



**WEST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Meeting Agenda
September 19, 2018**

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

1. **Public Comments** on Agenda items – *Please state name & address*
2. **Announcements**
 - Executive Session to follow this evening's meeting
3. **Consent Agenda**
 1. August 15, 2018 Minutes
 2. Wynn Plan Review Status & Escrow Release
 3. Emergency Services Report
 4. Building/Zoning & Building Permit Report
 5. Public Works Report
 6. Conservation Committee
 7. Planning Commission
4. **Confirmed Appointments**
5. **Committee Reports**
 - Park & Recreation Report
 - Denise Lorenz Resignation
 - Comprehensive Plan Committee
6. **Commission Reports**
 - Police Report: Chief Rod Blake
 - Joint Recreation Authority: Jim Miller
7. **Tax Collector's Report:** Suzanne Clarke
8. **Engineer's Report:** Steve Baluh, P.E.
 - LD 590 A&T Subaru - Address
9. **Solicitor's Report:** Mary Eberle, Esq.
10. **Township Manager's Report:** Greg Lippincott
 - Treasurers Report/ Payment of Bills
 - 2019 MMO
11. **Old Business**
 - Finland Road Update
 - Pennridge Community Center Donation
 - ZHB Vacancy
12. **New Business**
13. **Public Comment** - *Please state name & address*

Adjournment

Next Meeting: October 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING

**West Rockhill Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2018**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the West Rockhill Township building by Chair Jim Miller, who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials *(Absentees noted with asterisk*)*

Chairman: Jim Miller
Vice Chairman: Don Duvall
Member: Jay Keyser
Tax Collector: Suzanne Clarke

Appointed Officials

Township Manager: Greg Lippincott	Conservation Committee (CC): Don Duvall
Township Solicitor: Mary Eberle	Park and Recreation (P&R): Bob Strobel
Township Engineer: Steve Baluh	Joint Recreation Authority (JRA): Jim Miller
PRPD: Chief Rod Blake	Township Secretary: Judith Decker
Planning Commission: Chris Derstine	

Visitors Registered

Michael Schrameyer of the Conservation Committee, John Sweriduk of the Comprehensive Plan Committee, Anthony Boegner of Clymer Avenue, Frank Szymendera of Allentown Road, Shirley Mann, Tom Cuce & Rose Merrigan, and Robert Gerhart of Rich Hill Road, Ed McGann of Ridge Road, Jeremy & Heather Kuebler and Ella Harwick of Catch Basin Road, Paul Roesener of Lawn Avenue, Michele Schetter of Thousand Acre Road, Zack McLane of Forrest Road, Dennis Fox of Bardsley Road, Brian & Kathy Weirback and Christa Shelly of Whaland Road, Jim & Jane Strohm of Tower Road, Deborah Dayton of Barndt Road, Jerry Guretse of the Telford Fire Company, and Bob Keeler of the News Herald.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: none**Announcements**

Mr. Miller announced that there will be an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss Real Estate.

Consent Agenda

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Mr. Duvall made a motion seconded by Mr. Keyser and carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

Confirmed Appointment - none**Committee Reports**

Park & Recreation Committee Report: Bob Strobel

Mr. Strobel reported that SeptemberFest is all set for September 30. He will have six park bench rehabilitations completed by then. P&R is recommending the appointment of Maggie Oliver with the resignation of Denise Lorenz. BOS asked for time to review the application. **Mr. Keyser made a motion seconded by Mr. Duvall and carried to approve the Park & Recreation Committee Report.**

Comprehensive Plan Committee Commission Report: Don Duvall

Mr. Duvall reported that the draft has been completed and an Action List is being worked on. He invited the public to attend the meetings. **Mr. Keyser made a motion seconded by Mr. Miller and carried to approve the Comprehensive Plan Committee Report.**

Pennridge Regional Police Department (PRPD) Report: Chief Rod Blake

Chief Blake gave the PRPD report. Mr. Miller moved Old Business Finland Road Update up on the Agenda at this point since the Chief was involved. He reported that an onsite meeting was held with PennDOT, the Chief, the Manager, Engineer, Representative Staats, and himself on September 11 at the bad curve in Finland Road where accidents have been occurring with increasing frequency. Penn DOT will install signage, legends on the roadway, guardrails, and perform ditch work, all to be completed by Thanksgiving. A high friction surface application will be applied at a later date. There have been three accidents since the meeting on September 11; the Chief reported that speeding is the cause 95% of the time. Public comment was taken from Tony Boegner, who objected to the DOT safety check being held at the Township parking lot since it is in poor shape already. Mr. Keyser responded that he will propose that it be paved next year. Michael Schrameyer thanked the Manager and Mr. Miller for taking action on the Finland Road problem. **Mr. Keyser made a motion to accept the Police Report seconded by Mr. Duvall and carried.**

Joint Recreation Authority (JRA) Holiday House (HH) Pool: Jim Miller

Mr. Miller reported that HH had a good year and thanked all volunteers and staff. He announced that the pool is 50 years old and the Articles of Incorporation have to be renewed; BOS will address that in October. **Mr. Duvall made a motion to accept the Joint Recreation Authority Report seconded by Mr. Keyser and carried.**

Tax Collector's Report: Suzanne Clarke

Mrs. Clarke presented the Tax Collectors report. **Mr. Keyser made a motion seconded by Mr. Duvall and carried to approve the Tax Collector's Report.**

Engineer's Report: Steve Baluh, P.E.

LD 590 A&T Subaru – 18 Month Maintenance Period

Mr. Baluh recommended that BOS accept LD 590 as completed and ready for the 18-month maintenance period. They will address the outstanding planting issues this fall. Discussion followed. **Mr. Keyser made a motion seconded by Mr. Duvall and carried to move LD 590 to the Maintenance period. Mr. Duvall made a motion seconded by Mr. Keyser and carried to approve the Engineer's Report.**

Solicitor's Report: Mary Eberle, Esq. – no report

Mr. Duvall made a motion seconded by Mr. Keyser and carried to approve the Solicitor's Report.

Manager's Report: Greg Lippincott

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills

Mr. Lippincott presented the Treasurer's Report, which is on file. **Mr. Duvall made a motion seconded by Mr. Miller and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report ending August 31, 2018, and to pay the bills as reported for August 9 through September 12, 2018, subject to Audit.**

2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)

Mr. Lippincott advised the Board that the 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the pension plan was provided in their packet.

Mr. Keyser made a motion seconded by Mr. Duvall and carried to approve the Manager's Report.

Old Business

Pennridge Community Center (PCC)

Mr. Miller reported that BOS received the 2018 donation report from the PCC. Mr. Keyser announced that he did not think WRT should support outside agencies when we are lending funds to our own P&R committee. Mr. Duvall concurred and added that he does not support continued funding for the Holiday House Pool either as he think it should support itself. Mr. Miller stated that he agreed to the loan for P&R but would support forgiving the loan at this meeting. Discussion ensued. **Mr. Keyser made a motion to forgive the loan to the Park & Recreation Committee**

seconded by Mr. Miller and carried unanimously. P&R will submit a plan for a final piece of equipment for the Tot Lot to the Board.

Mr. Duvall proposed eliminating the \$13,000 annual donation to the HH Pool. Mr. Lippincott responded that it will be in the draft 2019 budget that will be discussed next month. Public Comment was taken. Frank Szymendera who supported a \$2500 donation to the PCC and continued support of the HH Pool. Suzanne Clarke thought the BOS did not take into account the rising cost of goods and services at the HH Pool emphasizing the need for support from Sellersville and WRT. Mr. Miller agreed and Mr. Keyser stated that he supported funding the pool but thought it should ultimately support itself. Paul Roesener reminded the BOS that the 2017 survey results showed that residents support the HH Pool. Mr. Miller asked about the PCC donation. **Mr. Keyser made a motion to donate \$1500 to the Pennridge Community Center for 2017 seconded by Mr. Duvall and carried 2-1 with Mr. Miller voting no.** He thought the donation should be \$2500.

Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy

The Manager was seeking action on this vacancy. BOS asked him to contact the ZHB members and Alternates for opinions.

Township Parking Lot Paving

Mr. Keyser and Mr. Miller agreed that the parking lot of the Township Building should be re-paved. Mr. Baluh will get an estimate.

Mr. Keyser reported that Cathill Road is scheduled to be paved next year and Route 309 will be re-paved from Montgomeryville to Quakertown.

Ridge Run PFOA Water Contamination

Mr. Miller reported that he attended a DEP meeting with residents with affected polluted wells near Tabor Road and Old Bethlehem Pike with Representative Brian Fitzpatrick. Residents will be forming a committee.

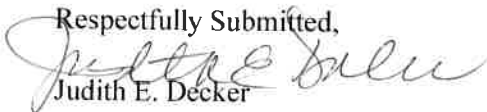
New Business: none

Public Comment

A group of residents were present to express their opposition to the Adelphia Gateway Compressor Station planned for the Rich Hill Road area. Shirley Mann asked if WRT was in contact with Adelphia. Mrs. Eberle responded that the Township has made significant progress by entering an appearance in the FERC application. The Township has had a series of meetings with Adelphia resulting in a building height reduction from 50' to 35'. She emphasized that the Township cannot regulate a federal project, they do not have to abide by our zoning laws and the Township is doing all it is permitted to do. When asked, Mrs. Eberle responded that the Township does not receive gas pipeline monies. Christine Shelley and Judy Menninger requested that an ordinance be adopted to set standards for pipelines. Mrs. Eberle reiterated that would be ineffective as they do not have to follow local laws and would not be as effective as what WRT is doing. Tom Cuce distributed a letter from Adelphia and stated that they reduced the building height but increased the square footage. Mrs. Eberle received and reviewed that document on Monday. Bob Gerhart, Richland Township resident, was opposed. Rose Merrigan, Jeremy Kuebler and Judy Menninger were opposed for safety, environmental and noise concerns. Heather Kuebler and Judy Menninger asked for documentation of Township action. Mrs. Eberle stated that some can be made available. Kathy Barback asked what steps residents can take. The Solicitor advised them to file the form for party status. Residents felt it was overwhelming to file the documents. Jane Strohm asked if the Township might assist with the applications. The residents asked for a Township meeting to be scheduled, perhaps with Richland Township. Mr. Lippincott responded that WRT had reached out the Richland to be involved and they declined.

There being no further business, a motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Keyser seconded by Mr. Duvall and carried at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Judith E. Decker
Secretary