

ROSS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2020

The Ross Township Supervisors Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Tina Drake, at 7:00PM. Vice Chairman David Shay and Supervisor James Zahoroiko were in attendance along with Solicitor Timothy McManus.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

The minutes of the July 6, 2020 Supervisors meeting were approved as presented by motion of Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

A motion was made to approve the current Treasurers Report by Supervisor Zahoroiko, seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Resident Dave Trout discussed the letter submitted to the Township last month in regard to a need for a protective barrier on his property. Mr. Trout spoke to the Township Zoning Officer last month, as per the Board of Supervisors suggestion in reference to his concern. Mr. Trout asked the Board of Supervisors and Road Foreman for advice and options. After some discussion Vice Chairman Shay referenced a prior resident with a similar issue, Vice Chairman Shay suggested the possibility of a "Redi-Rock" concrete barrier.

Resident Mike Galler questioned the Board of Supervisors as to what action the Township has taken since the last meeting to enforce the short-term rental issues that are going on at the home on High Point Drive. Vice Chairman Shay discussed the information in the letters sent to all parties the Township had been notified of known short-term rentals in the Township. The letters sent stated that the Short-Term Rental Ordinance was passed at the July 6, 2020 Township meeting and copies of the Short-Term Rental Ordinance #86 & #87 were provided. Vice Chairman Shay stated that it now turns into an enforcement issue. The actions would be completed by the Zoning Department. Mr. Galler requested to go on record requesting that the Township Zoning Officer be present at the next Township meeting to answer resident questions.

Resident Janet Butchko discussed her concern with fireworks being set off every Saturday night and also the mud covering the road from dumping top soil. Janet Butchko requested to be on record quoting part of her conversation she previously had with the 257 High Point Drive short-term rental property manager, "I don't care, I'm getting more money than the fines are."

Solicitor McManus discussed the lengthy process for short-term rental enforcement. Solicitor McManus also discussed an idea to consider doing. Property owners do have the right to pursue a Private Nuisance Action against another neighbor. This action would be through the residents own attorney. Further comments and complaints from residents were discussed in regard to the High Point Drive property to the Board of Supervisors and Solicitor McManus.

Resident Blaine Silfies provided newspaper clippings about the Flyte Schoolhouse to the Ross Township Historical Society. Mr. Silfies received the items from his great aunt who had been a teacher.

OLD BUSINESS:

Township Fall Clean Up Dates:

The Board of Supervisors approved the dates for the Fall Clean up to be September 25th and 26th from 6:30AM till 2:30PM.

The information will be advertised on the Ross Township website.

Township Yard Sale Date:

The Board of Supervisors approved the date for the Permit Free Yard Sale to be September 12, 2020.

The information will be advertised on the Ross Township website.

Schoolhouse Roof Repairs:

Vice Chairman Shay discussed an application for a potential grant in the future to cover the repairs needed. Chairwoman Drake was provided a phone number of another roofer and a message was left. Chairwoman Drake will contact them again.

Annex Building Repairs:

Vice Chairman Shay discussed getting quotes from contractors to repair/re-build the damaged deck and ramps. Chairwoman Drake will review the report provided by Bureau Veritas.

Park Benches:

Road Foreman Ethan Brewer discussed the prices received for the new benches. A motion was made by Supervisor Zahoroiko to approve the purchase of six new benches. Each bench will be six feet in length and the price of \$132.00 per bench. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Shay and carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Municipal Building-Pricing to Stain the Wood:

The Board of Supervisors discussed the need to have the wood stained and will look into contacting companies for estimates.

Kunkletown Road Garage:

Vice Chairman Shay discussed speaking with the company who was interested in recycling the wood. The company will contact the Township when they are able to start the demolition.

Mike Chopek (Request Waiver of Land Development):

Mr. Chopek, owner of the SunSet Bar & Grill discussed the project and the need for the request. (Upgrades: ADA Restroom & Walk-in Cooler Space) Solicitor McManus and the Board of Supervisors reviewed and discussed the plans and documents provided. A motion was made to grant the waiver of land development by Supervisor Zahoroiko, seconded by Chairwoman Drake, opposed by Vice Chairman Shay and motion carried.

Deborah Karpinsky (Request Waiver of Land Development):

Mr. & Mrs. Karpinsky, owners of Playtime Learning Center & Childcare discussed the need for the request. (Temporary Trailer for Additional Classroom Space) Solicitor McManus and the Board of Supervisors reviewed and discussed the documents provided. A motion was made to approve waiving of land development, as long as the temporary trailer is removed by June 30, 2021 by Supervisor Zahoroiko, seconded by Chairwoman Drake with the need to know that the setbacks are met, opposed by Vice Chairman Shay, and motion carried.

PLANS:

Gunther Roy Subdivision:

Mr. Blaine Silfies, representing Gunther Roy asked for the Board of Supervisors approval of the subdivision, with a waiver on the stormwater. Mr. Silfies presented the plans to the Board of Supervisors. The plans had been reviewed at the Ross Township Planning Commission meeting. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Shay to approve this subdivision based on the recommendation by the Ross Township Planning Commission and grant the waiver of stormwater until a house is proposed to be built, at which time they will need to submit stormwater plans. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:

The report completed by Road Foreman Ethan Brewer was review by the Board of Supervisors.

CORRESPONDENCE:

After review of the correspondence items, Supervisor Zahoroiko questioned if a donation had been made in prior years to Kettle Creek. Secretary/Treasurer Danielle Romano will research and report the information to the Board of Supervisors.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES:

After a review of the bills/expenditures to be paid, a motion was made to pay all current bills by Supervisor Zahoroiko, seconded by Chairwoman Drake and motion carried.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM was made by Vice Chairman Shay, seconded by Supervisor Zahoroiko and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle Romano
Secretary/Treasurer