

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2019

The Ross Township Supervisors meeting was held on October 7, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Chairman Beers calling the meeting to order and members Vice Chairman Drake and Supervisor Shay present. Solicitor McManus was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting and the current Treasurer's report were approved on a motion by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC-Bernie Kozen, Executive Director of the West End Park and Open Space Commission was present who discussed the successful Fleetwood 5K race held over the past weekend and thanked all those who helped in any way.

PLANS-A representative from Brian Courtright's firm was present for the Bogart plan who indicated that he does not have a lot of information and Chairman Beers noted three conditions that the Planning Commission noted need to be changed (with Dan Lyons language to be included) which are:

- 1) The legend on the revised plan should be corrected with regard to the setback line being incorrectly referred to as as a wetland buffer.
- 2) Applicant will draft new language for the reserve sewage disposal area easement for Lot 1 & 2. Said language needs to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission (Dan Lyons)
- 3) The applicant will draft new language as to notes 14 & 15 regarding easements, maintenance and access.

Vice Chairman Drake moved to approve this plan as recommended by the Planning Commission with these three conditions being accomplished. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

A planning module was submitted for the Bogart subdivision also and was approved for submission to DEP on a motion made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

OLD BUSINESS-The Stormwater Ordinance (draft #2) was next on the agenda and a motion was made by Vice Chairman Drake to forward it to the Planning Commission for review. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Shay and carried.

Vice Chairman Drake discussed the maintenance work to be done on the Municipal Building and more particularly the Valor group as discussed last meeting. She reported that the cost will depend on what work needs to be done or if a contractor is involved. If a contractor is involved insurance would probably be included otherwise probably not. She added that it may be too late to do staining this year because of the colder temperatures but maybe some inside touch up could be done

Regarding the Township insurance company's report of the garage on Kunkletown Rd., Chairman Beers noted he looked at it and the slate roof may need some attention but since slate is so expensive and if we don't replace that a shingled roof would have to be put on requiring tearing off what is there and

replacing with another roof. It was determined that the other Supervisors should look it over and see if it is worth it or should it be torn down. Chairman Beers indicated it would probably cost about \$10,000 and the Township doesn't use it and neither does the tenant. Tabled until next month.

The next subject was the walking trail refurbishing and the discussion was with the cost that came in on the project to be done to satisfy the grant requirements. It was determined that the Township do the trail rather than the contractor to be more cost effective.

Some discussion took place concerning the sign in front of the former Township building resulting in Supervisor Shay looking into getting letters made at approximately \$5.00 for each letter. It was left with getting new letters for all of the words on the sign and Supervisor Shay will look into the matter.

NEW BUSINESS-Debbie Sandt, a resident of Vista Estates who was present to petition the Township to take over the road from Milton Lane to Grant Ct. which are presently private roads. She presented a petition and a map and has located a deed that showed transfer from Thomas Rue to Vista Estates Road Management Assn. that is now defunct. Solicitor McManus suggested the property owners get an attorney who would be able to get that deed transferred to the Township which is part of this process. Many things need to be accomplished such as a road centerline, property surveys and a cost estimate. Chairman Beers noted that a lot of tree work will be necessary. The next step is to determine if a deed can be conveyed for the portion of the road involved after which the next step can be addressed. It was also discussed that 51% each of the property owners front footage is necessary and also all three roads would be necessary to allow the required turn around for liquid fuels funds. There was some discussion about just keeping it a private community (after paving) rather than turn them over to the Township. It was noted they don't have to be turned over to the Township and can remain private and an association can maintain them. Supervisor Shay noted that there are no grants for private community roads. The end result was the group needs to acquire a deed to the portion of roads involved, then surveys then the Township can offer engineering services for a cost estimate.

A budget session was scheduled for November 6, 2019 at 5:30 and the Secretary was requested to advertise the meeting as is necessary.

Election day is November 5, 2019 and will be held in the Municipal Building. It was decided that Vice Chairman Drake would open the building and Supervisor Shay will close.

Vice Chairman Drake noted that her niece would like to place a scarecrow in front of the Municipal Building as she did last year for her 4H project. All agreed.

ROAD FOREMANS REPORT-Some discussion took place regarding the Brick Church Rd. project noting that the contractor who gave a proposal may not be able to do it this season since some time was lost.

Standpipe update, supplies not in yet.

The new truck is at EM Kutz for up fit probably won't be ready until the end of November.

CORRESPONDENCE-

After a review of the receipts and expenditures there was a motion made by Vice Chairman Drake, seconded by Supervisor Shay to pay the bills as presented. The motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Price, Secretary