

**Cumberland Township Board of Supervisors
1370 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325
September 24, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chair Underwood. Present were all Supervisors: Underwood, Phiel, Paddock, Waybright and Toddes; Solicitor Sam Wiser, Police Chief Don Boehs, Engineer Tim Knoebel and Secretary Carol Merryman. Also present were: Andrea Grabenstein from the Gettysburg Times and approximately twelve residents.

Chair Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Toddes made a motion seconded by Mr. Phiel and carried to approve the Minutes of the August 27, 2019 regular meeting.

Mr. Waybright made a motion seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried to approve the bills and transfers: Bills - \$307,859.62 from the General Fund, \$1,829.00 from the Escrow Fund, \$255,525.11 from the State Fund, \$111.64 from the Capital Reserve Fund and Transfer - \$28,519.78 from the General Fund to the Health Insurance Account.

Visitor – Jackie Dwyer, Executive Director of the Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority (GARA), gave an extensive report on the Rec Park and GARA. Ms. Dwyer reported that GARA (a joint venture between Gettysburg Borough and Cumberland Township) was established in 2013 and prior to that the Rec Park was maintained and overseen solely by Gettysburg Borough. She added that the Rec Park has been part of the community for over 90 years and although it is hard to get accurate numbers, is used by approximately 85,000 people per year. Ms. Dwyer stated that GARA being self-sufficient within five years is not something that parks do; a community park is meant to be accessed by everyone without exorbitant fees. Ms. Dwyer added that when GARA took the responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the Rec Park they took it in an “AS IS” condition and for example the parking lot has not been upgraded since the 1980’s and there are many other upgrades that are now necessary. Ms. Dwyer reported on all of the expenses that they have at the Rec Park and the infrastructure repairs that are needed and are not part of their budget. Ms. Dwyer also reported that no one set up a Capital Improvement Plan and they would like to do that and a lot of money is spent putting band aids on things that need to be upgraded. Ms. Dwyer reported that at the current contribution of \$66,000.00 (if not paid by Park and Rec funds) would cost each resident of the Township \$.88 cents per month for the contribution. If the contribution were to be raised to the \$90,000.00 that they will be requesting it would cost each resident \$1.20 per month and she feels that GARA is well worth the investment. Ms. Dwyer also reported that she will be leaving her position in October and she stated that the community has a fantastic facility and a wonderful Board of Directors that cares about the citizens and the community. She added that if GARA goes away, the park will not be maintained like it is now and the growth that has happened there will no longer occur because the borough does not have the staffing to do it, may go backwards or may be lost.

Mrs. Jean Stone, 1745 Mummasburg Road, complimented the Rec Park and their staff, but stated that she has a concern about the cost to Cumberland Township’s residents. She added that GARA has not done the fundraising and the Authority may not be the best business model. Mrs. Stone asked several other questions about the ice-skating rink and fundraising that Ms. Dwyer answered. Mrs. Stone stated that since Ms. Dwyer is leaving; now is the time to look at the situation and try to fix it.

Chair Underwood recognized the late Michael Galassi for his service to the Township. She stated that Mike was currently serving on the Board of Auditors (2003 to present) and had been a board member on the Cumberland Township Authority (2010 to 2014).

Public comment:

Mr. Speros Marinos, 912 Baltimore Pike, stated that the “No Parking” signs on Baltimore Pike were replaced by the Road Department with the new highly reflective signs and he thanked the Road Department for that. Mr. Marinos added that he is tired of hearing every month about the Township’s Police Department assisting other departments so many times and they being assisted very few times. He asked if there was some way that the Township could be reimbursed for our department’s time spent assisting other agencies. Lastly, he asked that the zoning on Baltimore Pike be restored to Commercial as soon as possible.

Engineer/Plans:

Mr. Knoebel reported that the Township has a Request for Extension for Musket Ridge through December 31, 2019. He added that this proposed development is located off of Kinsey Drive, consists of 134 units and they are addressing some substantial comments. **Mr. Paddock made a motion to approve the request for extension until December 31, 2019 seconded by Mr. Phiel and carried.**

Mr. Knoebel also reported that the Township has a Request for Extension for the Wayne and Susan Hill Minor Subdivision also through December 31, 2019. He added that this is a residential large lot subdivision that is going through the permitting process. **Mr. Toddes made a motion to approve the Request for Extension for the Wayne and Susan Hill Subdivision seconded by Mr. Phiel and carried.**

Mr. Knoebel reported that the next item is a minor subdivision for Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc. which proposes to subdivide a .93-acre lot from an 18.26-acre parcel for residential use as a new home (to be built by the school students) that will be connected to public water and sewer. The proposed lot is located along Boyd’s School Road and Biglerville Road. Mr. Knoebel reported that there is a waiver request to Section 304.2.A.32 because the hydric soils on the property are not located in the area of the proposed subdivision/improvements and for that reason he would recommend that the waiver be granted. **Mr. Waybright made a motion to approve the waiver request to Section 304.2.A.32 seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried. Mr. Toddes made a motion seconded by Mr. Paddock and carried to approve the Sewage Facilities Planning Exemption subject to receipt of a completed Planning Exemption form. Mr. Toddes made a motion to approve the Adams Electric Cooperative, Inc. Final Subdivision Plan subject to the comments of Mr. Knoebel’s August 8, 2019 memo being addressed seconded by Mr. Paddock and carried.** Mr. Marinos asked if this would come before the Historic Architectural Review Board and Solicitor Wiser will check on that.

Mr. Knoebel gave the Board an update on the MS4. He reported that they have a completed draft of a report on amendments to the Township’s NPDES permit that outlines in detail projects to achieve the sediment load requirements and there are more than enough projects to meet the requirements. He added that he will go over them with the Township staff to come up with the specific projects proposed over the next four years, their costs, and those costs will be worked into the Township’s budget for next year and subsequent years.

Mr. Knoebel also reported that the Township received an amended land development plan from Keystone Service Systems (KSS) that addressed the comments of their August 27, 2019 memo and the plans are acceptable. He added that they made some recommendations in a memo dated September 24, 2019 which he went over. He added that the memo does not give KSS authorization to record the plans yet and there are agreements that need to be recorded first, but the weather is good now for them to start the work. He stated that the berm and swale on the east side are not to be altered and there will be a small wall installed. He also reported that the developer has asked for a reduction in financial security and they are

recommending that the request be denied and the financial security retained until the completion and successful start-up of the proposed de-watering system. Once the system is completed, they are recommending that \$35,000.00 be retained through a 36-month “maintenance or monitoring period”. The other recommendations are that the necessary agreements must meet the satisfaction of the Solicitor and be executed, a pre-construction meeting must be held, all work must be inspected and as-built plans must be submitted upon the completion of the work. **Mr. Paddock made a motion to deny the request for reduction of the financial security, in the amount of \$18,463.50, and authorize a reduction to the amount of \$35,000.00 upon the satisfactory completion of the work and successful start-up of the proposed de-watering system. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried.**

Mr. Knoebel reported that they are continuing to work on the maintenance items required in Phase 1B and 1C in Cumberland Village.

Solicitor Wisner reported that he anticipates having a resolution on the October meeting agenda authorizing the dedication of the streets in Cannon Ridge that are completed to date. Mr. Knoebel mentioned that they will need current as-built plans.

Police Report:

Police Chief Don Boehs presented a written and oral report of police activities for the month of August, 2019 including: 377 complaints - Psych/suicide-6, Disturbances-5, Assault/Harassment-5, Domestic-6, Criminal Mischief-0, Suspicious Activity-6, Thefts-0, Alarms -8, Medical Emergency-6, 911 Hang Up-2, Wanted Person -0, Reported Drug Activity -1, Welfare Checks -12, Shots Fired -0, Fraud - 2, Burglary -0, Sexual assault -0, Follow-up Investigation -32, SRO Calls -12 ; 121 traffic stops, 69 combined arrests, 6 traffic accidents, 45 targeted enforcements, 8,655 patrol miles and 54 walk-in complaints. He added that they assisted other agencies 23 times and they were assisted three times. There were six assists to Pa. State Police; 3 in Straban Township, 2 in Franklin Township and 1 in Mt. Joy Township. Sergeant Biggins reported that they are currently in the midst of a Child Passenger Safety Seat Grant and they have received a Teen Driving Grant that will begin in October that will include handing out some literature and doing enforcement.

Active Business:

Chair Underwood reported that the Township received a funding request from the Adams County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ACSPCA). She added that the Township has not made a donation to them recently.

Mr. Waybright made a motion seconded by Mr. Toddes and carried to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the proposed ordinance amending Chapter 15, Part 3, Section 15-301, Subsection 2 of the Cumberland Code of Ordinances entitled “Parking Prohibited at Certain Times in Certain Locations” to provide specific times when parking is prohibited along Baltimore Pike.

Chair Underwood reported that the Township received Volunteer Fire Relief Association funds in the amount of \$44,616.72 and these funds must be paid to the Barlow Fire Relief Association within 60 days of the receipt of the funds. This payment is included in the bills approved for payment earlier in the meeting.

Chair Underwood also reported that the Township has received the General Municipal Pension System State Aid, in the amount of \$153,614.97 and the funds must be deposited into the Township’s Pension Plans within 30 days of receipt of the funds. This payment was also included in the bills approved for payment earlier in the meeting.

Chair Underwood reported that the Township received one Request for Qualification / Proposal for the Comprehensive Township Wide Zoning Review from HRG. Chair Underwood recommended that the Board, Cumberland Township Planning Commission and Adams County Office of Planning and Development representatives meet at 6:00 P.M. on October 22, 2019 to go over the proposal. **Mr. Paddock made a motion to authorize the meeting as recommended by the Chair seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried.**

Finance Committee: Mr. Phiel reported that the surplus dump truck was sold on Municibid for \$21,300.00. He also reported that the Township still owes GARA \$24,164.00 for 2019 and the committee recommends to make the final payment to them. **Mr. Phiel made a motion seconded by Mr. Waybright and carried to pay GARA the balance owed for 2019 in the amount of \$24,164.00.**

Solicitor: Solicitor Wisner requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Committee Reports and comments from Board Members:

CTA – Mr. Toddes reported that they are in the process of updating their Rules and Regulations.

COG – Chair Underwood reported that the Council of Governments celebrated their 10 Year Anniversary.

Public Safety, Personnel, Highway, Parks and Recreation, Planning and Zoning, Building and Grounds, Economic Development and CT411 – No reports.

The Zoning Officer and Secretary/Treasurer’s reports were reviewed.

Unless otherwise noted, all votes were unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. for an Executive Session with no action to follow.

Carol A. Merryman, Secretary

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