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**PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963**  
**JULY 8, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Chairman Larry Zimmerman called the July 8, 2009 meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 PM. Attending were Vice-Chairwoman Diane Tobin, Supervisors Allen Aungst, Judith Lehman and Jerry Wise. Solicitor DiNicola and Zoning Officer Clinton Koontz were absent. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Ferguson, Roadmaster Ralph Geist, Bernie Kulkaski, Bonnie Brown, Larry Hoffman and others; list on file.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Bernie Kulkaski said he would like to comment on the proposed revised zoning ordinances.

**MINUTES / FINANCIAL ITEMS**

- **June 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes**
- **July 2, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes**  
Aungst moved to approve both meeting minutes, Tobin seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- **Treasurer's Report, June 2009** – Lehman moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Aungst seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.
- **Approval of Bills** – Tobin said for the record Comcast telephone service does not go out when the power is out. Zimmerman said they have battery backup that only works for a short time, but Verizon has generators that keep their lines working. Tobin moved to approve the bills for payment, Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD** – None.

**REPORTS**

- **Roadmaster** – Aungst asked if a date for paving was scheduled and Geist said no, he thinks they are behind schedule because of the rain. Geist said the crack sealing was done on Pine Hill and Waterfall Roads.
- **Zoning Officer** – Zoning Officer was not present; Zimmerman said nine permits were approved in June. Lehman asked where the phone log listed on his report is located. Aungst said apparently it is in the Zoning Officer's office.
- **Committee Reports** – None were received.
- **Engineers Report / Planning Commission Report** – Ferguson said no plans were approved and nothing was forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.
  - ≈ **Flood Elevation Certificates** – Zimmerman said Benesch took it as far as they could without a detailed study, he would talk to the property owners and explain to them what the engineers found and file the records. Aungst said we have corrected it from the standpoint of having investigated it and we no longer allow building in the flood plain. Lehman said she wants to make sure everything is corrected so we are not in any danger of losing our flood insurance. Zimmerman moved to file the records as we have gone as far as we can to correct the situation. Aungst seconded the motion. Zimmerman, Aungst, Tobin and Wise voted in favor of the motion; Lehman opposed the motion. Motion carried 4 to 1. Lehman said she opposed the motion because she thought more research should be done.

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- **Landfill Inspector** – Bernie Kulkaski asked Lehman if the leachate amount recorded on her report is based primarily on rainfall. Lehman said it is based on what the gauge is recording, but because of the rainfall and also with Pad 12 being open there is more leachate. Lehman said once Pad 12 is capped the leachate will be reduced, the landfill could project the amount over the next five years if Kulkaski needed the information.
- **Recreation Board** – Bonnie Brown asked if the road crew will see the field is mowed for the soccer tournament the first week of August and the second weekend of August. Zimmerman noted there were bees in the squirrel in the tot lot. Brown also asked if they could put things on the Township website, like needing permission to schedule events at the pavilion, etc. Tobin said to give her any information and pictures she wants posted on the website and she will be happy to do it. Wise suggested a sign board at the area to inform residents and Brown said they plan to put one in after all the current projects are completed.

**Bathroom Facilities Plan** – Aungst said the estimate came in higher than before due to ADA requirements and adding brick to the outside of the building. Aungst said DCNR agreed to provide the \$40,000 grant for the bathroom providing we do the walkway since it was in the original request. Aungst said they gave him a checklist of the things the engineer needs to write in the specifications and it will require the engineer to prepare the bid.

Lehman asked what the new estimate is and Aungst said it is in the July 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes. Lehman said you had a \$60,000 estimate and now the estimate is \$76,000. Aungst said that is only for the bathroom, the walkway estimate is \$19,000.

Tobin asked if we have it in writing that DCNR will allow us to use the \$40,000 for the bathroom alone. Aungst said it will be coming in writing this week, there is no question on the issue, they are the ones who suggested it.

Lehman asked what the big difference is and Aungst said cost for the brick alone is \$18,000. Lehman asked if there won't be any volunteer work and Aungst said there has already been volunteer work in the design, the grant application and the engineering.

Discussion continued on the bathroom facility, heating, draining it in December and January, and the cost of the building. Zimmerman moved to have the engineer complete the specifications and send them to DCNR for approval, upon DCNR approval the engineer is then authorized to put the project out for bid. Wise seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

Tobin asked if the brick can be an alternate on the bid and Zimmerman said no, it is on the plan. Tobin said it was not on the original plan. Tobin thanked Aungst for his work on the grant and said she doesn't want to deviate from the plan submitted to DCNR and jeopardize future grants. Aungst said the original plan was only a sketch; the brick was on the plan submitted to DCNR. Tobin moved to add an alternate bid for the brick to the specifications, if it can be done without jeopardizing the grant. Lehman seconded the motion. Aungst said the only alternate he would agree with is 10" split face block.

Discussion followed on the block and the Board agreed with Aungst. Tobin, Lehman, Aungst and Wise voted in favor of the motion adding the 10" split face block as an alternate, Zimmerman opposed the motion. The motion carried 4 to 1. Aungst said if we spend the money on the bathroom and we do the walkway on our own, we don't have to get an engineer to do specifications for the walkway. Aungst said at the July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting they should talk about going out for bid on the walkway. **Printed from**

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### OLD BUSINESS

- **UCC Permits** – Tobin said a decision needs to be made by the Board regarding who contacts residents when Light-Heigel (Township UCC Code Enforcement officers) finds out they have not applied for a UCC permit. Wise said it seems to him Light-Heigel should contact the resident for the UCC permit, Aungst agreed. Tobin moved to authorize Light-Heigel to contact residents if the UCC permit is required and not applied for. Wise seconded the motion. Tobin, Wise, Aungst and Lehman voted in favor of the motion, Zimmerman opposed the motion; motion carried 4 to 1.

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### NEW BUSINESS

- **Act 32 Earned Income Tax Delegate** – Ferguson said Act 32 became law in July, 2008 and it creates tax collection districts. Ferguson said a tax collection committee will be formed composing of one representative from each municipality and school district in the county. The Board has a responsibility of appointing a delegate and alternate for the committee before September 15, 2009 and the committee will start meeting in November. The Board agreed to look for candidates and make a decision at the next meeting.
- **Special Township Meeting-** A special meeting will be held on July 20, 2009 at 6:30 PM to continue work on the proposed zoning ordinance revisions. Bernie Kulkaski asked if the Act 167 stormwater regulations are in the zoning ordinances and Zimmerman said they are not a part of the zoning ordinances. Kulkaski asked where biosolids are permitted and Zimmerman said they are currently allowed in the RC district.

### CORRESPONDENCE

- **Comcast Cable Petition** – Aungst said that Comcast is showing they are meeting the criteria for competition in the area and it does not require a response from us.
- **DEP re Pine Grove Landfill Modifications** – Lehman said the permit modification is about reducing the water monitoring on outside wells from four times a year to a semi-annual basis. Zimmerman noted the Township has the right to appeal or state concerns if they have any.
- **Nestle Water Letter** – Aungst said he spoke with them and they do not want a sign for the parking lot, but they would like to be mentioned when the facility is dedicated.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Larry Hoffman asked if the zoning map is online. Zimmerman said no, after the new map is done it will be available online.
- Larry Hoffman asked if the zoning application process will change and if the resident does not have to call Light-Heigel about a UCC permit. Zimmerman said the process will not change, but if the resident does not call them, Light-Heigel will call the resident. Tobin said it is still the resident's responsibility to contact Light-Heigel.
- Bernie Kulkaski asked Wise if he has heard anything on the fire companies. Wise said they cannot get a date established for a meeting, but they are still pursuing it.
- Aungst said he got a call from Minersville about the Central Schuylkill Council of Government and they are forming an agreement. Aungst said Pine Grove Borough is joining and wanted to know if there was any interest from the Township Board, no action taken on this item.
- Aungst said the county showed an increase of 139 in population in 2008 and of that number, 48 were in Pine Grove Township.
- Tobin asked if the UCC appeals board has made any progress. Aungst said he is still working on it and ideally they will meet next week.
- **Brookside Road** - Tobin moved to authorize Solicitor DiNicola to prepare an ordinance or amendment to prohibit truck traffic on Brookside Road except for local deliveries. Aungst seconded the motion. Tobin, Aungst, Wise and Lehman voted in favor of the motion, Zimmerman opposed the motion; motion carried 4 to 1.

**ADJOURNMENT** – At 8:31 PM Zimmerman moved to adjourn the meeting, Lehman seconded the motion, all were in favor and motion carried 5 to 0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Supervisors 8/12/09