

Springfield Township, Bucks County
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

September 12, 2017

Supervisors Present: Karen Bedics, Dave Long, Rob Zisko, Volker Oakey.

Chairperson Long called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and announced the Board met in executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Ms. Bedics offered a minor changes to the minutes. Motion by Mr. Oakey, seconded by Ms. Bedics, to approve the August 22, 2017 minutes. All in favor. Motion carries.

Public Comment

Gary and Violet Good, 785 Nemeth, asked the Board to help get their zoning permit approved for a pole barn.

Kathy Rice, 2900 Center Street, asked the Board to help mitigate noise and long shooting hours from the Springtown Rod & Gun Club. Sandy Rice and Karen Freeh described the intensive activity they've experienced, too. Pat McGinness, Springtown Road and Gun Club, was present to hear the complaints.

Walter Murphy, Rolling Hills subdivision, asked the Board to favorably consider another 90 day extension to complete improvements. He said there was a potential buyer for the development. The Board asked his attorney to send a request, which it would favorably consider.

Rose Strong, Hunter Road, asked that the police department issue press releases directly to newspapers rather than relying on the CrimeWatch platform. The Chief will monitor how many of the reports he puts on CrimeWatch and see if they're being picked up by newspaper outlets.

Business

Knecht Bridge Road closure—Motion by Karen Bedics, seconded by Volker Oakey, to authorize closure of Knecht Bridge Road on October 13, 2017 between the hours of 2:30 pm and 9:00 pm per the request of the Buck County Covered Bridge Society. All in favor. Motion carries.

Ordinance 186; Stormwater Ordinance Revisions—The Chair opened the duly advertised public hearing for public comment. There was none.

Motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Ms. Bedics, to adopt the ordinance. In favor—Bedics, Long, Oakey. Opposed—Zisko. Motion carries.

Motion by Dave Long, seconded by Karen Bedics, to submit a Notice of Intent and Request for Waiver for the 2018 MS4 permit cycle. All in favor. Motion carries.

Comprehensive Plan Survey Instrument —Dawn Nicholson of the Comp Plan Task Force briefed the Board on the development of the survey and asked the Board for any input or revisions. The Board agreed with the comments submitted by Supervisor John Oehler and generally endorsed the survey. The Comp Plan Task Force will make the suggested changes and the Board is ready for the survey to be released.

Historic Resource regulations—The Board reviewed historic resource regulations. It will provide the Historic Commission with a list of concerns to address.

2018 Budget Requests—Mike Brown updated departmental requests: A new phone system would cost \$7,000, and the Bucks County Planning Commission offered to consult for the Comprehensive Plan review and revision for \$15,000.

Comments:

- Ms. Bedics will represent the Township at the BCATO Fall convention and deliver the Board's certificate of appreciation to the 4H group when it receives the Derstine award.
- Tony Matzura encouraged less restrictive historic resource regulations.
- Frank Hollenbach reminded the Board that the 2000 EIT referendum included authorizing spending on historic resources.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Brown, Township Manager

Approved: