

LOWER FREDERICK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
March 4, 2008

Meeting Minutes

L.F. Municipal Building
53 Spring Mount Road

Mr. McGovern, Chairman Board of Supervisors called the monthly meeting to order at approximately 7:43 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Board of Supervisors-

Bill McGovern, Chairman Present
Loren Szczesny, Vice Chairman Present
Ernest Schmitt, Supervisor Present

Township Staff-

Thomas Keenan, Solicitor Present
Carol Schuehler, Engineer Present
Tamara Twardowski, Mgr. Present

Meeting Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2008 Regular Meeting was made by Mr. Szczesny. Second Motion – Mr. Schmitt.
Motion Unanimously Approved.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2008 Work Session was made by Mr. Schmitt. Second Motion – Mr. McGovern
Motion Approved by a 2-1 vote with Mr. Szczesny abstaining from the vote.

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Coyle, Interim Superintendent for PV School District advised a task force that has been organized to conduct a redistricting study. The most recent proposal for the Trappe building will not be fulfilled and the district will continue ownership of this property.

Reports:

Ms. Cuddy, Treasurer read the monthly report.
A motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay all bills was made by Mr. Schmitt.
Second Motion – Mr. Szczesny Motion Unanimously Approved.

Mr. Keenan introduced Steven Porter, an attorney who will be helping the firm with municipal work. He then advised his report for this evening was for the Greenway Development seeking preliminary approval for the Ragusa Tract and introduced the representatives for this application.

Christine Madden, Solicitor and Rick Mast, Engineer for the Greenway Development. The property is located on the north corner of Schwenk Road and Zieglerville Road. This proposal is for Neighborhood Lotting consisting of 39 new homes and 2 existing homes.

Ms. Schuehler addressed points from her plan review letter dated November 29, 2007. The first nine zoning issues were discussed earlier this evening. Items 10 thru 32 are

comments from a Land Development/Subdivision Ordinance the Engineering Standards and then comments 33 thru 41 are general comments. They would comply with comments 10 thru 41. Mr. Mast advised that the comments Ms. Schuler stated were correct. The waivers requested by the applicant have received recommendation by the Planning Commission.

The applicant is requesting waiver from –

- Section 145-22.D – requirement of local roads.
The applicant will treat the road improvements and style identical to that of the Wickersham Subdivision. The applicant will comply with the township engineer's mandates.
- Section 145-23.D(5) – At approaches to intersections, street grades shall not exceed 3% for a minimum distance of 50 feet from the intersection of curb lines. Ms. Schuehler offers no objection as these are interior roads.
- Section 145-24.G – Approaches to intersections shall follow a straight course for a minimum of 50 feet. This is not achieved at the intersections of Road C and B. Ms. Schuehler has no objections as these are interiors roads.
- Section 145-25.C(3) – Street intersections shall be spaced a minimum of 300 feet apart.
Ms. Schuehler offered no objection due to the integration of the plan.
- Section 145-26.D – A cul-de-sac may not exceed 800 feet in length. Cul-de-sac Road B is approximately 1000 feet long.
- Section 145-41 – Sidewalks, curbs and storm sewers should be provided for Zieglerville and Schwenk Roads unless waived by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Mast advised that the ultimate intent would be to continue to pave pedestrian trail all the way thru to the corner in lieu of sidewalk. It would keep a consistent look along Zieglerville Road.

Ms. Schuehler advised it was not shown on the plan she reviewed in November but it is shown on the presentation given this evening and they advised they will comply with her comment to locate the trail as such.

A waiver is required in sidewalks, curbs and storm sewers if not provided along Schwenk Road and a waiver is required for the reduction of the sidewalk requirement along Zieglerville Road.

A motion to approve the six waivers as listed in Resolution 08-23 was made by Mr. Schmitt. Second Motion – Mr. Szczesny.
Motion Unanimously Approved.

Mr. McGovern questioned the commitment of a minimum amount of \$150,000.00 by the applicant for sewer improvement being sufficiently stated in Resolution 08-23.

Ms. Madden advised the board of the developer's commitment to this condition set for by Conditional Use Decision.

A motion to accept Resolution 08-23 along with the conditions and waivers granted this evening was made by Mr. Schmitt. Second Motion – Mr. McGovern Motion Unanimously Approved.

Ms. Schuehler reported the Greenway project was one of four items on her report for this evening. Other reported items included review and recommendation of financial security guarantee for improvements of the proposed CVS store. Inspection of 20 manholes in the sewer collection system was done during the month. Bid documents from Bill Anskis Co., Inc. the low bidder for the Zieglerville Road Bridge project were reviewed and other agencies for which they have performed work were contacted. Ms. Schuehler recommended Bill Anskis Company as the responsible low bidder for this project.

Mr. Schmitt advised he is not in favor of spending \$150,000.00 plus the site observation costs for the Zieglerville Road Bridge project. He added that he feels the bridge is safe and will not fall down for a number of years.

Mr. McGovern related the township was told that the repairs being suggested need to be done or the bridge will deteriorate quickly.

Mr. Szczesny advised that the money has been budgeted for this project and he is in favor of it being repaired now to extend the life of the bridge and avoid the worry of it falling down and someone getting hurt.

A motion to accept the proposed bid from Bill Anskis Company, Inc. was made by Mr. Szczesny. Second Motion – Mr. McGovern Motion Approved by a 2-1 vote with Mr. Schmitt voting No.

Mr. Tom Manning, Road Master reported on the Public Works Department projects. Reported items included several salt and cinder events during the month. The crew stripped and cleaned the 1997 Crown Vic so it could be sold. Finished work on the paver. Work was done in the police department. Closed Kratz Road due to flooding. Cold patched pot holes.

Mr. Mark John, Building Inspector reported 2 building permits were issued which were permit extension for demolitions. Three Occupancy Permits were issued with 2 of them for commercial re-sale and 1 residential resale.

Mr. Phil Smith, Secretary Planning Commission advised that the Planning Commission did not hold a meeting in February and therefore no report was given.

Mr. Loren Szczesny reported on the Regional Planning Commission February meeting. New members from Collegeville, Schwenksville and Lower Frederick Township were announced. Two presentations were given. The first from Schuylkill Action Network's Land Prioritization Strategy and the other from Swamp/Scioto Creek Integrated Resource Plan. The commission discussed inter-Regional Planning Cooperative. An update was given on the Transportation and Community Character Study. Representatives reported on their municipalities updates.

Chief Maxey reported on the Police Department activity for the month which included 189 reported incidents with 152 of them handled by L.F. Township Police. Public relations meetings with the schools and operational business meetings were conducted.

Mr. Szczesny related that appointing a liaison or Director of Public Safety would make office operation more effective. At the January 2008 Reorganization meeting a motion was approved to eliminate the use of the Director of Public Safety.

A motion to reestablish the Director of Public Safety and for it to be served by Bill McGovern, Chairman Board of Supervisors was made by Mr. Szczesny.

Second Motion – Bill McGovern

Motion Approved by a 2-1 vote with Mr. Schmitt voting No.

Mr. Schmitt related that as he advised at the January meeting he feels the police as all employees of the township work for the Board of Supervisors and this position is not necessary.

Ms. Tammi Dice, L.F. Ambulance reported the ambulance responded to 111 calls in February with 16 of them in Lower Frederick. Basket Bingo will be held March 14th at the L.F. Fire Hall.

Mr. Scott Angstadt, L.F. Fire Company reported a total of 15 calls with 11 of them in Lower Frederick Township.

Ms. Robin McGovern reported the Park Board held their reorganizational meeting Monday March 3rd. New officers are Robin McGovern, Chairwoman, Joan Schmitt, Vice Chairwoman and Secretary Fern Maiello. Dates were set for the year which at this time consists of an Easter Egg Hunt March 22nd. July 4th is on a Friday this year and our activities will be held that day. Our annual Fall Festival will be held on a Saturday this year as we are planning to incorporate a community yard sale. We also discussed the possibility of adding a matinee Christmas movie to be held Saturday December 6th. We are exploring the possibility of holding concerts in the park if corporate sponsors can be found. Improvements to Cuddy Park were discussed and more detailed discussions will be conducted with Ms. Schuehler. Park Board meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 7:30 pm in this building as advertised.

Ms. Twardowski advised no report for the month.

Public Comment:

Ms. Tracy Herring, 15 Village Dr. –

A neighborhood Watch meeting will be held Thursday at 7:30 pm in this building.

Ms. Joan Schmitt, 209 Silverbrook Dr.-

Requested more information from Dr. Coyle regarding the committees he mentioned in his speech this evening.

Mr. Bob Yoder, #1 Main Street –

Requested more information regarding the Swamp/Scioto Creek Integrated Resource Plan that was presented at the CPVRPC meeting.

Phil Smith, 205 Gerloff Road –

Advised that the Orth – Rodgers presentation to be given at the March meeting of the CPVRPC is open to the public.

Scott Lacava, 102 Schwenk Road questioned what was happening with the Open Space funding granted by Montgomery County.

With no further business brought before the board this evening a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Schmitt. Second Motion – Mr. Szczesny

Motion Unanimously Approved.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:56 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Fern Maiello