

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 17, 2007

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, at the Township Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville, Pa. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chairman), Leigh Kane (Supervisor) and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Jordon McMahon.

Executive Session. Was held on April 3rd on a litigation issue.
Work Sessions are held on Monday mornings as necessary at 7:30 a.m.

Unit Care Agreement. None.

Public Comment.

Eagle Scout Jordan McMahon. Updated the Board on his project. He is putting up split rail fence on the walking path from the Township parking lot to the Park parking lot. Saylorsburg lumber is willing to sell Jordon the material he needs at retail cost of \$1800.00. Jordon is confident that he can raise \$900.00 and has asked the Township to fund the other \$900.00. A brief discussion ensued, on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to try to secure funding through a grant, if that is not possible the Township would fund the other \$900.00 (3-0)

Resident Pat Murphy/Calvache. Re: lot 55 Bonser Drive, Mr. Murphy showed pictures to the Board regarding the recent rain event.

Resident M/M Sottile. Re: lot 55 Bonser Drive. Gave the Board cd pictures of the recent rain event.

Resident Maggie Morales. Told the Board there has been a problem with flooding in and around Bonser Drive for the last 26 years. She said her property floods like a lake.

Resident Teri Van Britsom. Reminded residents the crime watch meeting is April 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the park building.

Minutes. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2007, as distributed. (3-0)

Correspondence.

E-Mail Jackson Township. Jackson Township citizens for open space are holding two public meetings to discuss buying open space and easements. They will be held on April 18th at 7:00 p.m. and April 21st at 10:00 a.m. at Jackson Township Municipal Building.

Monroe County Recreation Public Forum. Will be held on April 30th at 6:00 p.m. They will discuss the role of the County recreation department at the Monroe County Safety Center.

Transfer Station. Dave Albright heard rumors that the Transfer Station is closing. This is **not true**. It was misinterpreted from a Pocono Record article.

Senior Center Doors. Cathy has been working with several companies to secure doors for the Senior Center building. The quote she would like the Board to approve is from Nazareth Plate Glass Co., Inc. The cost is \$2565.00 removing the old doors and installing the new ones. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this request. (3-0)

Senior Center Lease. The final changes have been made to the Senior Center Lease. It is ready for signatures.

Pocono Barns. A letter was received from Gary Savastana, Owner to release the Letter of Credit for Pocono Barns. Engineer Al Handy has inspected the site and advised the Board that \$57,898.17 can be released and \$6433.13 be retained until all minor deficiencies are addressed. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to release \$57,898.17. (3-0)

Old Business.

Haunted Forest Update. Joe Gambucci, Chairman of the “Haunted Forest Committee of Ten” was present to update the Board on the progress of obtaining additional criminal background check applications. They were due tonight, so that the Township had assurance that there would be at least 37 volunteers and additional 13 fire, ambulance and fire police volunteers to make this event work. Including the Board of Supervisors and the Management team there were a total of 25 background checks. Chuck explained these volunteers are needed as a matter of security for all involved to make this event work. Joe explained that he has tried to get people out for this meeting to sign up, but he can’t drag them here. Art Theiling, member of the Park Committee told the story of his son leaving the park haunted forest event that was cancelled due to bad weather to take a friend home and getting into a horrible car accident. A lengthy discussion ensued with the residents voicing their opinions about this event. Joe Gambucci told the Board he will not take up any more of their time with this event, and therefore, he withdrew their offer to hold the event at the park for 2007. Leigh said Thank You to Joe, if it wasn’t for your persistence we would not be here today. Chuck said Thank You to Joe it was our concern for safety and management of this event. Maureen said she applauds the efforts of Joe. We need to look at safety first and perhaps we can hold the event in 2008.

Repository Bids. There were old repository bids that M/M Cameron were doing sewage testing on. Helen Beers, SEO has issued sewage permits for lots TR3 L12, L14, L16, L18, L20, and L22. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the release of these lots. (3-0)

New Business.

Eagle Scout Heckman. The Board recognizes the importance of the Boy Scouts of America and the rank of Eagle Scout is achieved through hard work, motivation and discipline, therefore, on motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve and sign resolution 2007-01 in honor of Michael Kevin Heckman. (3-0)

Bills. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the bills and the wire transfer to M&T Bank for the payment of the 2006 bond. (3-0)

Parks. There was a draft of the WE Regional Master Site Plan on the Board in the meeting room and there are ledger size plans available if anyone is interested in one.

Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you to the park committee and all volunteers for the Easter egg hunt over 5,000 eggs were stuffed with candy and put out. Also, special thanks to all who donated to make this event a success – Kinsley Shop Rite, Chocolaters and Pocono Mountain Dairies.

Circuit Rider. We are in the process of receiving applications until the end of April for a Circuit Rider who will be a director of parks. The Circuit Rider funding will come in part from a grant thru DCNR.

Plans. - Planning Director.

Frantz, Richard & Beverly (Minor Subdivision) Robert Beers. In for final approval. John Shupp was present on behalf of this plan. There was a note that needed to be added to this plan regarding the TDR's. The Engineer said this note was added and everything was in order. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve and sign this plan and to approve the planning module with resolution # 2007-02. (3-0)

Adjournment. There being no further business, on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Leigh it was voted to adjourn into executive session on a personnel and litigation issue at 8:36 p.m. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker
Recording Secretary