

**PERKIOMEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES: MAY 2, 2006**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Cecile Daniel, Township Manager
Kenneth Picardi, Township Solicitor
Pamela Stevens, Township Engineer
John Moran, Road Master
John Moran Jr., Code Enforcement Officer

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 4, 2006 meeting were approved as presented.

POLICE REPORT: The Board reviewed the PA State Police Report for March.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Lower Frederick Regional Ambulance Report
- CPVRPC- Minutes of their meeting
- Letter from Montgomery County Dept of Parks regard removal of dams
- PSATS Bulletin
- Open Space – Letters were sent to the abutting municipalities, the county, and the school district regarding the Township’s Open Space Plan. The letters were sent out April 12, 2006. The 45 day review period began on that day. There are 2 public hearings scheduled. The first is on May 4, 2006 & the second is May 23, 2006.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Kenneth Picardi reported that the Township received approval from the PADCED for the \$3,000,000.00 General Obligation Note for Open Space. Regarding Verizon, he is reviewing the agreement. Regarding the Grass Ordinance, he has made all the necessary changes. The proposed ordinance will be on the Board of Supervisors’ agenda for June. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Picardi requested an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter that is pending before the District Justice, Judge Augustine. The legal proceedings before the Judge involve an Enforcement Notice filed by the Township against Giorgio Calabretta. Mr. Picardi wanted to review the legal proceedings and the Enforcement Notice prior to the scheduled hearing before the Judge.

ROAD MASTER’S REPORT: John Moran submitted his report for April to the Board. In addition, Mr. Moran reviewed his memo of May 2, 2006 regarding the Line Painting and Thermo Plastic Bid. These two items needed to be rebid because no one submitted a

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bid during the regular bidding for the Township yearly materials and supplies. Based upon the bids, Mr. Moran recommended that the Latex Line Painting be awarded to PSX of Kennett Square, PA and the Thermo Plastic be awarded to Mid Atlantic, Gaithersburg, MD. Richard Kratz made a motion, seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to Award the Line Painting to PSX and the Thermo Plastic to Mid Atlantic. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

FIRE MARSHALL'S REPORT: John Moran submitted his April report to the Board.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT: John Moran Jr. submitted his April report to the Board.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: The Planning Commission held their meeting on April 18, 2006. The following items were reviewed: (1) 130 Betcher Road – Anthony Paone submitted a Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan for a property located at 130 Betcher Road. The proposal is for 2 lots. One will contain the existing home; the second will be a new lot.

(2) McCouch – The applicant has submitted Preliminary Plans for a 4 lots subdivision located at the intersection of Route 113 and Betcher Road. (3) Zoning Amendments

ENGINEERS REPORT: Pamela Stevens was present to review the following item:

- **HERITAGE WOODS** - Ms. Stevens received a request from Heritage Construction Company on April 20, 2006. The request was for an Escrow Release No. 7. Ms. Stevens recommended that the Board authorize the release. With the recommendation of Ms. Stevens, Dean Becker made a motion seconded by Richard Kratz to approve the Escrow Release No. 7 in the amount of \$22,659.22. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- **MOTT:** Mrs. Mott of 200 Commons Lane was present to request permission to plant white pines along her fence. Although the fence is located on the Mott's property, the trees would be located approximately 3 feet from the fence which would place the trees on property owned by the Township. John Moran inspected

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- the site to determine if the trees located along the fence line and faces Trappe Road would create a site distance issue as well as interfere with people walking along the sidewalk. It was Mr. Moran's opinion that he did not believe that this would happen as the trees matured because the location of the fence and trees are setback far enough away from both the sidewalk and Trappe Road. Based upon the opinion of Mr. Moran, Dean Becker made a motion seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to approve the request of Mrs. Mott and allow the white pines to be placed on Township Property 3 feet from her fence. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- **STREAM BANK RESTORATION:** Terry Carfagno of 115 Adams Lane contacted Cecile Daniel regarding the portion of the School House Run that flows behind her home and her neighbor. This area is a part of the Perkiomen Greene Open Space and was dedicated to the Township. Over time the stream has eroded along the stream bank. Eventually this erosion will encroach into the yards of 113 & 115 Adams Lane. Mrs. Carfagno contacted the Montgomery County Conservation District. Mrs. Carfagno was informed that the Conservation District is in the middle of a 4 year program to plant trees along the stream banks to help slow down the erosion of the stream banks. The Conservation District indicated that this area would be eligible for trees to be planted by them, but the property must be owned by the Township. Both owners have agreed to upfront the cost of the trees and will be reimbursed by the Conservation District for this expenditure. Mrs. Carfagno told Ms. Daniel that the Conservation District will not proceed until a letter has been sent stating that the area is a part of the Township's Open Space and that the Township has no problem with the planting of the trees by the Conservation District. Dean Becker made a motion seconded by Richard Kratz authorizing Cecile Daniel to send a letter to the Conservation District regarding the planting of trees under the Tree Vitalize Watershed Program and that the residents will be responsible to upfront the cost of the trees and will be reimbursed by the Conservation District. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- **FIRE POLICE SERVICES:** The Township has a request from Collegetown Borough regarding Special Fire Police Services for the graduation at Ursinus College. Edward Savitsky made a motion, seconded by Richard Kratz to approve the request of Collegetown Borough. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.
- **OTT:** The Township is in receipt of a Conditional Use Hearing Application filed by T.H. Properties for property owned by Cleveland Ott, Sharon Ott, and Sadie Ott. A public hearing must be scheduled for this application. Edward Savitsky

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made a motion seconded by Gordon MacElhenney to set a public hearing date of June 27, 2006. There were no public comments on the motion. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion made by Dean Becker and seconded by Edward Savitsky.