

LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2016

Lower Frederick Township
Municipal Building
53 Spring Mount Road

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

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, Road Master – Present

George and Donna Wisniewski (204 Silverbrook Drive) presented concerns regarding water drainage problem after the culvert was put in by the township many years ago. Water is eroding their property and they'd like the township to look at the area.

Ernie Schmitt (Silverbrook Drive) said during heavy rains the creek overflows causing rocks and grit from above to clog the drainage tube. The township will take a look and see what can be done to remedy the problem.

Administrative Items

Police Department Shield purchase request

A motion to approve purchase of 3 bulletproof shields for the Police Department for \$3,100.

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second- Mr. Kerwood
Motion approved by 3-0 vote.

Safety Manual

A motion to Approve the Adoption of a Safety Manual.

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second- Mr. Sacks
Motion approved by 3-0 vote.

Resolution 16-35 authorizing the destruction of records

A motion to destroy (shred) sewer lien satisfactions prior to September 2015 and receipts from 2012 thru mid-2013.

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second- Mr. Kerwood
Motion approved by 3-0 vote.

Grant application – Small water and sewer projects. Resolution 16-36

Grant is for projects between \$30,000 - \$500,000. The pump station on Riverside would qualify. Ms. Twardowski secured a letter from the County stating the project is in compliance with our regional planning.

A motion for Ms. Twardowski to move ahead with the Application of the Small Water and Sewer Project Grant.

Motion – Mr. Yoder Second- Mr. Sacks
Motion approved by 3-0 vote.

Budget

New NPDES Permit requirements. Per Ms. Schuehler the next permit renewal is for the 2018 permit which must be submitted in September 2017. With the submission the Township is required to provide a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) for impaired streams which in our township applies to the Goshenhoppen Creek. The data collected cites the municipal point source is listed as the predominant source of the pollutant. The map suggests the impairment starts at the outfall of the sewer treatment plant in Upper Frederick Township.

Ms. Schuehler suggested that one plan would be to do a Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping of the watershed and delineate the storm sewer sheds to any storm sewer outfalls in that watershed (ie: Rose Lane and Simmons Road) and submit that with the application and Notice of Intent. GIS would cost approximately \$7,000. Dealing with the PRP plans could possibly cost an additional \$8,000 - \$12,000 because we not only need to delineate the storm sewer shed we also would need to run calculations on the nutrient loading from each storm sewer shed as well as solutions to reduce the nutrients going into the creek. Additionally we need to figure out how to pay for it, get the land and maintain it.

Upper Frederick would also be under a PRP requirement, we don't know what they're doing at this point. It's up to each township to deal with its own issues regardless of what is going on in neighboring townships.

Ms. Schuehler offered that we could request the DEP eliminate the Appendix E requirement for Lower Frederick based on our perception of origination in Upper Frederick, but we need to prove that. Therefore, we would still need to do the GIS mapping and loading calculations to be able to document the impairment originates in Upper Frederick and so would ask that the requirement be eliminated. This area of the Goshenhoppen Creek is the only area requiring us to submit the Notice of Intent due in 2017.

In 2018 the township needs to start dealing with the pathogens in the Perkiomen Creek. The Perkiomen is impaired for pathogens below our township, but because we are in a 5 mile radius of the impairment we will be forced to address the issue.

Ms. Schuehler suggested we move ahead and spend \$5,000 to do the GIS mapping the initial loading and then submit a request to DEP stating the problem begins in Upper Frederick. The supervisors and Mr. Keenan agree this is logical first step.

Coble Park

Ms. Twardowski received a notice from the state DCNR regarding Coble Park. When the Township bought Coble Park they did a sub division partitioning land for the township garage and the park. The park was purchased with federal and state funds. The township paid for the land for the garage. The township salt shed was placed partially on park property. The DCNR came out recently to inspect the property & now requests we allot open space for the salt shed. Mr. Keenan wrote a letter to the DCNR suggesting a solution with existing open space properties, however due to current federal regulations his request was denied and the township must now come up with a few acres of open space not associated with recreational use. Ms. Schuehler suggested that part of the Ragusa tract be dedicated to the township to satisfy the DCNR's requirement. Mr. Keenan will follow up.

Emergency Management

Ms. Twardowski received Todd Bonjo's resignation 10/24/16 and we are in need of a replacement. Per Montgomery County, the only requirement to be appointed is to pass a background check and meet age requirements. The appointee has one year to do a local certification and three years to do advanced certification. Todd has offered to assist the new appointee.

Perkiomen Trail

Mr. Keenan had a discussion with Rich Wood at the county regarding the section of the Perkiomen Trail between Moccia's and Ortino's. It looks like the county is now open to reconsider making improvements to that section of the trail. A meeting is scheduled November 3, 2016 at 10:00am at the Lower Frederick Township Building to discuss the Sunrise Mill Trail. Ms. Twardowski received a call from Mr. Ortino in response to a letter he received from Mr. Keenan regarding the trail. Should we decide to maintain the trail, he would like signs put up stating that his parking lot not be used for trail parking as he has limited space for customers to begin with. Mr. Keenan suggested that Sycamore Park be used for trail parking which is located behind Ortino's and just off of Park Ave.

With no further agenda items the meeting was adjourned.