

LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting Minutes

May 31, 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
Tom Keenan, Esq. - Present
Tom Manning, Roadmaster – Present

Conditional Use Hearing

A Conditional Use Hearing was held for an application filed by CLDL Properties LLC. It is for a vacant lot #62 N. Gravel Pike, Zieglerville in the Village Mix Use district. Motion to approve the conditional use, with the condition that if the Township desired sidewalks to be installed in the future, the property owner would do so was made by Mr. Sacks, seconded by Mr. Kerwood, Motion carried unanimously.

National Lands Trust – Furia property

Mr. Peter Williamson of the Lands Trust discussed properties located near the Stone Hill Greenway that is owned by the Furia family. He was present this evening at the request of Mr. Phil Smith of the LF Planning Commission. The Furia family is looking to divest itself of the properties and Lands Trust was asking if there was interest in the preservation of the property. The Supervisors related that the township does not have the funds for purchase of land for open space at this time, nor are they able to invest resources of completing grant applications, getting appraisals, etc. While open space preservation is generally desirable, they are unable to be partners in the project at this time. If a letter of support was asked for to include with a grant application, the Township would consider issuing one.

Ron and Rachel Rossi

The Rossi's were present to discuss the negative effects from smoke. Their issues targeted mainly at open burning that is allowed on weekends with a permit. They provided the board with statistics and fact information on pollution and toxin vapors that are released. The Supervisors do not anticipate making any changes to the open burning that is allowed at this time. However, they thanked the Rossi's for the information provided and will review the information.

Public Comment

- 1) Kathy Lomonaco, 24 Swamp Creek Road voiced a complaint about the fee she had to pay for her deck permit. Ms. Twardowski related that there is a minimum building fee of \$100. There are three inspections done regardless of the size of the deck and costs are incurred. She suggested doing a spread sheet for the Board that would show if the township fee schedule is comparable with surrounding municipalities. Ms. Lomonaco related that she does not care about what others are doing.
- 2.) Terry Bird, 40 Little Road advised he was present to learn more about the proposed development on Little Road and found that it is not an agenda item for this meeting. Ms. Twardowski advised that the developer is in a holding position at this time and will not be attending the June meeting. They have not confirmed when they will be returning. Mr. Bird also questioned if the state would be doing the mowing and weeding on Little Road like they did last year. The township does not

receive a work schedule but if the work is not done Ms. Twardowski will contact them.

Administrative Items:

Authorization to advertise manhole lining –

Ms. Schueler advised that the manhole inspection survey was completed. Thirteen manholes have been selected with the idea of going out to bid. Based on the last contract lining 13 manholes with a 10 year warranty will range \$45 to \$50,000.00. With the Board's authorization documents and advertisement will be prepared for this project.

Motion – A motion giving authorization to advertise the manhole lining for the 13 manholes that were selected

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

Revisions to Stormwater Ordinance

At the request of the Supervisors Ms. Schuehler prepared a memo regarding revisions to the Storm Water Management Ordinance. She related that the township is required to stay within the parameters set by and meet the requirements of MS4 and the Swamp Creek Watershed Act 167 Plan. She explained the sections she would change and the affect it would have. The changes she discussed are all related to reducing the burden on small projects. The changes discussed are under review with the Montgomery County Planning Commission as they must agree that it is consistent with the Swamp Creek Watershed Act 167 Plan. Upon their approval of the ordinance the next step would be to advertise the ordinance for adoption.

Cuddy Park

The Supervisors have approved installation of a pavilion which will soon be installed. Ms. Schuehler discussed the pathway to the pavilion presenting samples of various materials along with definition and pricing of each. The Supervisors agreed to using tan Porous Pavers.

Line Painting

A motion giving authorization for advertising line painting
Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Kerwood
Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

Banking

Loans taken out for the sewer plant project are handled with Fulton Banking. Ms. Twardowski suggested having a CD that is coming due with Uninvest be transferred to Fulton. Mr. Yoder requested to first check the percentage rate with Ambler Savings.

A motion approving transfer of the CD as discussed this evening
Motion – Mr. Yoder Second Motion – Mr. Sacks
Motion Approved by a 3-0 Vote

Ms. Twardowski requested an Executive Session following the meeting.

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