfrich and Russ Kresge are still discussing the details.

The message center sign for the pavilion was discussed and Supervisor Shay noted that purchasing

one is between $500 & $700 and felt that one could be made less costly but since Vice Chairman

Drake was not in attendance it was decided to table this for her input.

NEW BUSINESS-Monroe County Open Space Commission submitted the agreement for the grant

award, after some discussion a motion was made by Supervisor Shay authorizing signing of the

agreement which was previously agreed to. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

Some discussion took place regarding policy rental of the pavilion specifically issuing refund, when

requested, if it should rain. Supervisor Shay said if rain is the cause of the refund request he has no

problem with it. Bernie Kozen, of the WEPOSC stated that in Chestnuthill Township they try to offer

an alternate date but will give refund if that isn’t acceptable. Judy Breidinger, Ross Township Park

Committee Chairwoman agreed with the refund especially in view of the torrential rain recently.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shay to refund the fee only if the issue is weather related, however

preference should be given to taking another date. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

The next agenda item was discussion on medical marijuana. Chairman Beers stated that at the last

CJERP meeting these facilities were discussed and they are looking for direction from the Township

to determine how this is to be addressed. It could be a shared use and go in an Industrial zone which

would be in Jackson Twp. (since they have Industrial) or is the concensus to put it in commercial which

would include all Township’s. Solicitor McManus noted that you have growers/processor and dispensaries. Chairman Beers indicated he would like to see the manufacturing (growers/processors)

in an Industrial Zone and the dispensaries in commerical zones. Supervisor Shay indicated he would

like to know more about this before he can make an informed decision. Supervisor Shay asked about

how the taxes work on this type of venture and is there any benefit to the Township to have them.

These are the type of questions he has and needs to be more informed before he makes a decision.

Chairman Beers noted the group is going to proceed on this matter with whatever input they are able

to obtain and are anxious to get moving on it.

Monroe County sent a litter ordinance to the Township for consideration. This was tabled.

Zoning and SALDO amendments were sent from Chestnuthill Township as courtesy primarily to

look at the short term rental sections and to clean up some small issues they have in these documents.

No comments were made.

A letter was received from Blue Ridge Hook & Ladder Fire Co. asking to hold a meeting with the Supervisors from Ross the Supervisors from Hamilton and members of the fire co. Chairman Beers

indicated they want to submit a copy of their audit report and discuss budget matters. He questioned

Solicitor McManus about holding such a meeting and Solicitor McManus responded said it is necessary

to advertise such a meeting unless only one Supervisor goes and informs the others of the subject

matter.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT-There was some discussion on changing some road pipes and installing

some on Meixsell Valley Rd., Rolling Hills and Stone Hill Ln..

CORRESPONDENCE-

RECEIPTS & EXPENSES-After a review of the bills to be paid, a motion was made by Supervisor

Shay to pay the bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Chairman Beers and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary