

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Monday, April 6, 2020 at the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith, Vicki Jenkins, Lester Nace, Sue Flickinger, George Green Jr., Rev. George Green, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), Dexter Potter, Dave Jenkins, David Mills, Kurt Hepschmidt and Joe Burget Jr.

The minutes of the March 2, 2020 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the April 6, 2020 regular meeting for public viewing. Barry Schrope made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

George Green Jr. asked what he needs to do to get a permit, he said he spoke to 2 of the supervisors and they know the hassle he is going through. Barry Schrope advised Mr. Green that he will be receiving a letter in the mail and if he wants to start his project to go ahead. Barry advised the Perry County COG is not doing inspections at this time. Mr. Green asked why does he have to put up with the language from Mr. Nace when he does try to get a permit and why does he have to have a paper signed and sent in instead of like everyone else in the township? Mr. Green stated he went to Mr. Nace's house on Friday night and was cussed out. Lester Nace advised he did not cus him out. Jim Fuller told Mr. Green that he should have worked through the township office and that he had no business going to Lester's house, that's not common practice at all. Lester stated he also went to his wife's house. Mr. Green asked what the common practice is and Jim advised him when someone wants a permit they should contact the zoning officer's via his phone or contact the township office and the secretary will give the message to the zoning officer and then the zoning officer will go out to the person's house within a week and verify setbacks and location. Jim stated a zoning permit cannot be given without measuring and looking where the property lines are at. Vicki Jenkins advised this was a Friday night, Lester does not work weekends. Mr. Green asked what Lester's hours are and Vicki advised as needed. Barry Schrope advised there are no set hours for Lester, so the township is supposed to pay Lester to stand here for 8 hrs. in the building everyday?

Rev. George Green stated you got to have some way to get a hold of somebody when needed, the hours should be posted so they know when they can get a hold of him. Rev. Green stated just give the permit. Barry Schrope stated he already told Mr. Green to go ahead with his building when he called him. Barry advised he can start unless a building permit is needed from the inspection office. Mr. Green stated there is no electric being placed in the building at this time. Vicki Jenkins advised the zoning permit application just came into the office today. Barry stated he just saw the permit today and doesn't know what Mr. Green wants the township to do, jumping through hoops especially at this time when the secretary is not in the office every day due to the covid virus. Mr. Green stated he just wants to make sure he won't get in trouble, Barry stated I already told you that you could start when you called me on the phone Sunday when I was at work. Mr. Green stated now he has it clear.

Lester Nace stated to the supervisors, you gave Mr. Green the okay to go ahead with his project, Barry Schrope stated as long as it is within the setbacks. Lester asked Mr. Green if the project is staked out. Mr. Green advised he will make sure that is done before he comes over, but make sure he is there and not just come over. Lester stated he received a message Friday morning at 10:35 from Mr. Green saying the permit was needed for an addition to the garage and now he received an application stating the permit is for a pole building. Lester stated he has not checked stake outs, so he cannot verify setbacks without seeing where the project is staked out. Lester and Barry will go over to Mr. Green's property tomorrow morning at 6:30 a.m. to verify the setbacks and issue the zoning permit.

David Mills stated he would like to thank the township for supporting Wagner Park and recreation in the community.

Joe Burget of Burget & Associates presented the Hetrick/Frank Final Minor Subdivision Plan. Joe stated the purpose of the plan is to subdivide an existing 36 acre lot into 2 separate tracts, it will reconfigure the residual lot, lot #1 into 10.641 acres and another lot, lot #2 into 25.762 acres, this will be a non-building lot. Joe advised all comments have been addressed and the township planning commission has recommended approval of the requested AOR and the subdivision plan. The requested AOR is 1 – Final Plan Review. Barry Schrope made a motion to accept the AOR as requested, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Jeff Smith made a motion to approve the plan as presented, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Barry Schrope made a motion to release the quarterly donations to the Duncannon Fire Co. (\$21,562.50), New Bloomfield Fire Co. (\$7,187.50), Duncannon EMS (\$5,625.00) and New Bloomfield EMS (\$625.00), Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

The township supervisors postponed the spring cleanup scheduled for April 23 – April 25 until further notice. The supervisors will discuss a new date at their May meeting.

The supervisors discussed the seal coat bid document and stated due to the COVID-19 virus they would like to take out the start date of June and change the completion date requirement till Labor Day to allow more time for contractors to complete the project. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the bid package with the

discussed changes and advertise for bids to be opened at the May meeting, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor.

Jeff Smith stated the County Commissioners passed a resolution to ban burning in the County until June 1, 2020.

Vicki Jenkins stated a past due statement has been received from Act One & Associates for the grant work at Wagner Park. Vicki asked if the remaining balance could be paid. The supervisors advised Vicki to go ahead and pay the remaining balance.

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

4967 – 5005 and 030220, 02-2020, 030520 and 002-2020

Jeff Smith second the motion to approve the checks, with all in favor.

There being no further business Barry Schrope made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary