

LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2016

LFT Municipal Building
53 Spring Mount Road

Mr. Bob Yoder, Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board of Supervisors: Bob Yoder, Chairman
Ron Kerwood, Vice Chairman
Terry Sacks, Supervisor

Township Staff: Tamara Twardowski, Manger
Carol Schuehler, Engineer
Tom Keenan, Esq.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Amendment to Article XV of the Township Zoning Ordinance (Floodplain) -

Ms. Schuehler explained that the township is required to update their ordinances to match new federal regulations in reference to the new FEMA flood plain maps.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 16-01 amending the floodplain ordinance

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

Public Hearing for Property Owner David Schmitt, 216 Meng Road –

Mr. Keenan explained the Public Hearing process. He advised that Mr. Schmitt who is present this evening has installed a second driveway which is not allowed under the current township ordinance.

After being sworn in Mr. Schmitt presented a sketch of his driveway for his discussion. He advised that he will meet the permits specifications and if not granted the appeal he will cover the area with grass.

A motion to accept the appeal on the condition that Mr. Schmitt comply with all the other driveway regulations including site distance and paving the frontage keeping it under 1000 square feet –

Motion Made – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

Meeting Minutes:

Ms. Twardowski advised that meetings are recorded for the preparation of minutes and the tapes are destroyed when the minutes are approved.

February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting –

Mr. Yoder discussed the minutes presented for the meeting. The Supervisors approved the transfer of the 2007 Dodge Charger as recommended by Chief Maxey. In response to the Park Board's request for a gazebo or pavilion and the dimensions that would be allowed the Supervisors agreed to a 20 X 40 pavilion at Cuddy Park.

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2016 meeting Regular Meeting –

Motion – Mr. Kerwood Second Motion – Mr. Sacks

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

The February 2016 Work Session meeting was cancelled.

Reports:

Treasurer

Ms. Lorraine Cuddy, Treasurer submitted the monthly financial report for the Supervisors review.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay all bills –

Motion – Mr. Kerwood Second Motion – Mr. Sacks

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

At this point Mr. Yoder turned the meeting over to Ms. Twardowski.

Engineer

Ms. Schuehler advised that during the week Earth Engineering will be doing drill test holes along route of the proposed collection system lines on Fulmer Road, Riverside Avenue and B Avenue. Nearly 90 manhole structures need to be inspected. Upon Board approval inspections will be done this spring. Her office has completed the annual Chapter 94 report.

Public Comment –

Elaine Getner, 224 Grimley Road – questioned if the sewer billing rates would be affected by the Chapter 94 report

Response – the recent increases are in preparation for the plant

Trudie Hadden, 27 Aspen Way – requested more explanation on the sewer plant and its relationship to the new development.

Response – a new sewer plant is under design to allow for more capacity. The existing sewer plant is 40 years old and needs to be replaced. The Township is providing additional capacity to be able to accept future growth. The developer will have to pay a tap in fee of potentially \$8,000 to \$15,000.

Joe Schinski, 63 Village Dr. – questioned the estimated construction cost of the plant. If the estimate includes other work such as the extension of sewer lines.

Response – Ms. Schuler related that she is not designing the sewer plant but is working on the extension of sewer lines. The estimated cost of the plant is \$7,000,000.00 to \$8,000,000.00 and the initial estimate of sewer lines was

\$2,000,000.00.

Steven Stewart, 91 Aspen Way – related that he understands the need to build a new sewer plant and increasing the usage rates. He is concerned about development in Spring Mount area.

Response – There are a few developments on the books that were planned for when calculating sewer capacity. These include Zieglerville and Schwenk Road and another at Little and Rt.29.

Joe Schinski –questioned the amount of users currently on the sewer system and how many gallons per day is estimated for an EDU

Response – There are approximately 1,045 EDU's. An EDU is 265 or 270 gallons

Solicitor

Mr. Keenan related that his office assisted in the review of a new Floodplain Conservation District Ordinance which was passed this evening. They prepared the legal advertisement for that ordinance. They worked on the exemption from real estate taxes both past and present for the Smith Tract which is now part of Lower Frederick Open Space. They also reviewed a Zoning Hearing Board application submitted by Mr. Sambrick.

The following reports are for work that was done during the month of February.

Public Works

Mr. Tom Manning , Road Master submitted his monthly report. The crew responded to 2 salt and cinder events. They mixed up salt and cinders after each event. They did cold patch work. They made repairs to the trench drain on Audrey Lane. They trimmed trees in Coble Park.

Ambulance

The Plymouth Community Ambulance Assoc. responded to 71 call during the month with 12 of those calls in Lower Frederick Township.

Code Enforcement

Mr. Mark John, Code Enforcement Officer submitted his monthly report. He issued 8 permits for an estimated construction value of \$33,600.00. Two of these permits were for demolition. One is for a detached garage on Gravel Pk. next to Bergey's and the other for the barn next to the Zieglerville Post Office. He issued 7 Use and Occupancy permits for re-sale.

Police

Chief Paul Maxey submitted his monthly report. There were 82 incidents with 61 of them handled by Lower Frederick Police Department and 21 incidents handled by PA State Police.

Planning Commission

The Commission did not hold a meeting in February. Their next meeting will be March 10th. There are two items on their agenda. A lot line change for 1005 and 1009 Gravel Pike. The antique store is looking to purchase the back parking lot from the house. Mr. Tim Hendricks and his planner for Melborne Hills are also scheduled.

Park Board

Upcoming events include a Bluebird birdhouse building workshop on March 20th here at the municipal building. The annual Egg Hunt will be held March 26th at 10:00 at Coble Park.

Manager

Another ordinance for adoption this evening is for financing of radios. The Township Solicitor has advertised this ordinance.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 16-02 authorizing financing of radios through Montgomery County

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood
Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

A motion giving authorization for execution of Promissory note for financing

Motion – Mr. Sacks Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood
Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

A resolution for 46 Little Road –

A motion approving Resolution 16-21 for 46 Little Road to be accepted in the Agricultural Security Area of Upper Frederick Township –

Motion – Mr. Sacks Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood
Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

A resolution for destruction of records. The resolution includes a list of the records that are being destroyed. They are mostly financial records that are older than 7 years.

A motion approving Resolution 16-22 for the destruction of records as per PA Schedule –

Motion – Mr. Sacks Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood
Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

A zoning Hearing is scheduled for March 14th for a parcel on Alexander Drive. Mr. Sandbrick's application is for division of his 10 acre lot on Alexander Dr. into 3 parcels with the addition of 2 homes. He is appearing before the Zoning Hearing Board seeking a variance from the environmental adjustment factors.

Mr. Keenan noted that Mr. Aston who is Mr. Sambrick's engineer is present this evening. At a former meeting Mr. Sambrick discussed his intention to subdivide his property. The Zoning Hearing Board is an entirely separate body but the Board of Supervisors often makes a recommendation for or against the application.

A motion of favor for granting a zoning variance to Mr. Sambrick –

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood
Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

A quote of \$\$2,880.00 for the rubber mulch that is added yearly at the playground and \$500.00 for the regular mulch that is added in the front of the building and the parks. A motion of approval is needed for this purchase.

A motion approving the purchase of mulch in the amount of \$3,380.00

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Sacks

Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

Lower Frederick along with Skippack Township and the other surrounding townships will sponsor an Electronic Recycling day. It will be held May 7th at Skippack Township municipal building on Palmer Road. A flyer is posted in the lobby and on the web page.

Public Comment

Bryan Hill, 11 Zieglerville Road – related that he lives in area that is not sewerred and has been seeking public sewer for years .

Response – Mr. Yoder related that the design phase of the plant is completed and approved by DEP. The plant was not designed to encourage development. The current plant is old and has had many failures. Ms. Twardowski advised that the maximum quarterly payment discussed was \$200. Hopefully that amount would not be for a few years.

Peg Brey, 119 Village Dr. – questioned having more police coverage. She feels people fly on Village Dr. and keep going go through the Stop sign. She also feels there is a lot of vandalism taking place.

Response – Call the police department number which is a nonemergency phone number.

Trudie Hadden – questioned the number of LF part time and full time officers

Response – there are 3 full time officers

Joe Shinski - Are there any plans to increase the size of enforcement to have 24 hour coverage if the deal with Schwenksville would not be accepted on their ballet

Response – in order for the township to hire more police taxes would have to increase. The police department is roughly a third of the budget.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.