

A public hearing was held on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the hearing to order at 7:05 p.m. Advance Publications advertised the hearing as required by law in the Perry County papers. The purpose of the hearing was to hear public comment on the Perry County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Those present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Johanna Rehkamp, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Dexter Potter, Jeff Smith, Holly Potter, Dave Jenkins, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, Kurt Hepschmidt and David Mills.

Barry Schrope stated there were some errors found in the review of the plan. One of the tables did not include Wheatfield Township and also there were some hazards reported years ago that are still showing incomplete that have already been fixed such as the culverts on Dark Hollow and Creek Road.

Kurt Hepschmidt stated he has reviewed the plan and is okay with it as long as the errors are fixed.

Jim Fuller stated he will speak with Jason Finnerty about correcting the errors.

There being no further comments or questions, Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, Jim Fuller second the motion. Hearing adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The resolution for the Perry County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan is on tonight's agenda and will be discussed at the regular meeting.

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, August 4, 2014 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Annette Mullen (by conference call till after public comment), Johanna Rehkamp, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Dexter Potter, Jeff Smith, Holly Potter, Dave Jenkins, Marty Smith, Mary Smith, Kurt Hepschmidt, David Mills, Luke Roman – Perry Co. Times, Herb Field, Charles Willhide, Kraig Nace and Benjamin Smith.

Jim Fuller led the pledge to the American flag followed by a brief moment of silence.

The minutes of the July 7, 2014 meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the township building prior to the August 4, 2014 regular meeting for public viewing. Annette Mullen made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion, Barry Schrope abstained stating he was not at the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting (copy of abstention form on file).

David Mills thanked the supervisors for continuing to support recreation in the township and also on behalf of the recreation board he would like to thank Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith and Dexter Potter for helping spread mulch on the playground this year.

Herb Field stated he would like to talk about public records. Herb stated it would seem to him that when a document is submitted to the township for approval it should become public record. Herb stated he found out if he requests a document from here that has come in, his request is normally denied. Herb stated he does not fault the secretary for this that she is just following directions and he just would like to know what the supervisors have for a written process. Herb stated he asked to see the submitted Land Development Plan for the proposed cellular tower on the McNaughton property. Herb stated it was submitted on July 12 and he came in a week after that and apparently the planning commission members and zoning officer had copies of the plan and no other copies were here at the office and Vicki stated the planning commission would have to see it before allowing the public to see it. Vicki Jenkins stated her comment to him was the practice prior to that was that because the planning commission would not review it until August 12 and the supervisors at the earliest would see it at their September meeting and if he came to the supervisors meeting tonight he would be asking them questions on something they have not even seen yet. Vicki advised she did not have the plan at the township that day anyhow, there were only 7 plans submitted and they were distributed to the engineer, planning commission and zoning officer. The zoning officer was going to give his copy back to the township for our file when he was done with it. Vicki stated her understanding is she is not allowed to disseminate information prior to a review. Herb stated that may be a very good rationale but he is not sure that is law. Herb asked the attorney for clarification and to contact the Office of Public Records to make an advisory rule. Johanna Rehkamp stated she did not bring her statute book tonight and would have to review it before making a recommendation. Herb stated he could file a complaint with the Office of Open Records but he does not want to do that if the supervisors are willing to go and ask for an informal ruling. Johanna stated she could review the statute and advise.

Charles Willhide stated he lives on the Penn Township side of Linton Hill Road and was wondering what the speed limit is; there are no posted signs. Barry Schrope stated this is an agenda item they will be discussing tonight.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS presented the supervisors with the call statistics report for the half-way point of the year (copy on file). Kraig stated they are right on track with previous years. Kraig stated they are expanding their non-emergency service to offset some of their expenses.

The conference call with Annette Mullen was ended after public comment.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of July. Jeff stated they have finished the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of mowing, cleaned up after a storm with tree's and wire's down, replaced pipes on Windy Hill 4 – 15" pipes, 1 – 18" pipe, 1 – 24" pipe, hauled 6 loads of 2A modified, had line painting done on various roads, filled in shoulders and ditches on Windy Hill that have settled, hauled 4 loads of mulch to Wagner Park and weed wacked around guard rails. Jeff stated he has received 2 quotes for the repair needed on Narrows Road. The part of the road that needs fixed is 9' wide and 160' long. McNaughton Services \$4,975 and Wilson Paving \$6,990. Barry Schrope made a motion to hire McNaughton Services to repair the bad section on Narrows Road, Jim Fuller second the motion.

Jim Fuller made a motion to sign Resolution #02-2014 for the Perry County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan, Barry Schrope second the motion.

Charles Willhide asked who is responsible for posting the speed limit on Linton Hill; Wheatfield Township or Penn Township because he knows the road is split for maintenance. Jim Fuller stated Penn Township had done a speed study and posted it on the other side of Linton Hill, Jim stated we could talk to Penn Township about doing a speed study. Charles asked what the speed limit would be if it is not posted. The supervisors advised the state indicates if it is not posted it is 55 mph. Barry Schrope stated they are looking to have Jeff Smith & Dexter Potter trained by LTAP so they can perform speed study's and post all township roads that are not posted. Charles stated the road is definitely not safe to travel 55 mph and would like to see a speed study done and the road posted. The supervisors asked the secretary to contact Penn Township and LTAP.

Benjamin Smith is here tonight regarding a zoning permit application for Jessica Wamsley on Newport Road. Ben stated a driveway permit has been approved by PennDOT, they have their septic permit and are looking to get the zoning permit so they can obtain a building permit. Ben stated Lester Nace has an issue with the existing right of way that is on the property. Lester Nace stated there are now two driveways to the Julie Reeder and Justin Conrad property and the ordinance specifically states one driveway per residence. Ben stated there is a 20 foot right of way that has been recorded at the court house. The supervisors indicated the township requires a 50 foot right of way and does not allow two driveways to one residence. Lester stated the township should contact Ms. Wamsley of the problem and let her know until this is straightened out the township is not going to issue a zoning permit and that the township would like to see the roadway built and the new entrance onto the property should be a 50' strip. Lester stated this is not an issue that was caused by the township. Lester stated the plan that was submitted to DEP showing the 20 foot right of way and if the township accepts this plan as such then the township is accepting the 20 foot right of way. Lester stated the 20 foot right of way that was recorded is illegal and has never been approved by the township. There was a lengthy discussion on this situation and the supervisors and solicitor advised the plan is not in compliance with the township ordinance, the final outcome being Mr. Conrad needs to improve the driveway approved and remove the right of way or request a zoning variance. A letter will be sent to Ms. Wamsley stating her zoning permit has been denied and all other parties involved advising them of the issue and what needs to be done so Ms. Wamsley can receive approval of her zoning permit.

Barry Schrope stated the bid packages for the office addition will be dropped off tomorrow from John Madden. Barry Schrope made a motion to advertise for bids if everything looks okay with the bid package, Jim Fuller second the motion.

Barry Schrope stated with the construction of the office addition they will have to temporarily relocate the office for the secretary and also the meetings. Barry stated John Madden indicated the project would go faster if the office would be empty and also they will be redoing the restroom. The project should take approximately 3 months. Vicki Jenkins indicated she has spoken to Dawn at the Duncannon EMS and the building is available all 3 months. The supervisors stated they will discuss this more at next month's meeting.

Barry Schrope advised no payments have been made recently by Bryce Wysocki for the fire damage done to Pine Hill. Vicki Jenkins advised he has paid \$500 and then stopped. The supervisors asked the solicitor to file for nonpayment at the District Justice. Vicki stated a letter was received from his father asking to be informed when the project will take place to ensure it has been completed. The supervisors stated they will table filing at the

District Justice until the work has been completed and they have been informed. Work should be started next month.

Barry Schrope stated at last month's meeting the supervisors discussed replacing an inlet box on Windy Hill Road off the township right of way at Joe McNaughton's property. Barry indicated he was out with Jeff to look at it and the box that was previously there didn't work and the road would flood. Barry stated he believes the township should incur the cost of the box and not incur any cost to Joe. Jim Fuller agreed as well.

Barry Schrope advised the solicitor of a situation on the ground purchased by Wagner Park by the township. Barry advised an individual has requested a right of way up through our land to their piece of property that is not in Wheatfield Twp. and that was granted. But however the person who purchased the property put a gate at the bottom of the road and has posted signs on the gate stating "Posted No Trespassing" without permission. Barry indicated the township owns the property and the right of way and asked if he could put those signs on the gate. Johanna advised she believes it does not give him the exclusive right to use the right of way and post it. The supervisors got out the subdivision plan to review with the solicitor. Johanna stated he can use the right of way but not have exclusive rights to it. Johanna will review the plan and look into it and get back to the supervisors.

Barry Schrope stated it has come to the attention the property owner of the mill on Dellville Dam Road is for sale and the owner would like for it to stay a historical site and asked if the township would be interested in buying it for a small price. Barry stated his question would be upkeep on the property.

Jim Fuller stated the spring cleanup total has been tabulated. The total income was \$4250.50 and expenses were \$3,386.20 netting a profit of \$864.30.

Lester Nace stated Rettew Associates will be here at Tuesday's Planning Commission meeting for the Verizon Land Development Plan.

Lester Nace advised 18 letters have been mailed out notifying the proper authorities Swain Lane.

Kraig Nace stated the Duncannon EMS was approached and selected by the Emergency Foundation to produce a video for EMS services. There was a couple locations in Wheatfield Twp. featured.

Ben Smith stated in reviewing the comments from the Ida & Cathy subdivision plan that was not approved there are 2 comments on the plan #8 and #14 that reference the 20 ft. right of way and the use of the right of way for access is prohibited but in the same comment they put the right of way does meet the requirement for the ordinance and was not approved by the township. Ben stated he will contact Mr. Conrad to get a zoning variance in progress and possibly get some old aerial photos showing the road.

Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of July. They were as follows:

2295 – 2328, 06-2014, 0002-2014, 070714A, 070714B, 006-2014 and 071114

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks.

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary