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Meeting Minutes

June 12th, 2018

Attendance Members:

Paul Finkenbinder, David Mills, Bob Rhoades

Attendance Others:

Jerry Spease (Twp. Engineer), Jim Fuller (BOS), Barry Schrope (BOS),
Jeff Smith (BOS)

Agenda:

Consideration of the May 8th, 2018 minutes

Public Comment

Correspondence

Driveway Ordinance

Adjournment

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Bob Rhoades.

The May 8th, 2018 meeting minutes were approved as presented.
Paul made the motion to approve the minutes, Bob 2nd, all were in favor.

Public Comment:

None

Correspondence:

A copy of an official letter from the BOS that has been sent concerning the Paradise Rd. Bridge Project over the Little Juniata Creek.

Discussion:

The evening began with a discussion on the proposed "Stand Alone" Driveway Ordinance. All of the supervisors were present with Barry recalling that the BOS gave the go ahead to look into this ordinance. The main issue is the sight distance table and the speed limits that dictate these distances. These were based on criteria from PA DOT which the Twp. also uses for paving specifications.

At the BOS June 4th, 2018 meeting information was requested from the Twp. Solicitor to look into speed limits on roads without posted signage.

A memorandum was received and reviewed. It unfortunately was unclear as to definitions and did not clearly answer the speed limit question.

A question arose if the Twp. could be held liable for an accident because sight distance and speed limit specifications were not being met.

Barry stated he will request more information from the Twp. Solicitor. Jeff also stated he will talk to a spokesman from PA DOT about this.

The cost of doing traffic studies and posting signage was also discussed. A recommendation was made that this could be done over time as the Twp. repaves and resurfaces the roads.

All present decided that the driveway ordinance will be looked into further before deciding how to proceed.

Other Action:

Bob asked the BOS about the Medical Marijuana Ordinance and their thoughts about it. The consensus of the Supervisors was they are not concerned about it at this time.

Jim briefly discussed the issue of exploding targets and the disturbance they cause.

David Mills reported that the BOS appointed Jeremiah Ferguson to the WTPC to finish Wayne Russell's term.

With no further agenda items or discussion a motion was made to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Paul made the motion to adjourn, Bob 2nd, all were in favor.

The next meeting will be July 10th, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

Respectively Submitted,
David Mills