

## MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** February 1, 2016

**PLACE:** Township Building, 370 Steinman Farm Road, Pequea, Pa. 17565

**ATTENDANCE:** Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Charley Braught, Jr. and Don Snyder were present.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag.

### **MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT**

Beth Birchall made a motion and was seconded by Don Snyder to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 1, 2016. With no questions asked, a motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Carl Drexel, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

### **OTHER BUSINESS – PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Robert Long, 405 Hilldale Road commented that during the last snow event, when the Road Dept plowed the intersection at Harbor View and Hilldale Road, large deposits of snow where piled up which made cleaning out his two driveway entrances difficult to plow and created site issues at the stop sign. Duane Sellers stated that he would have the Road Department check into it, however to keep in mind that we typically don't get snow events that involve 30+” of snow. Their main concern at first was to get roads opened up and then to work at pushing back the piles of snow.

### **ORDINANCES:**

Ordinance 02-01-16 Use, Disturbance and Obstruction of Township Road (Greenway Buffer) – Duane Sellers commented that this ordinance was advertised and posted and the Township office. The motion passed by roll call vote 5-0. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to appoint both the Zoning Officer and Road Foreman to enforce this ordinance. The motion passed 5-0. Comment was heard from Wayne Murray of 63 Bethesda Church Rd E, who asked what the right-of-way footage is on Township roads. Duane Sellers stated that it is 16.5' from the center of the road.

Floodplain ordinance review: After review by the Planning Commission who presented questions to the solicitor, the township's solicitor listed questions for the Supervisor's to address and answer.

1. Does the Board desire to keep the uses allowed in the floodplain the same as the existing uses in Sec 511 of the Zoning Ordinance?

A motion was made by Charley Braught and seconded by Beth Birchall to keep the uses allowed in the floodplain the same as the existing uses in Sec 511. The motion passed 5-0.

2. Does the Board desire to allow accessory structures in the floodplain?

A motion was made by Charley Braught and seconded by Beth Birchall to allow accessory structures in the Floodplain and to keep it the same as our current ordinance. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Does the Board desire to include the language of existing Sec 511 which continues to designate alluvial soils as part of the floodplain?

A motion was made by Charley Braught and seconded by Carl Drexel approving the inclusion of the language of the existing Sec 511, which designates alluvial soils as part of the floodplain. The motion

passed 5-0.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to approve the advertising of this ordinance for a March 7<sup>th</sup> adoption. The motion passed 5-0.

Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance review: After review by the Planning Commission who presented questions to the solicitor, the township's solicitor listed questions for the Supervisor's to address and answer.

1. Does the Board desire to keep or remove Section 610, Parks and Open Spaces of the draft SALDO? Comment was heard from Bill Webber and Lydia Martin w/ the LC Conservancy. The Board discussed all of the property the LC Conservancy currently owns and uses as Open Space.

A motion was made by Charley Braught and seconded by Carl Drexel to remove Section 610 of the draft ordinance. The motion passed 5-0.

2. In the draft SALDO, part of the definition of Land Development includes the construction of significant accessory or principal farm-related buildings in excess of 3,500 square feet. Does the Board want to increase the square footage or remove this section?

A motion was made by Don Snyder and seconded by Charley Braught to increase the square footage to 5000 square feet. The motion passed 5-0. This aligns the square footage with the Stormwater Management ordinance previously passed.

3. The Planning Commission identified an inconsistency in the proposed ordinance in Sec 305.C.3 & 4 in the Preliminary Review Process. These two subsections identify lot line change/lot add-on plans and minor subdivision plans as categories of preliminary plans. Section 307 provides that lot line change/lot add-on plans may be processed as preliminary/final plans.

A motion was made by Charley Braught and seconded by Don Snyder to remove section 305.C.3 & 4 and to make the changes necessary to eliminate any inconsistencies. The motion passed 5-0.

4. The draft ordinance addresses Sidewalks in Section 602.F. There are currently no sidewalks in Martic.

A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel to provide that sidewalks are optional, but where installed, must meet the standards of Section 602.F. The motion passed 5-0.

5. The draft ordinance addresses in Section 602.W Utility and Shade Tree Areas. And Section 602.X identifies Lighting. The lighting addressed would be for street lighting, commercial and parking lot lighting. Comment was heard from Wayne Murray.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charley Braught to keep section 602.W as written and to revise Section 602.X.1 to remove any requirement for street lighting, but to retain the standards if such lights are provided. The motion passed 5-0.

6. The Board reviewed Section 603 Bicycle Parking Facilities.

A motion was made by Charley Braught and seconded by Don Snyder to remove Section 603. The motion passed 5-0.

7. Section 609.B Water Supply and Section 609.C Aquifer Testing requirements.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to leave both of these sections in and to keep them as they are currently written. The motion passed 5-0. Comment was heard from Bill Webber, Wayne Murray and Robert Long.

A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to approve the advertising of this ordinance for a March 7<sup>th</sup> adoption. The motion passed 5-0.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Rail Trail – erosion problem at Trout Run: The Road Department brought to the Board's attention that there is significant erosion on the rail trail, where people, who park along Pennsy Road, are walking up

the bank to either access the trail, fish, hunt, etc. Duane Sellers commented that this is a two part problem, the erosion issue and the parking issue which is a liability issue for the Township. Discussion was had regarding whether or not the township should or shouldn't block off the parking. Comment was heard from Barb Stokes 888B Hilldale Rd to block off the road and repair the trail. Keith Kauffman 215 Frogtown Road was in favor of leaving the parking and repairing the trail. Comments were also heard from Bill Webber 42 Clearview Rd, Dave Walter, RVFC President, Don Wissler 421 Drytown Road, Wayne Murray 63 Bethesda Church Rd E and Tim Kiehl, Road Foreman regarding these issues. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Don Snyder to have the road department repair the erosion and if needed, to build a retaining wall. The motion failed 0-5. After more discussion, a motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charley Braught to have the road department repair the erosion, build a retaining wall and to spend up to \$3000. The motion passed 5-0.

Duane Sellers commented that the Planning Commission met on January 21, 2015 to discuss the draft Floodplain and SALDO ordinances.

Road Department:

Tim Kiehl read the report for January:

- The week of January 3: gutter cleaning, heavy leaf build-up, Tucquan Glen and Loop Road, Hilldale Rd- gutter work, Steinman Farm Rd – between Red Hill and Hilldale – tree review, road measurements, Martic Forge Loop & Hilldale Rd, sign replacements.
- The week of January 10: reviewed tree removal with tree service along Steinman Farm Rd, Nissley, Douts Hill, Fox Hollow. Spot salt along Martic Heights at RVFC, first snow 1", repair to boom mower, met with property owners along Steinman Farm for tree removal
- The week of January 17: Spot salted winter event, Sunday began using salt/anti-skid, repair hydraulic leak on backhoe, work continues at fire pond, met LTAP rep on House Rock and Short Rd, clear site issues. Plowed snow 30+" from Friday – Sunday.
- The week of January 24: Continued snow cleanup- pushed back snow at intersections and widened roadways. Tire repairs on trucks.

Zoning Officer Report shows: 2 building, 2 zoning permit issued, 1 Road Occupancy and 2 building use and occupancy permits were issued in January.

The SEO Report shows: 1 perc & probe was done in January.

January 2016 bills: Don Snyder made a motion which was seconded by Charley Braught, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 71,370.50. The motion passed (4-0) with Carl Drexel abstaining in accordance with Section 1103(j) of the Ethics Act and noting that his public disclosure memorandum will be on file in the township office.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The township has received the 2016 CSG permit manager software support and maintenance agreement. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Don Snyder to sign the agreement and pay the fee of \$1,850.00. The motion passed 5-0.

The PSATS Convention will be held April 17-20, 2016, in Hershey, PA. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to send Charley Braught and Don Snyder. The motion passed 5-0.

The RVFC Auxiliary notified the Township that they had a food sale on January 9 and the Willow Street Star building.

Notice was received before the meeting, from Wilson Consulting letting the Board know that we did receive the grant for the re-surfacing for the Trestle Bridge with Conestoga Township. Since the Board had no time to review paperwork, discussion was tabled until the March meeting.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for March 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

They're being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm by a motion made by Beth Birchall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen D. Sellers". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "K".

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager