

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 1, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

Solebury Township Hall

MINUTES

Attendance: James Searing, Chair, Paul Cosdon, Vice-chair, Edward McGahan, Jr., Robert Heath, Jr. and Helen Tai. Dennis H. Carney, Manager, Gretchen K. Rice, Assistant Manager, Jonathan J. Reiss, Solicitor and Curt Genner, for the Township Engineer, were also present.

The meeting was called to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Bills Payable – March 26, 2014

Res. 2014-52 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Ms. Tai, the list of Bills Payable dated March 26, 2014 was unanimously approved as prepared and posted.

Approval of Minutes – March 18, 2014

Ms. Tai noted that the motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP 41-28-33-1 should have referenced a carriage style garage and not a dwelling unit. *(There was no consensus on this revision from the Board or Administration due to multiple HARB submissions involving the parcel, however, the Administration subsequently determined that Ms. Tai was correct and the Minutes were revised to reflect a garage as noted.)* Mr. Searing requested that the state roads listed include “Route” in the identification.

Res. 2014-53 – Upon a motion by Ms. Tai, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to approve the Minutes as written and posted with the noted revisions.

Announcements/Resignations/Appointments

- The Board announced an executive session held prior to the meeting related to personnel and litigation matters.

Public Comment

- Melody Hunt Tinsman of Old Carversville Road addressed the Board with comments related to the condition of Old Carversville Road and recommended that the road not be paved. Her recommendation was echoed by other residents of Old Carversville Road.
- Mr. Hedlund of Old Carversville Road suggested the Board might consider paving only the portion of Old Carversville Road up to 6565 Old Carversville Road.
- In response, the Chair stated that the Board was looking at alternatives, however there was no current plan to pave Old Carversville Road. Any such decision would be made at a public meeting after providing notice and allowing for an open discussion.

PUBLIC HEARING – Application of Pantera Realty, LLC regarding the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license.

The Applicant and counsel, Mr. Butera, were present in addition to a court stenographer. The Township Solicitor noted that the hearing had been properly advertised.

The hearing was closed following testimony and the Board took the following action.

Res. 2014-54 – Upon a motion by Mr. Heath, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, it was unanimously agreed to adopt a Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of Solebury Township approving the request to approve the inter-municipal transfer of the Restaurant Liquor License R-19900 to a location known as 6817 Route 202, Solebury Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

PRESENTATION – Parks & Recreation – Matt Hayden and Kevin Campbell, representing the Parks and Recreation Board, reviewed updated priority lists in the Draft Parks & Recreation Master Plan noting that the overall draft previously presented at the November 7th meeting of last year had not be revised. The update involved a clarification and re-prioritizing of short, medium and long-term recommendations.

Among the revised short-term recommendations was the creation of a document or map highlighting the existing trails and river access; identification of possible location to accommodate a dog park; ensuring that any improvements at Solebury Park incorporate concepts of maintaining the quality of life and not restricting traffic flow or other Township priorities; working with organizations to enhance active recreational areas; and developing a Solebury Community Day event.

The revised medium-term recommendations included identifying funding sources that might support a dog park and associated improvements and the revised long-term recommendations included the establishment of a public arts program and associated funding sources and a recommendation to continue to develop the trail system.

The Board expressed support for creating a map specifically identifying existing trails and river access within the Township and suggested that P&R further define a conceptual trail system throughout the Township for use going forward.

In response to concern raised by Mr. Searing about including the trail system in the long-term recommendations rather than the short term, Mr. Hayden explained that creating trails has always been a focus for the Parks and Recreation Board and it was presumed that the Supervisors understood that. Adding it to the long-term recommendations was an effort to promote the continuance of the emphasis going forward and was not intended to mean that the creation of trails would not be a focus in the short or medium term.

In response to questions from Ms. Tai related to the number of fields and number of events that take place on individual fields, Mr. Hayden and the P&R Director provided further clarification on how the calculations were done, emphasizing that use of any particular school district field is not guaranteed on a year-to-year basis because it is conditioned upon the District's use schedule which changes based on district programs and team use.

Mr. Searing asked why Solebury Park was a focus in the short-term and North Pointe Park was in the medium-term recommendations. Mr. Hayden provided the history explaining that originally P&R was to develop a plan for the active use of North Pointe Park and was moving in that direction. However, with the acquisition of Solebury Park, the P&R Board was directed by the Board of Supervisors at that time to halt work on the North Pointe Park plan and focus on putting everything at the Solebury Park property instead. Absent any other direction, that is where the P&R Board has focused its attention.

Mr. McGahan commented that the Township does have a lot of existing walking trails but suggested that perhaps more trails and a dog park might be located at North Pointe Park, and possibly one or two practice areas could be developed at minimal expense at the Solebury Park property.

Mr. Cosdon agreed that practice fields could be developed at lesser expense than game fields because they do not need to be perfectly level. Creating some practice fields would help reduce the overuse of the game fields.

Mr. Searing requested the updated population projections be included in the plan and that the previous School District facilities study from 2009 be incorporated into the plan. Mr. Haydon responded that both could be incorporated, cautioning however that the Board should realize that the School District study continues to be a 'moving target'.

Mr. Cosdon advised the presenters that the P&R Master Plan will be discussed at the work session scheduled for Thursday, April 3rd.

Mr. Heath left the meeting at this time.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Dept. & Public Works – The Administration has requested authorization to dispose of a Police vehicle and Public Works dump truck utilizing Municibid.

Res. 2014-55 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Administration to sell the following using Municibid:

- 1. 2006 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN #2FAFP71W06X118633) Mileage 112,000**
- 2. 2002 GMC 5500 Dump Truck GVWR 19,800 (VIN #1GDG6H1C12J505333) Mileage 33,720**

Public Works Department

Res. 2014-56 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Administration to bid the 2014 Road Program which includes the following:

Seal Coat/Tar & Chip

Honey Hollow (from Street Road to Aquetong Road)
Great Oaks Road (Entire Length)
Arboresque Drive (Entire Length)
Red Fox Drive (Route 263 to Red Fox Drive)
Paddock Drive (Bridlewood Drive to Red Fox Drive)
Bridlewood Drive (Aquetong Road to Red Fox Drive)
(2,000 gallon total Crack Sealing)

Mill and Wearing Course

Sunset Drive (Entire Length)
N. Sугan Road (Mechanicsville Road to Sугan Close)
Creamery Road (Mechanicsville Road to 3161 Creamery Road)
Paxson Road (Comfort Road to Sугan Road)
Hagan Drive (Sunset Drive to Bogle Drive)
Bogle Drive (Chapel Road to Sunset Drive)
Parkside Drive (Entire Length)
Chapel Road (Intersection of Chapel Road and River Road)

Bucks County Consortium Bid Award - New Britain Township, on behalf of the Bucks County Consortium, accepted bids for Highway Materials. The Administration recommends awarding the bid to Plumstead Materials.

Res. 2014-57 – Upon a motion by Mr. Cosdon, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to award the bid to Plumstead Materials for miscellaneous stone products as submitted to the Bucks County Consortium.

Bucks County Consortium Fuel Bid Award - The Bucks County Consortium took proposals for fuel oil products as follows:

	Superior Plus Energy	Riggins Inc.	Farm & Home
Unleaded Regular	0.1500	0.1915	0.3250
Unleaded Premium	0.1500	0.1915	0.2707
#2 Heating Oil	0.1874	No Bid	0.1461
Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel	0.1587	0.1885	0.1601
Propane	0.7500	No Bid	No Bid

The bid prices above are the delivery costs per gallon for deliveries of less than 6,000 gallons. The product cost is the posted price at the refinery for each of the products and is the same for each supplier.

Res. 2014-58 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to award the bid for propane, gasoline and ultra-low sulfur diesel to Superior Plus Energy Services, and award the bid for #2 heating oil to Farm & Home Energy.

ARLE Grant – A resolution granting authority to execute documents associated with the ARLE grant funds is required by the PA Department of Transportation, describing specific terms, responsibilities and obligations for the Township and PennDOT.

Res. 2014-59 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. McGahan, it was unanimously agreed to adopt a Resolution granting authority to the Township Manager for execution of all documents associated with the ARLE Grant.

Stormwater Management Agreement – Execution of Agreement regarding the Charles Brown property in Carversville known as TMP 41-002-005.

Res. 2014-60 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the appropriate Township officials to execute the Stormwater Management Agreement regarding TMP 41-002-005.

SUBDIVISIONS/LAND DEVELOPMENTS/CONDITIONAL USES

Porter/Massey Revised Final Plan - The properties are located at Street Road & Ridge Road and are known as #14-593 TMP#41-35-2 & 41-35-2-3. The applicant is seeking to adjust an existing lot line between two existing lots.

William Benner, Esquire, and Kevin Kester, P.E., were present on behalf of the applicant. Following discussion the Board adopted the below Resolution.

Res. 2014-61 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, it was unanimously agreed to direct the Township Solicitor to prepare a Resolution for the Board’s consideration granting approval to the proposed lot line change to TMP 41-035-002 AND 41-035-002-003 conditioned upon compliance with C. Robert Wynn’s review letter of February 12, 2014, except for item 1.B. which shall be addressed at time of grading permit; item 1.G. which fee in lieu shall be due on one lot only for whichever lot first applies for a building permit; and items 6 & 7 which shall be addressed at time of building permit.

Advisory Committee Appointments

Res. 2014-62 – Upon a motion by Mr. Searing, seconded by Ms. Tai, it was unanimously agreed to make the following appointments:

Kevin Morrissey to the Solebury Township Planning Commission, with no compensation, for a four year term to expire 12/31/2017; Greg Cathcart to the Solebury Township Parks & Recreation Board, without compensation, for a five year term to expire 12/31/2018; and John Fuhrmiester as an Alternate to the Solebury Township Zoning Hearing Board for a term to expire following the Board’s reorganization in January, 2017.

Public Comment

- Melody Hunt Tinsman again addressed the Board regarding maintaining Old Carversville Road as a dirt road.

Adjournment

Res. 2014-63 – Upon a motion by Mr. McGahan, seconded by Mr. Cosdon, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Gretchen K. Rice
Assistant Manager
Secretary/Treasurer