

**Plunketts Creek Township
Supervisor's Meeting
March 5, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Plunketts Creek Township Board of Supervisors was called to order Monday, March 5, 2012, at 7:05 p.m., in the township building.

PRESENT:

Gary Abernatha, Supervisor
Marvin Springman, Supervisor
Ray Lewis, Supervisor/Roadmaster
Christiana Moyer, Treasurer/ Secretary
Amy Haight

Jackie Kramer, Scott Bollinger, Perry Emick, Tom Schafer, Maggie Emery, Scott Edwards, Shirley Sheesley, Rudy Remsnyder, David Figlo, Harry Magargel, Brad Stine, Brad Russell, Bruce Ginter, Gene Stark, Rick Stark, Jim Etzel, Renee Carey, Jim O'Brien, Dolly Schafer, Tom Schafer, Mike Rine, Annie Aumen

Treasurer/Secretary Moyer read the minutes of the previous meeting. One addition was required to include Maggie Emery's comment in regard to Ordinance No. 2 regulating junk dealers.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Moyer provided a verbal Treasure's Report.

GUESTS:

Jackie Kramer, Statewide Public Access and Lands Conservation Coordinator, and Scott Bollinger, from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) attended the meeting as guests to present the agencies interest in partnering with the township to create planned locations for kayakers, canoeist, and anglers to access the Loyalsock Creek. Ms. Kramer provided a location map that illustrated seven (7) locations that the PFBC is studying along the Loyalsock Creek which are part of the Federal Flood Mitigation Buy-out Program. She stated that PBFC started this study two years ago and that this is a great opportunity as they have more resources than the township. Ms. Kramer noted that in the absence of planned access points, people will make their own and these locations may not be the most desirable. She generally described construction of the access sites as "geo cell launches" made of rubber over honeycomb like supports filled with stone. She thanked the township for the opportunity to make the presentation to express an early interest and also for considering the opportunity. She noted that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) project was an eighteen (18) month process and that there is no rush to make any decisions. Supervisor Lewis asked about maintenance and policing of the access locations. Ms. Kramer said that there is no one size fits all and that such issues are typically determined with the structure of the relationship with the township. Supervisor Abernatha commented that the PFBC being involved with a project such as this is in the best interest of the residents, but also that that the township does not have the resources to maintain or police these areas. An attendee asked if the proposed access parking lots could be used for fish stocking and Ms. Kramer replied that the access points are primarily for boat access, not for fishing.

REPORTS:

Plunketts Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department (PCTVFD): Brad Stine, Fire Chief, stated that the department received a grant for a battery powered rescue tool and applied for a grant for bathroom facilities. Chief Oil and Gas Co. made a \$5k donation to the department. The money will be used to replace a 5" hose that is about 20 years old.

Planning Commission: Jim Etzel, Secretary, provided an update on the Sportsman's land development plan. Shirley Sheesley said that she took care of everything on the list and that SEO is performing perc tests on the ground. The Supervisors were all in agreement to follow the PCT Planning Commission's recommendations for the Sportsman's land development. (See attached.)

Recreation Committee: Treasurer/Secretary Moyer read the report. Amy Phillips resigned from the committee. Volunteers are needed. Supervisor Lewis made a motion, with unanimous affirmative vote, to appoint Kristina Eck to replace Amy. The Easter egg hunt will be on Saturday, April 7th at 2:00 p.m. at the township building

Emergency Management: Tom Schafer presented the report. Supervisor Abernatha made a motion, with unanimous affirmative vote, to send Tom to the PSATS Convention on behalf of the township. Treasurer Moyer said that she would check into the details and follow-up with Tom. Tom stated that there is no new Emergency Operating Plan (EOP) and that he is waiting on a list from the township. He hopes to have this completed for the next township meeting. Tom expressed thanks for the appreciation plaque presented to him at the fireman's banquet for outstanding service during the flood in September of 2011. He said it was unexpected and noted that many participated and should also be commended. Brad Russell outlined clean-up efforts and asked the board and attendees to get the word out that volunteers are needed for the March 24th Loyalsock Creek post flood cleanup event. A back-up date is scheduled for March 31st in the event of bad weather. A second day is tentatively scheduled for April 28th. There is a Facebook page set up with the details. Supervisor Lewis asked if it would be beneficial to rent a grapple bucket and that it may serve two purposes; one to aid with clean-up, and two, to allow the township to have a test run to see if the piece works well enough to consider purchasing. There was general discussion on how to best address necessary clean-up such as fallen trees. The board commented that it is not yet to a point where the township is going to get involved with property owners clean up requirements.

Roadmaster: Supervisor/Roadmaster Lewis stated that Dunwoody Road is still closed and that he is in the process of getting stone to dump at the entrance at the Grouse Club and Dunwoody Club to further discourage motorists from travelling the roadway. Additional signs will be installed. Again, it was stated that the road is officially closed. Supervisor/Roadmaster Lewis commented that he hadn't heard a response from the gas company yet on any work they may have planned for this roadway.

Sewage Officer: Treasurer Moyer read the Sewage Officer's report. (See attached.)

Zoning Officer: The report was verbally presented. Five permits were issued. (See attached.)

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Treasurer/Secretary Moyer handed out the equipment fee schedule and asked for the Supervisors review. Supervisor/Roadmaster Lewis said that the sweeper could be removed. Supervisor Abernatha made a motion, with unanimous affirmative vote, to approve the equipment fee schedule.

Treasurer/Secretary Moyer handed out the weight limit fee schedule and asked the Supervisors to review. Supervisor Springman made a motion, with unanimous affirmative vote, to approve RESOLUTION #2012-1, Weight Limit Fee Schedule.

Treasurer/Secretary Moyer stated that she checked with the township solicitor on the allowable cost in regard to the zoning variance fee. The fee can be raised to \$200. Supervisor Lewis made a motion, with unanimous affirmative vote to approve RESOLUTION #2012-2, Zoning Ordinance Fee Schedule.

Treasurer/Secretary Moyer summarized an earlier conversation she had with the township solicitor on the topic of a junkyard ordinance. The solicitor thought that the township should consider a property maintenance code rather than an ordinance. Supervisor Abernatha stated that the issue needs revisited and resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Interviews were held and a new township secretary was appointed. Supervisor Abernatha made a motion, with unanimous affirmative vote, to appoint Amy Haight as the township secretary at an annual salary of \$6,000. Amy will also serve as the assistant treasurer. Supervisor Abernatha made a motion, with unanimous affirmative vote, to appoint Christiana Moyer as the treasurer and assistant secretary.

The township auditors made the Supervisors aware that they did not get the balance sheet advertised in time as there were some issues with the books and also health issues among the auditors. They noted that they will have the report to DCED by the deadline.

Supervisor Lewis made a motion, with unanimous affirmative vote, to appoint Tom Shoff as the second zoning hearing board alternate with a term expiring January 31, 2014. There will be a Zoning Hearing Board reorganizational meeting on Tuesday, March 20, at the township office.

Treasurer/Secretary Moyer stated that Pneu-Dart Land Development plans are being reviewed by the township's engineering firm, Wentz & Webster Engineering. Supervisor Lewis made a motion, with unanimous affirmative vote to approve the change to the Pneu-Dart Development plan reviewed by Tim Wentz, P.E., of Wentz & Webster.

The West Branch COG Equipment show is May 16th. Supervisor Springman said that he could attend. Supervisor Abernatha said that he would try to attend.

The Township's stone bid will be advertised for bids to be opened at the April meeting.

Jim O'Brien wanted to know if he could lease his land from the Township after his property is bought out as part of the HMGP. The township is unsure what the legalities will be once the ownership is transferred. The township was told that the vacant properties could be leased, but the township is unsure to whom they could lease. It was suggested that he talk to an attorney about what his liability would be if he were to legally lease the publically owned property.

Supervisor Abernatha swore in Tom Schafer and Perry Emick as Plunketts Creek Fire Police Officers. They read their oath.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 2 at 7:00 p.m. is the next regular meeting.

April 7 at 8:00 a.m. is the road tour.

DEEDS REVIEWED:

James J. Palotas and Marie C. Palotas a/k/a Matilda Marie Palotas, his wife, by and through her Attorney-in-Fact, Eric J. Palotas **TO** Jeffery S. O'Connor, married

Carmen Houser Boyles **TO** James J. Palotas and Marie Palotas

Earl R. Emick **TO** James J. Palotas and Marie C. Palotas

William Allushuski, Cora E. Allushuski, Carl F. Muthard, and Stephanie A. Muthard **TO** Steven Uzupis and Mary E. Uzupis

CHECKS APPROVED AND SIGNED:

See attached treasurer's report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Abernatha motioned, with unanimous affirmative vote, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy Haight
Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

Attachments:

1. PCT's Planning Commission's recommendations for the Sportsman's land development
2. Sewage officer report
3. Zoning report
4. Treasurer's report