

The regular meeting of the Wheatfield Township Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 7, 2021 in the Township Building. Barry Schrope called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith, Lester Nace, Luke Roman (Perry Cty. Times), Kurt Hepschmidt, Ken Masser, John Weldon, Roger Watson, Elijah Barrick, Rhoda Barrick, David Mills, Brian Swope and Mary Swope.

Jim Fuller led the pledge to the American flag followed by an invocation given by Kurt Hepschmidt.

The minutes of the August 2, 2021 regular meeting were presented to the supervisors and posted for attendees in the Township Building prior to the September 7, 2021 regular meeting for public viewing. Jim Fuller made the motion to approve the minutes as presented by the secretary, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

Kurt Hepschmidt asked as EMC for the Township to be notified of any road closures that are going to last for more than 24 – 36 hours. Jeff Smith stated he does call the 911 center and let them know, but will also let Kurt know.

Ken Masser stated he has some questions and possible safety concerns regarding the township recycling program. Ken asked if there was an average count of cars that come through each month and Jim Fuller stated Sue Flickinger counted the one month and he thought there were around 130. Ken asked if the volunteers are covered by insurance if an injury would occur, Barry Schrope stated yes, there is a separate insurance policy for the volunteers. Ken asked if the people/vehicle bringing the items are covered and was told by Barry that he was not sure. Ken asked if he could take video/pictures during the recycling and Jim stated the supervisors could not prohibit that. Ken stated at the June meeting Kurt Hepschmidt asked the supervisors to post a sign of the rules for recycling and he wanted to know if any action was taken on his request. The supervisors stated this is on our website; the items accepted, the hours of operation; the only rule would be that it is for township residents. Ken stated the issues he has with the monthly recycling; these include the flow of traffic and people coming in the wrong end of the parking lot, would like do not enter signs on the lower end, when the John Deere tractor is getting the forks switched out at the beginning and end the operator is backing out into the flow of traffic, suggested backing up towards the building, asked what the guidelines are for a township resident to pick any of the recycling items up such as the newspaper, the supervisors stated any township resident could pick up the newspaper, Ken asked about if any other materials can be picked up, Jim advised they don't allow any tin/aluminum items to be picked up because the township profits from those kind of materials and if someone would need a cardboard box or any of the crushed glass they could take that, Ken asked if paid township personnel are permitted to handle other township business when they are here volunteering for recycling, Jim stated there are a lot of things talked about at the monthly recycling, not just township business, Lester Nace also stated he has been zoning officer for the last 15 years and people recognize who he is and if they have a zoning question and see him at recycling they will talk with him about it. Jim asked Ken to give him a copy of his list of concerns to look over as there is always room for improvement.

David Mills thanked the township for continuing to support recreation in the community.

Brian Swope stated he is just here tonight to see what's going on in the township.

Mary Swope said thank you for everything the township does.

Jeff Smith presented the Road Master report for the month of August. Jeff stated the road crew has finished the 2nd round of mowing, repaired a hydraulic leak on the backhoe, finished painting the handicapped parking spots at the park, dug out the tree that was in the middle of the parking lot at the park and filled it in with stone, hauled about 15 loads of shot rock for wash out repairs on various roads and took care of about a dozen tree's that came down during the storms.

The supervisors stated they have received the new formatted Quickbook reports from the Duncannon Fire Co. and thanked John Rubinic. Barry Schrope advised the fire company requested \$45,000 be moved from the capital reserve account with the township to their capital reserve account; the money is to be used towards the brush truck chassis.

Roger Watson of Navtech presented the James & Linda Styers subdivision plan for approval. The purpose of the plan is to combine the 6 lots into one continuous tract and then subdivide this tract into 2 lots. The requested AOR's are 1 – Minor Subdivision Plan, 2 – Map Scale, 3 – Stormwater Facilities, 4 – Steep Slopes and 5 – E&S Plan. Barry Schrope made a motion to accept the AOR's as requested, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Jeff Smith made a motion to conditionally approve the plan pending all engineering fee's being paid, Barry Schrope second the motion, with all in favor.

Burget and Associates presented the Paradise Mobile Home Park and Kenneth & Sandra Lancaster subdivision plan for approval. The purpose of the plan is to subdivide 3 existing lots of common ownership to create 8 new building lots and a lot addition to be consolidated with adjoining lands. The requested AOR's are 1 – Final Plan Review, 2 – Map Scale, 3 – Stormwater Management, 4 – E&S Plan, 5 – Public Water Supply and 6 – Proposed Buildings. Barry Schrope made a motion to approve the AOR's as requested, Jim Fuller second the motion, with all in favor. Barry Schrope made a motion to conditionally approve the plan pending all engineering fee's being paid, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors discussed the email that was received from Cheri Matter at DCNR regarding some information that is still needed for the Wagner Park Grant. Jeff Smith stated he spoke with Rob Shaffer about updating the information that is needed from him as requested by Cheri and then he will send Cheri and us a copy of the updated plan and information. Jeff stated Rob also needs the township to sign the project task responsibility form such as who will advertise bids, open the bid, etc. (copy on file). Jim Fuller stated the township would be able to advertise and open the bids.

Jim Fuller made a motion to hold a budget workshop on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. The workshop will be advertised as required.

Barry Schrope reminded everyone about the appreciation picnic being held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at Wagner Park.

Jeff Smith stated he spoke with Dave Jenkins and the township will be able to use the tar buggy from Rogele to repair the cracks on the Montebello Bridge and various other spots. The tar will cost \$8.00/gal. and there will be no charge for the equipment use.

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

5533 – 5567, 07-2021, 007-2021, 080221 and 081021

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary