

West Mead Township Board of Supervisors

Public Study Session Minutes

June 13, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Rosenberger, Shartle and Jordan. Also present: Don Bovard, Chief Brown, Alan Shaddinger, Lorri Drumm and Jill Dunlap.

An Executive Session was held on May 13, 2017 for Personnel Matters.

Health Insurance for West Mead Township employees will continue with UPMC but change to a high deductible plan with individual HSA accounts through Byham Insurance, with a renewal date of July 1, 2017.

Chairman William Rosenberger and Secretary Jill Dunlap will represent West Mead Township in discussions with FOP Lodge #108 on the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the West Mead Township Township Police Department.

West Mead Township owned property located on Cochranon Road – Route 322 will be readvertised a second time as no bids were received the first time, as per the Second Class Township Code.

VFW Post 2006 Land Development Escrow Account will be closed and funds in the amount of \$1,866.63 plus interest will be returned to the Association with \$766.25 to be paid to the Township to cover engineering costs associated with the final development.

The Chairman noted the above items.

As Bob Rabell was unable to attend, Dunlap discussed the Dooley and Porter Subdivision Plan to be considered at the Regular Supervisors Meeting. The plan will allow for the Porter property to be more in compliance with the zoning regulations as the house currently sits on the property line. Additional property along Arthur Street will be transferred over to the Dooley's so there will be no change in property size only clarifications in the lot lines. The Supervisors saw no issues with the proposal.

Ryan Courtney and John Smith were unable to attend to discuss the John and AnnaLiisa McGlenn Subdivision Plan to be considered at the Regular Supervisors Meeting. Shaddinger and Dunlap provided background information. As the current acreage owned by the McGlenn's includes three separate parcels, they are combining them into just two parcels. Their current driveway and single family dwelling will remain as one lot with access from Dickson Road. The other parcel will include all lands with frontage located on Hamilton Road. Signatures would need to be obtained prior to recording. The Supervisors saw no additional issues with the proposal.

Shartle moved, Jordan seconded to authorize the Secretary and Roadmaster to work with Valentine Byler of Val's Logging and Lumber to remove 30 trees that are diseased and dying at Oakgrove Park that he will purchase from the Township for \$3,327.60. Vote – All Approved.

Dunlap provided different drawings for the Board to consider as some had previously indicated they were not in favor of composting toilets at Oakgrove Park. They preferred longer lasting restrooms made of concrete block with separate ones for men and women. Dunlap noted this would be a change in the scope of the project and timeframe for completion. She had reached out regarding the Act 13 grant funds to make sure this was acceptable. She also researched companies with building construction plans and materials already approved under PA COSTARS due to the bidding requirements. Costs were discussed as presented by Dunlap. The anticipated cost of construction may be able to come in under the bidding thresholds, as much of the work will be done by the Township including surface preparation and all water, electric and public sewer connections. Jordan and Shartle noted their concerns with the projected costs being high for what we are trying to accomplish. Dunlap noted this type of project is not as simple as people might think due to high material costs, code and ADA requirements and the regulations for municipalities. All agreed for Dunlap to continue investigating and obtaining quotes for future approval.

Shartle discussed a recent request by Dave Dickson on behalf of the Crawford Central School District to allow buses to use the gravel roadway of Old Pond to access Limber Creek as they are changing their bus routes. He had talked with Scott Phillis, who requested our help with grading the roadway. Rosenberger agreed we could grade the roadway but he was not in favor of adding additional material or doing extra work. Shaddinger recommended the School District should obtain an easement for use of this undeveloped roadway.

The Board reviewed the items on the 7:00 meeting agenda.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Dunlap
Secretary