

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors
February 7, 2013 Workshop Minutes**

Chairperson Underwood called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were all Supervisors; Township Manager Ben Thomas, Jr., Solicitor Sam Wiser, Police Chief Don Boehs, Assistant Secretary Carol Merryman, Zoning Officer Bill Naugle and Engineer Tim Knoebel. Others present were: Speros Marinos, Dale Molina, Don Sangirardi, Bob Sharrah, Attorney Kim Patrono, Jody Dickey, Barry and Jean Stone, Jim Paddock, Brian Devost and Amy Stansbury from the Evening Sun. The workshop was recorded.

Plan Review:

Mr. Knoebel reported that the M & L Properties Subdivision / Land Development Plan was discussed in detail at the last meeting and the ordinance to vacate a portion of Woodcrest Drive was approved by the Board. He added that he received a revised plan earlier this week and has a review letter dated February 6, 2013. He reported that there is a minor waiver request to Section 303 requiring the submission of a Preliminary Plan. Attorney Patrono acknowledged that he is in acceptance of the comments from Solicitor Wiser in regards to the Deeds of Consolidation and has sent them back. Mr. Knoebel also reported that the road vacation has a thirty-day appeal period and the plans could not be signed until the end of those thirty days. Mr. Knoebel went over the rest of his comments and recommended that the plans could be approved conditionally. Solicitor Wiser added that the approval does not become final until such time as the vacation ordinance becomes effective. **Mr. Shealer made a motion to grant the waiver to Section 303 requiring the submission of a separate Preliminary Plan seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried. Mr. Waybright made a motion that conditional approval be granted with the conditions stated in the Engineer's memorandum dated February 6, 2013 and the approval will not be final until the effective date of the vacation ordinance seconded by Mr. Shealer and carried.**

Public comment:

Mr. Barry Stone, 1745 Mummasburg Road, stated that he saw "Acknowledge letter from the Attorney General's Office" on the agenda and asked if this was just to acknowledge receipt of the letter or were the Supervisors discussing their strategy, and if so, he would like to hold his comments until after the discussion. Solicitor Wiser stated that he will acknowledge receipt of the letter and then notify the public as to the future procedural steps that will be taken.

Mr. Speros Marinos, 912 Baltimore Pike, stated that he would like to see Adams County as "advisory only" on the Comprehensive Plan and he questions the mechanics of the "joint plan." He added that he will be meeting with the staff regarding his concerns after his seasonal work is completed.

Chair Underwood reported that interested residents can go to www.ramtrucks.com to watch a video that aired during the Super Bowl and in doing so Ram Trucks will make a donation to Future Farmers of America.

Supervisors Goals and Active Projects:

Mr. Waybright: progress on Regional Comprehensive Plan, continue to "clean-up" matters in Zoning Ordinance that need immediate attention and do as much as possible in-house.

Mr. Toddes: echoes what Mr. Waybright said and see the completion of the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority.

Mr. Ferranto: see more interaction with the public and have them participate more in the discussions because their input would be helpful in decision making, the joint efforts already mentioned, working on the budget finding ways to save money and to move away from health and dental benefits for Supervisors.

Mr. Shealer: to finish the goals that we have already started and have already been mentioned.

Chair Underwood: agrees with so much already said, working with our neighbors, more equity in collecting taxes, a retreat for Supervisors and wish list for remodeling the Township Building with a priority on building security and to continue with the endeavors that have already been started.

Mr. Thomas mentioned the following projects that are already underway: Regional Coordinator for Emergency Management, Table Rock Road stormwater, Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority, Regional Comprehensive Plan, consolidated Police services with Gettysburg Borough, Pension investments, Police entrance security needs, Cannon Ridge development updates, Traffic Signal upgrades, North Gettysburg Trail Maintenance Agreement, proposed stormwater fees, replacement of mower and dump truck; and economic development. Mr. Thomas also gave the Board another copy of a three-page goal list that he authored during budget season and told the Board that we will not be forgetting about these, but staff is limited and they have received a whole lot more work from unfunded mandates in the past couple of years.

Mr. Thomas asked the Board to review the Draft Stormwater Review Fees. He added that the Township now has multiple systems that a citizen must go through and we have worked to come up with fair fees for these various reviews. He added that the fees will be analyzed as the year goes on to see if they should be modified and this will be a greater expense to a citizen who wants to build a building. He reported that the adoption of the proposed fees will be on the meeting agenda for action.

Mr. Thomas reported that we have met with Gettysburg Borough and Adams County Office of Planning and Development and the Township has an interest in moving ahead with a Regional Comprehensive Plan. He added that the next step would be for the Board of Supervisors to authorize a Letter of Intent to the Adams County Commissioners to participate with the Adams County Office of Planning and Development and Gettysburg Borough, upon their final approval, to proceed forward with the project. The Board has received the "Scope of Services" and a lot of this information has already been garnered. He also reported that the project will only cost the Township around \$3,000.00. **Mr. Ferranto made a motion to move forward and notify Adams County Commissioners with a Letter of Intent seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried.**

Mr. Toddes updated the Board on the status of forming the joint Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority with Gettysburg Borough. A joint Public Hearing is being scheduled for April 4, 2013 at the Sterner Building, Gettysburg Rec Park at 7:00 p.m. There will be a joint advertisement and the cost will be shared by the two municipalities. **Mr. Toddes made a motion to join with Gettysburg Borough and jointly advertise the Public Hearing on April 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried.**

Mr. Toddes also reported that the joint Recreation Committee is working with PA Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) to obtain funding to hire a Director and DCNR has suggested that they wait until 2014, but the committee wants to move forward and they may have other options for funding. Mr. Toddes also reported that the committee met with the Gettysburg Area School District and they have indicated that they may want to join and it looks promising. Mr. Toddes added they are trying to meet with the Adams County Commissioners to see if they might be able to help with funding and they have a tentative meeting date of February 27th at 9:00 a.m. Lastly, Mr. Toddes asked that any resident that would like to be considered for membership on the Recreation Authority Board to submit a letter of interest to the Supervisors. Mr. Ferranto suggested that an outline of the duties be put together and to ask interested persons for a resume. Mr. Toddes stated that they want other entities to join in, but they are not going to let that slow down their progress.

Mr. Thomas reported that since 1996 Adams County has been involved with the municipalities offering a joint bidding process for the collection of municipal waste and is making the offer again as the current contract is expiring at the end of the year. Mr. Thomas asked the Board if they wanted to continue to participate in the joint bidding process for municipal waste collection. Mr. Shealer clarified that even though the Township has a waste collection contract, it is not mandatory for residents to participate. **Mr. Shealer made a motion to provide a formal request to the Adams County Commissioners for continued assistance from the Office of Planning and Development for the joint bidding process for collection of municipal waste seconded by Mr. Ferranto and carried.**

Mr. Thomas reported that one item was added to the Agenda. He reported that a request was received yesterday from the Pennsylvania Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. (PICPI) for their Misty Ridge development. The request is for the Board to supply them a Letter of Endorsement for a grant application for funding for the next section of their development. Solicitor Wisner stated that this is a pretty common request for this type of project

and it is not approval of the plan, it is simply a letter stating that the proposed project complies with the planning goals of the Township and the Comprehensive Plan. **Mr. Waybright made a motion to supply a Letter of Endorsement for the next phase of Misty Ridge seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried.**

Solicitor:

Solicitor Wisner acknowledged a letter received by the Township from the Attorney General's office, dated January 18, 2013, in which they have concluded that it appears that the definitions and Conditional Use provisions of the Township's Zoning Ordinance unlawfully prohibit or limit normal agricultural operations in violation of Act 38, the ACRE Law. He added that the letter also states that they invite an opportunity to discuss this matter with the Board of Supervisors. Solicitor Wisner stated that he has sent a letter and received a call back from Attorney Susan Bucknum. Attorney Bucknum suggested her office prepare a letter to the Township that outlines some specifics of their concerns before they meet with the Board. Solicitor Wisner acknowledged that he thought that was a good idea. He added that Attorney Bucknum indicated that they may be able to get to that in February so the Township is in a holding pattern at this time.

Committee Reports:

Planning/Zoning – No report.

Public Safety – Chair Underwood reported that they were advised of a USDA Loan Program and suggests that the Police Department stay in contact with Senator Toomey's office to gather information regarding the program and future possibilities. They have received quotes for computer replacement; this was included in the 2013 Budget and will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting. Chair Underwood also reported that they are looking at a Mutual Aid Agreement possibly through the District Attorney's Office. Executive Session needed for a personnel item.

Finance Committee – Mr. Shealer reported that they will be meeting on February 14th. He added that he has final prices on a new dump truck with plow and spreader and this will be discussed as well as the Police's computer purchase.

Park and Rec – Nothing further to report.

Personnel – No report.

CTA – Mr. Shealer reported that the project is moving forward and about 60% of the piping has been completed. He added that the pumps may be received earlier than thought and this will move the project forward faster.

COG – No report.

ACTPO - No report.

Economic Development – No report.

150th Commemoration – Mr. Ferranto reported that he will have a report at the next workshop.

CT411 – Mr. Ferranto also reported that he will have a report from GMA at the next workshop.

Mrs. Jean Stone, 1745 Mummasburg Road, suggested that the Township have two public comment periods, one in the beginning of the meeting and one at the end of the meeting. She added that the Citizen's Amendment request regarding notification was not mentioned on the list of active projects.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. for an Executive Session with no report to follow.

Carol A. Merryman, Asst. Secretary

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