

Springfield Township, Bucks County
Board of Supervisors

MINUTES

June 12, 2018

Supervisors Present: Karen Bedics, Dave Long, Jim Nilsen, Tony Matzura and Rob Zisko.

Motion by Mr. Zisko, seconded by Mr. Nilsen, to approve the May 22, 2018 minutes after correcting the vote tally for the Adelphia Gateway Environmental Assessment Comments. The vote was: “In favor—Bedics, Nilsen, Matzura. Opposed—Long, Zisko. Motion carries.”

All in favor. Motion carries.

Business

Resolution 2018-7; Public Meeting Conduct—The Board reviewed the resolution, which amends two previous resolutions about conduct and commenting at public meetings. Sue Boyd, Route 412, suggested the Board make allowances for representatives of property owners to make public comment and the Board agreed. Steve Doncevic, Pleasant View Road, suggested the Board create a link to the conduct policy near the meeting agendas posted on the website. The Board agreed.

Motion by Rob Zisko, seconded by Karen Bedics, to adopt Resolution 2018-7, governing conduct at public meetings. All in favor. Motion carries.

Survey results—Frank Hollenbach and Steve Smith of the Comp Plan Task Force presented the first cut of survey numbers. Mr. Long recognized the enormous effort and skill Mr. Hollenbach and Ms. Lorna Yearwood had devoted into the compilation process. After viewing the presentation Mr. Long encouraged the Board members to submit further data analysis requests so they can be evaluated.

Park and Rec function and plan—Mr. Long asked the Board to address each of the 4 goals and 21 objectives currently in the Park and Rec Plan so as to provide guidance when a new Park and Land Preservation Board was appointed.

- Goal 1, Objective 2—The Board will keep Peppermint Park open and perform maintenance with a combination of contract and in-house labor, supplemented by volunteers.
- Goal 1, Objective 4—The Board does not view the Hickon Road property to be obtained from PPL as a priority recreation opportunity.
- Goal 1, Objective 5—The Board does not view the Zion Hill Lutheran Church or Passer Community Center as priority recreational opportunities.
- Goal 1, Objective 6—The Board does not view the Township land connecting Springfield Elementary as a priority recreational opportunity.
- Goal 2, Objective 2—The Board generally re-endorsed the concept of the rail trail, but authorized Mr. Zisko to contact a County Commissioner to encourage the County to restudy the wetland issue and obviate the need for a boardwalk.
- Goal 4, Objective 5—The Board endorsed funding park and rec maintenance and functions with EIT collections for land preservation as allowed under Act 115. The Board allocated \$150,000 in 2015 for this purpose and there is still over \$100,000 available.

Frank Hollenbach, Rocky Valley Road, commented that the park system can be maintained without large cash outlays, and cited \$500 spent over 2 years (with the use of volunteer labor) as an example. He suggested the 30 acre field at Peppermint Park could be cut by a farmer who would be given the hay. He suggested

Peppermint Park was more valuable than its attendance numbers suggest because it provides a community focal point for other activities like Scouting.

Steve Doncevic, Pleasant View Road, suggested using Township based landscapers to mow.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Brown, Township Manager

Approved: