

LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2016

LF Municipal Building
53 Spring Mount Road

Meeting called to order by Mr. Bob Yoder, Chairman at approximately 7:00 pm

Board of Supervisors

Bob Yoder, Chairman – Present
Ron Kerwood, Vice Chairman – Present
Terry Sacks, Supervisor – Present

Township Staff

Tamara Twardowski, Manager - Present
Carol Schuehler, Engineer - Present
Damien Brewster, Esq. - Present
Tom Manning, Road Master – Present

Cuddy Park

The pavilion has been installed. Paving will be done in the fall. Mr. Mark John, LF Building Inspector recommended incorporating a snow/ice shield to the roof as a precautionary measure. Mr. Manning related that the inside beam is not covered. The manufacturer does not include it as part of the installation. He feels it leaves an “unfinished” look. Two proposals for these jobs were received and discussed. The consensus was that these items were not really necessary.

Motion to table the approval –

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

Speeding on Zieglerville Road

The Township has received complaints regarding speeding on Zieglerville Road. There is an increase in traffic on the road with the construction being done to the bridge on Rt29. The Police have been covering the area as much as possible.

Old Gravel Pike Bridge

Mr. Phil Smith of the LF Planning Commission and the LF Historic committee requested a letter be sent to PennDOT relating the township’s position on the bridge. The Supervisors agreed to have Ms. Twardowski compose a letter basically stating they feel that it is a historic structure and should be refurbished.

Public Works

Mr. Manning discussed a paver that he is interested in purchasing. The Supervisors agreed that he should go and look over the paver and make an offer if he feels it will serve the needs of the township.

The Supervisors recessed to an executive session to discuss personnel at 8:00 as Mr. Kerwood needed to leave around 8:15. The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:15, which no decision being voted on at this time. Mr. Kerwood left the meeting.

The Township received a letter stating that their grant application was denied for Phase 1 of a trail/sidewalk connection between the town homes and Foy Park and the Perkiomen Trail. The letter recommended that the Township resubmit another application for Phase 1 and 2 together. A motion

was made by Bob Yoder, seconded by Terry Sacks to have the engineer do a feasibility study for sidewalk at a cost not to exceed \$3000 so that we can re-apply for both phases for the grant. Motion passed.

Mr. Yoder brought up the subject of resale U&O's and requested that the board give some consideration to rescinding the ordinance requiring them. After some discussion, the board asked Ms. Twardowski to conduct research on communities that have them/ versus those that don't. Ms. Twardowski also requested that if the board considers doing away with U&O's that they consider a rental registration/inspection program. There was also discussion regarding the Township's permit fees and Ms. Twardowski will provide more information to the board regarding ours versus other townships.

Ms. Twardowski also gave updates on some upcoming land development issues. The Ragusa tract is expected to be on the planning commission agenda not as a formal submittal but as a discussion. A conditional use application is expected to be received in the next few days for the Bergey's tract. And staff is expected to meet with the Melbourne Hills property owners sometime next month to discuss that project as well.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10 p.m.