

**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES: JULY 13, 2004**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: William Patterson, Chairman
Richard Kratz, Member
Gordon MacElhenney, Member
Edward Savitsky, Member
Dean Becker, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecile Daniel, Township Manager
Kenneth Picardi, Township Solicitor
Terry Hand, Township Engineer
W. Richard Dillon, Code Enforcement Officer
John Moran, Road Master

POLICE REPORT: The Board reviewed the PA State Police Report for May & June.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The June 1, 2004 meeting minutes were approved as amended.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Minutes – Central Perkiomen Regional Planning Commission
- PSATS – Alert Bulletin
- Buxmont – Correspondence to Rev Rhodes.
- Lower Frederick Ambulance Report & Trappe Fire Co. Ambulance Report – Letter thanking board for donation.
- Collegeville Borough – Letter regarding UCC Board of Appeals
- Schwenksville Borough – Letter regarding Perkiomen Trail

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Kenneth Picardi

- H.Y.K. Construction – Mr. Picardi informed that board that H.Y.K. Construction filed an appeal to the court’s decision.

ROAD MASTER’S REPORT: John Moran submitted his June report to the board.

FIRE MARSHALL’S REPORT: John Moran submitted his June report to the board.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: W. Richard Dillon submitted his June report to the board.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: The Planning Commission meeting was held on June 15, 2004. There were three plans reviewed at this meeting. They were as follows: (1) Iron Bridge Corporate Center proposed land development plan for a company called Comstar Supply,

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Inc., (2) Swarr Project – 6 lot subdivision proposed on Gravel Pike, and (3) Day Care Facility proposed on Wartman Road.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: SSM

- 2004 Project Status – Payment Application No.3 - Terry Hand explained that the contractor is progressing with the road project. Mr. Hand informed the board that he has received a request for payment. This request would be payment application no. 3 in the amount of \$238,133.89. The request was reviewed by Pamela Stevens of his office and she recommended approval of said amount. Based upon the recommendation of Ms. Stevens, Gordon MacElhenney made a motion, seconded by Edward Savitsky to approve the road payment of \$238,133.89. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Iron Bridge Corporate Center – There was an escrow releases for the Iron Bridge Corporate Center Phase 3A. The fifth request was for \$287,965.00. After review of the request, Terry Hand is recommending that the board consider releasing only \$281,565.00. After review of the recommendation from Terry Hand, Dean Becker made a motion, seconded by Edward Savitsky to release the following to Gorski Construction Company for work completed in the Iron Bridge Corporate Center Phase 3A – Escrow Release Number 5 the amount of \$281,565.00. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Cecile Daniel informed the board that the section of Ott Road approved by the board to be repaved was completed at a cost of \$17,164.32. She indicated that due to the difficulty in trying to complete the Betcher Road Project and the Perkiomen Village Storm Water Project, these will not be completed in time to be finished this year. As a result, both projects will be pushed forward to 2005. In their place she recommended that board consider a similar overlay project for the section of Cedar Road that was not made a part of the 2004 Project and the section of Iron Bridge Drive that runs from Route 113 to 6 Iron Bridge Drive. John Moran reviewed the scope of the project with P.K. Moyer and they gave him a price of \$24,000.00 to complete the work. After discussion regarding the proposal, Dean Becker made a motion, seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to approve the project of an overlay for the remaining portion of Cedar Road and Iron Bridge Road from Route 113 to 6 Iron Bridge Road for a cost not to exceed \$24,000.00. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Speed Limit Study: Terry Hand informed the board that SSM had completed the Speed Limit Study as authorized by the board. Mr. Hand explained that this study was completed in accordance with Act 151 passed in 1998 and Penn Dot Publication 201. A number of roads meet the criteria that allows for a statutory 25 MPH. The following streets meet the criteria:

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Abbey Lane	Countryside Road	King Road
Adams Lane	Devon Lane	Lincoln Road
Arbor Lane	Drury Lane	Longwood Road
Barley Sheaf Lane	Eisenhower Lane	Musket Court
Brandywine Road	Elizabeth Court	Northridge Road
Brewster Road	Exmoor Court	Penny Lane
Brighton Road	Forge Road	Queen Road
Burgess Road	Glendale Road	Redcoat Road
Buyers Road	Greenview Road	Regents Road
Cambridge Lane	Gunpowder Court	Ross Lane
Cannon Ball Court	Hamilton Road	Stewart Road
Chatham Lane	Jacob Road	Westover Road
Commons Lane	Johnson Road	Yorktown Road
Cornwallis Way	Kennedy Road	

The streets that did not meet the criteria in the act and would be required to follow the Penn Dot Publication 201 specifications are below. Those streets studied and Mr. Hand's recommendation is as follows:

Twenty-five (25) miles per hour on Greenshire Boulevard from Township Line Road to Chatham Lane.

Twenty-five (25) miles per hour on Greene Boulevard from Trappe Road to Schoolhouse Lane.

Thirty (30) miles per hour on Cranberry Boulevard from Wartman Road to Kagey Road.

Thirty (30) miles per hour on Fox Heath Boulevard from Bridge Street to Seitz Road.

Thirty-five (35) miles per hour on Penny Packer Road from Dieber Road to Schwenksville Road.

Thirty-five (35) miles per hour on Dieber Road from Haldeman Road to the Salford Township line.

After review of the study, Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by Edward Savitsky to authorize Kenneth Picardi to prepare the appropriate Ordinance for enforcement of the speed limit to be considered at the board's August meeting.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES: The treasurer read the receipts and expenditures for the month of June. After review of same, Dean Becker made a motion seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to authorize payment of the June bills. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by a vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Day Care Facility – Robert Brant was present to review the final land development plan for the Day Care Facility being proposed in the commercial property as part of the Cranberry

Development. Resolution 2004-23 is final approval as recommended by the planning

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commission. The board review Resolution 2004-23 as follows:

COMPLIANCE WITH SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

1. Section 11.26(b)(3)(vi), Street Widening & HOP: The Applicant's Engineer has indicated that plans will be submitted to PENNDOT for highway occupancy permit (HOP) approval. It is our understanding that the Township has prepared correspondence for the applicant's engineer to use in the HOP submittal. Once obtained, the permit number should be shown on a plan and a copy of the permit shall be sent to the Township.
2. Section 11.60, Erosion and Sedimentation Pollution Control Plan: The Developer has noted that they will supply the Montgomery County Conservation District approval letter to the Township prior to recording of the plan.

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. The 'Sheet No.' box on the cover sheet shall be changed to read 1 of 14 and all the other plan sheets should be changed accordingly.

STORM DRAINAGE

1. Erosion Control/NPDES: The Applicant's Engineer has indicated that copies of all pertinent MCCD and DEP correspondence will be submitted to the Township. Copies of the correspondence are required prior to final plan approval.
2. Infiltration Issues/Pond With Forebay Design: The Applicant's Engineer has submitted a copy of soil tests performed by DeVal Soil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. which determined the site unsuitable for infiltration BMPs. Based on the evaluation performed by DeVal Soil and Environmental Consultants, Inc. and the type of the business proposed for this parcel, the infiltration would not be suitable for the site.

The Applicant's Engineer has indicated that the MCCD is pleased with the proposed pond with permanent forebay design and that an adequacy letter will be provided. As is indicated in comment no. 1 above, a copy of the adequacy letter is required prior to final plan approval. With regard to the design of the permanent forebay, the Applicant's Engineer shall provide calculations showing that the forebay will dewater through the proposed riprap baffle in less than 48 hours. If the forebay will not dewater in a sufficient amount of time, different BMPs shall be employed, given the close proximity of the forebay to the proposed day care facility.

3. P.E. Stamp: The Applicant's Engineer has indicated the "Engineer's Report" will be validated by the stamp of the P.E. in charge before signing of the Record Plan. The stamped copy shall be submitted to the township for its records.

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LANDSCAPING (PER ORDINANCE NO. 173) AND LIGHTING

1. General Note 5 on Sheet 1, first sentence shall be modified to state 18 months from the issuance of the Use and Occupancy permit, not from planting. Second sentence shall then be replanting only.

SANITARY SEWER

1. Developer's Engineer is responsible for completing and submitting the necessary forms associated with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Sewage Facilities Planning Module Application, as required by Perkiomen Township.

After review and consideration of the proposed resolution and recommendation of the township planning commission, Gordon MacElhenney made a motion, seconded by Edward Savitsky to approve Resolution 2004-23. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

- Betcher Road – Kenneth Picardi explained that settlement for the property necessary to complete the realignment of Betcher Road with Route 113 and Iron Bridge Drive has been scheduled for July 21, 2004. Thomas McCouch, the property owner, has agreed to the Agreement of Sale/Condemnation. The purchase price as agreed to previously by Mr. McCouch will be \$95,500.00. Before the board is the same agreement for consideration and authorization of the Agreement of Sale/Condemnation for the .869 Acres at Betcher Road. This purchase of ground is to facilitate the realignment of Betcher Road with Route 113/Iron Bridge Drive. The board members reviewed the agreement and Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by Dean Becker to approve the agreement and authorize the appropriate officials to sign the Agreement of Sale/Condemnation between Perkiomen Township and Thomas McCouch. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Open Space – Kenneth Picardi informed the board that he spoke with Sandy DiCippio who works with the Montgomery County Open Space Board. She informed him that the open space board recommended that the county commissioners extend the timeline on the money to be spent due to the purchase of township ground by the school district to one year from the six months deadline. Mr. Picardi is optimistic that the county commissioners will agree with the recommendation of the open space board. Second, Cecile Daniel explained that she has sent a letter to PECO Energy regarding the possibility of utilizing the School House Run Easement as a connection between the Perkiomen Trail and property owned by the township. Also, she spoke to the Morans regarding a similar request. She will continue to work on this and keep the county people and board up to date as information is received. Third was the discussion of placing a referendum on the ballot regarding the raising of the Earned Income Tax for the purposes of purchasing open space. The board had authorized Mr. Picardi to prepare a draft

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ordinance for consideration at this meeting.

Mr. Picardi explained that in order to make the deadline to get this referendum on the November ballot, the approved ordinance must be sent to the county Board of Elections by August 9, 2004. The board reviewed the proposed ordinance and made some changes.

Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by Edward Savitsky to authorize advertisement of the ordinance. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0. Last, Richard Kratz discussed the creation of an Open Space/Trail Committee. Everyone agreed that with the issue of the referendum and the new county open space program, this was a good idea.

- Central Perkiomen Valley Park – Pamela Murray from Central Perkiomen Valley Park sent a letter to the board regarding use of public restrooms located at township pavilion by work crews from the Department of Corrections S.C.I, Graterford. The board discussed the request and authorized Cecile Daniel to respond that it was okay.
- CPVRPC – There is a request from the regional planning commission regarding an additional contribution. The members requested that the board consider approval of additional \$700.00 to be sent to the Central Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission to cover administrative expenses. In consideration of this request, Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by Edward Savitsky to authorize the expenditure of \$700.00 to the Central Perkiomen Valley Regional Planning Commission. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- Maple Hill – Linda Walker of the Maple Hill Community submitted a letter requesting permission to have “No Parking” signs placed along Salem Road the last week of July/first week of August. The association is replacing a portion of the main sidewalks and curbing along this road. In consideration of the request, Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by Edward Savitsky to approve the request. The township would provide the “No Parking” signs, but Maple Hill will be responsible to post Salem Road. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

William Patterson indicated that the Perkiomen Township days would be held on September 12, 2004 with a rain date of September 19, 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion made by Richard Kratz and seconded by Gordon MacElhenney.