

Minutes – February 4, 2008

The first regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of February was held on the above date at the Township Building. Board members present included Warren Kampf, Chairman; Robert Lamina, Vice Chairman; Bill DeHaven, John DiBuonaventuro, Mark DiFelicianantonio, Judy DiFilippo, and Paul Olson. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; John Farrell, Assistant to the Manager; Stephen F. Norcini, Director of Public Works; Steven Burgo, Township Engineer; Michael Fahey, Director of Building & Zoning; Supt. Richard Harkness; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

Mr. Kampf called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 28, 2008.

Announcements

At the next Supervisor's meeting, February 25, 2008, the intersection of Swedesford and North Valley Roads will be discussed, as well as the proposed roundabout for that intersection.

Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. DiFelicianantonio said he attended a School Board meeting where the new Taxpayer Relief Act was discussed, as well as new sets of tests which are being administered to the students.

Miscellaneous - Continue discussion on Wilson Farm Park Master Plan

Mr. Norcini said after his review of Wilson Farm Park at the January 7th Board of Supervisors meeting, he asked the Board to make a decision on the roller hockey court and picnic pavilion, as these items are tied to a Chester County grant and must be completed by October of this year. He had previously provided Staff's comments and the Park Board's comments to the Board.

Ms. Gleason said Staff contacted the County, and they said we could not switch money to do any improvements in a different park. Mr. DiFelicianantonio mentioned some old Planning Commission recommendations stating they wanted no field lights or sound systems in the park. Mrs. DiFilippo said two years ago the Board of Supervisors adopted a new Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan which included a number of issues to revisit in the future, and lights and sound were in this list. She suggested doing something on a temporary basis and getting the neighbors opinions. Mr. Lamina said he was against having a permanent sound system.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro was in favor of the retrofitting the existing basketball courts to accommodate roller hockey. He said appropriate lighting would need to be installed, to replace the current lighting system. Costs for this retrofit should not exceed \$8,000-10,000. Mrs. DiFilippo said we received a private donation for the basketball courts and we should respect that, and leave them as basketball courts for five years.

Mr. DeHaven would also like to see the roller hockey rink convert to an ice skating rink. The basketball courts are not used very much in the winter. He said he would not vote against the sound system or lighting system.

Ron Silver of Newport Village wanted to know who would be responsible for any injuries on the roller hockey court. Mrs. DiFilippo said the Township would be. Mr. Silver asked about the demand for a roller hockey court, and Mr. DiBuonaventuro said he was trying to quantify the demand. Mr. Silver said Tredyffrin Township has 70 fields and he would like to see more emphasis on Tredyffrin Township as a whole rather than having everything go into Wilson Farm Park, which is already a very congested area.

Several residents spoke of what they would like to see at Wilson Farm Park, and most were against a light and sound system.

Mrs. DiFilippo said we should consider adding money for parking in the 2009 Budget. The concert series in the summer is a very popular event.

After discussion, motion was made by Mr. DiBuonaventuro to not build a roller hockey court; to authorize Staff to install appropriate lighting at the basketball courts; and include some study to see if the basketball courts can be converted into an ice skating rink. Mr. Lamina seconded the motion.

Molly Dugan of LeForge Court asked who would maintain an ice skating rink. Mr. Kampf said this was just a motion to discuss putting in an ice skating rink. She commented the Board was going in many different directions.

Mr. Silver said there needs to be a study done for lights on the basketball courts so they don't shine in neighbor's homes. Ms. DiFilippo said we did get Zoning Hearing Board approval for the lights at the park.

Mr. Kampf took a vote, and the motion passed by a vote of 5 to 2 with Mrs. DiFilippo and Mr. Kampf voting no.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf and seconded by Mr. DiBuonaventuro to not go forward with Chester County grant money to install additional pavilions at Wilson Farm Park. Motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion about whether to seek County approval to use the grant for other improvements in Wilson Farm Park. Mrs. DiFilippo suggested a subcommittee to work with the Park Board on some of these issues. Staff is to request the County extend the time period of the grant.

Miscellaneous - Stormwater Management “Best Management Practices” presentation

Mr. Burgo said with some of the money from a Growing Greener Grant, the Township’s consultant created a document to help residents better understand their home’s impact on Trout Creek and how they can improve the situation. The final result was a CD entitled “*Trout Creek Watershed: Stormwater Retrofits for Homeowners*”. The CD includes an introduction to the problems in Trout Creek and recommends a series of nine “Best Management Practices” that will help alleviate these issues, along with instructions on how residents can implement each of these methods on their properties. The CD was mailed to approximately 1,850 residences in Trout Creek, and can be viewed on our Township website.

Escrows

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to release \$16,987.68 from DBN First, NA to LeBoutillier Road Associates/Toad Hall Associates, covering site improvements at the intersection of Mill Road and LeBoutillier Road; balance remaining \$524,133.81.

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and passed unanimously to accept a Subdivision & Land Development Agreement and a Financial Security Agreement between Eadeh Enterprises and Tredyffrin Township, and a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$150,000 from Sovereign Bank, covering site improvements at 901 Lancaster Avenue.

New Matters – Board

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said a special meeting of the Traffic Committee was held on January 30th to discuss speeding issues on East Conestoga and Upper Gulph Roads. He distributed minutes from the meeting and a report from Lt. Giaimo. There has only been one accident in the last four years at this intersection. Newly gathered information shows the average speed on Upper Gulph and West Conestoga is 35.9 mph. Recommendations were discussed for the short term, prior to reconfiguration of the intersection. Supt. Harkness said he would provide the same data for the next three weeks to see if the numbers changed.

Mr. DiFelicianantonio asked about the status of Crabby Creek. Mr. Norcini said as of last week, there is still an odor issue resulting from the Daylesford Pump Station, which Easttown continues to try to correct. Easttown stated that this is a priority, and they will continue to address this situation. He expects a report from them this week.

New Matters – Citizens

Christopher Egli, an Easttown Township resident, discussed the public access television programming.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman, Recording Secretary