

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, July 2, 2018 in the Township Building. Jim Fuller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith, Johanna Rehkamp, Lester Nace, Vicki Jenkins, Ken Masser, Chris Hinkle, Carol Flickinger, Paul Krieger, Dave Keen, Rick Boyer, Holly Potter, Kurt Hepschmidt and David Mills.

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

The minutes of the June 4, 2018 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the July 2, 2018 regular meeting for public viewing. Jeff Smith made the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting as presented by the secretary, Jim Fuller second the motion.

Ken Masser stated as a resident of Cook Road he would like to say thank you for paving the road, they did a really good job and that it was nice to have the illuminated sign at the end of the road letting residents know when the paving was going to be done. Ken also asked about the poor condition of Linton Hill Road beyond Dave's World. Jeff Smith advised that portion of the road is Penn Township's responsibility. Ken asked if anything could be done to get Penn Township moving to fix the road. Jim Fuller asked the secretary to contact Helen at Penn Township to let them know we received a complaint and if anything is being done to fix the road. Ken stated the road has been in terrible shape for quite some time.

Paul Krieger asked Jeff Smith if they came out and looked at the drop off at his mailbox since they paved Cook Road. Jeff Smith stated they road crew will place millings there at his mailbox.

Rick Boyer stated he has been helping New Bloomfield Fire Co. with the set up for the carnival and that he was very impressed with the fire company. Rick stated they must have 50 – 60 people helping them. Rick stated with people complaining about the fire tax in our township a little bit of help goes a long way and they are very appreciative of the volunteer help they receive.

David Mills thanked the township for continuing to support recreation at Wagner Park. David also stated they have received the plaques from the Historical Society and they will be installed this summer.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of June. Jeff stated the road crew has finished the first round of mowing, removed bushes and mowed at the Lamb property on McNaughton Drive after receiving several complaints, redid the flashing around the garage doors, weed wacked around all the guard rails in the township, Pennsy Supply did the paving on Cook Road, took care of a tree down on wires on Loshes Run Road, working on rebuilding 2 sets of bleachers at Wagner Park, cut down 10 dead ash trees on Pennells Church Road and marked the pipes on Basin Hill Road and Linton Hill Road to be replaced.

Chris Hinkle of Burget & Associates presented the H. Edward & Kaye Stidfole Final Minor Subdivision Plan to the supervisors for approval. Chris advised the purpose of the plan is to cut off a 10 acre piece from the 114 acre residual lot and give some to the 3 smaller tracts owned by Mr. Stidfole's brothers to increase the size of those lots. Chris stated a maintenance agreement for the driveway will be recorded with the plan. Chris advised all comments from the planning commission, engineer and zoning officer have been addressed and the planning commission has recommended approval of the AOR's requested and the subdivision plan. The requested AOR's are: 1 – Final Plan Review, 2 – Sheet Size and Scale and 3 – Map Scale. Jim Fuller made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Jeff Smith second the motion. Jim Fuller made a motion to conditionally approve the plan as presented pending owner signatures on the plan and DEP waiver approval on the residual lot, Jeff Smith second the motion.

Dave Keen of the Duncannon Fire Co. stated the fire company will be having a training burn at the house in front of Mutzabaugh's Market on Sunday starting at 8 a.m. Dave stated the burn will be run by a State Fire instructor and is being held for some of the newer volunteer firefighters for training and will be open to the public to observe at a safe distance. Lester Nace asked if the Duncannon Fire Co. will receive any funding from anyone for doing this as a training exercise. Dave advised no, Dollar General has paid for the permits and the state instructor is paid through whatever he does. Dave asked Vicki Jenkins if she spoke to Ethan and also asked if everything was in order with the financial reports. Vicki advised she emailed Ethan on June 7<sup>th</sup> and have not heard back from him yet and advised the figures still do not match up with what they presented when we met with him and Byron. Dave also stated he is the Lieutenant for the fire police and they have purchased 5 radios for over \$5,000 and are looking for a donation towards the purchase. Lester asked if the 3 radios the county bought went to the officers. Dave advised no, one stays in the mobile unit and the other 2 portable units went to the Captain and Lieutenant. Lester asked why wouldn't the radios go to the people who are controlling the traffic and Dave advised usually the Captain and Lieutenant are 1<sup>st</sup> on scene and controlling the traffic. Dave said when they do special events they need more than 3 radios. Jim Fuller asked Dave if the fire police give the township an annual report as to what they spend the money on. Dave stated no they don't. Jim advised \$500 is budgeted each year to the fire police, but they haven't come out and asked for anything lately. The supervisors stated they would like to see how previous donations were split with Duncannon and New Bloomfield.

Agenda item #8 – Driveway Ordinance was tabled until next month's meeting until further research is done.

Vicki Jenkins advised the time clock has stopped again and the motor has been replaced several times already. Jeff Smith asked if the township buys a new one or just write in the times as the employees are doing now. Carol Flickinger asked if there is an ordinance on the books requiring a time clock. Carol stated as an auditor she does not see a problem with it, but if there becomes a problem she would recommend replacing the time clock. The supervisors stated at this time they do not see a need to replace the time clock.

At last month's meeting the supervisors discussed the property at 1581 New Bloomfield Road. Lester Nace stated he has not been out there so he was not sure if the property has been cleaned up. Jeff Smith stated the grass has been finally mowed but nothing else has been cleaned up in the front yard and as far as the back yard the neighbor put up a fence and he could not see down back. The supervisors asked Johanna Rehkamp to send a certified letter to the resident advising him the property needs to be cleaned up to the supervisors satisfaction within 10 days of receipt of the letter. If no action is taken a formal citation will be issued. Jeff Smith and Lester Nace advised they would make a visit to the property to see if anything has been done and advise him a letter from the solicitor will be forthcoming.

An anonymous letter has been received from a resident on Basin Hill Road regarding a property at the intersection of Basin Hill Road and Pearl Drive. The letter asked if a letter could be sent to the property owner advising them to clean up the jungle in their yard and that the problem is an invitation for ticks, rodents and snakes. Jim Fuller advised he would go out and speak to the property owner.

Lester Nace advised the township had a formal complaint last month regarding a resident on Montebello Farm Road. Lester advised he has visited the resident and they have agreed to take action on the issues after they have received the approved minutes from the June meeting. Lester stated he sent them a second letter with his understanding of what they would do after they received that letter.

Lester Nace stated he and Jeff Smith visited the home on McNaughton Drive and spoke with the contractor. The contractor advised the owner wants something done and the insurance company wants to pay for something they want and he is caught in between. The contractor has a zoning permit but can't go for a building permit until he knows what the owner and insurance agrees upon and who's paying for what. The contractor advised the insurance company has not yet paid him for hauling all of the trash away.

Lester Nace advised a letter has been sent to the homeowner of a property on Towpath Road about cleaning up the property. Lester advised the homeowner has been making an effort to clean up the property and making it more presentable. Lester stated the homeowner has purchased the property aside of his and plans on placing a trailer on it and pull out the dilapidated trailer that is currently on it.

Lester Nace advised a zoning permit has been issued to rebuild the fire damaged house on Hunkey Hollow Road. Lester advised the restoration outfit started the project without permits and will obtain a building permit.

Lester Nace advised a resident on Thomas Drive had a deck removed and a new one built without a permit. Lester advised the contractor told the homeowner they did not need permits. Lester stated they now have a zoning permit and are in the process of obtaining a building permit.

Lester Nace advised a modular home 14' wide x 76' long (2 pieces) will be coming onto Roseglen Road. Lester stated they will travel Rt. 274 turning left onto Linton Hill Road, turning right onto Glutts Hole Road and then right onto Roseglen Road and a right into the driveway. Lester stated he told them to let the township know at least 2 days in advance of moving the modular home pieces in.

Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the checks from the General Fund for the month of June. They were as follows:

4175 – 4214, 05-2018, 005-2018, 060418A and 060418B

Jim Fuller second the motion to approve the checks.

There being no further business Jeff Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary