

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John E. Schroeder • C. William Shaffer • J. Pepper Goslin

Monday through Thursday, closed Friday | Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Meeting: First Monday, 7:00 p.m.



SUPERVISORS MEETING May 6, 2019

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman John Schroeder, Vice Chairman C. William Shaffer, Member J. Pepper Goslin, Manager Vicki Eldridge, Road Foreman Jim Grube and twenty-five (25) observers.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schroeder at 7:00 P.M followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

BID AWARDS:

Road Materials: Bids were received by PennBid until 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

- Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to award the chip seal bid to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions in the amount of \$10,500. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to award the Mt. Hope School Road Paving Project Bid to Long's Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$63,030. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Shaffer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to award the Scheller Road Edge Repair/Widening Bid to Long's Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$90,324.30. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to award the seal coat bid to Martin Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$95,333.38. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to award the Fairview Road Edge Repair/Widening Bid to Long's Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$129,624.60. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to award the asphalt materials bid (FOB) to Allan Myers, LP. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Mr. Schroeder explained that in April, Martin Paving, Inc. and Asphalt Maintenance Solutions bid on the road oil, both companies submitted the same bid. The township conducted a coin toss in April at which time Martin Paving, Inc. won the toss. Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to award the road oil bid to Martin Paving, Inc. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Schroeder explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the April 1, 2019 supervisors meeting. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to approve the minutes. The motion carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Shaffer abstained due to his absence at the April meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to ratify the payment of April bills in the amount of \$268,022.88 from the general fund. The motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- Mr. Schroeder had questions regarding “zoning change application” line item. He asked why the category showed a zero balance when we have had several zoning change applications. Following a brief discussion, it was decided to deduct employees’ wages earned for helping at the trail race from the proceeds of the Enola Low Grade Trail Trot. Mr. Schroeder does not think the taxpayers should not carry the financial responsibility of recreational activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Victor Ressler, President of the Rawlinsville Fire Company stated that the company’s annual mud sale was a success. He expressed gratitude to all the volunteers including the Amish Community for their help.
- Sis Conrad expressed appreciation to the township for the Enola Low Grade Trail Trot. She said it was well planned and enjoyable.
- Merv Conrad appreciated the trail brochure he received in his race packet for the Enola Low Grade Trail Trot. He pointed out that the brochure mentions “horseback riding”. He said there are signs on the trail stating “No Horseback Riding”.
- Bill Jenkins had questions regarding his property on Farmington Way. He said the swale in the rear yard never dries out and he is unable to mow.
- Linda Walter expressed her dismay to the board for the decrease in contributions given to the library.

PUBLIC HEARING

At approximately 7:30 p.m., Mr. Schroeder turned the meeting over to Mr. Newcomer to conduct a public hearing to consider the adoption of an ordinance rezoning approximately 10 acres of land owned by Maynard R. Shirk and Alice H. Shirk and located on the north side of Schoolhouse Road approximately .25 miles east of the intersection of Truce Road and Schoolhouse Road from Agricultural (A) to Residential (R-2) and amending the zoning map. At this time Mr. Newcomer introduced the Shirk’s attorney, Seth Hiller. Mr. Hiller explained the reason the Shirks’ were seeking to rezone a portion of their land. Mr. Hiller asked questions of Mr. Maynard Shirk and Ms. Rhoda Shirk. Both Mr. Shirk and Ms. Shirk provided information about the family’s plan for the land. Mr. Shaffer had questions as to whether they planned to build 3 or 4 houses. There was a discrepancy between the drawings and information presented. Mr. Shirk explained they would subdivide into four lots; however at this time they only have a need for three houses to be built. Mr. Schroeder asked the Shirks if they were aware of the zoning prior to their purchase of the land. Mr. Shirk stated he was aware the parcel was agricultural zoned. Mr. Goslin asked the Shirks what their plans would be if the change is not granted. Mr. Newcomer opened the floor to questions from the public. Kathy Giffing asked what assurances there would be that the south side of Schoolhouse Road would remain agricultural zoned. She also presented a petition to the Board including 35 signatures of those opposed to the rezoning. Charles Giffing asked if this property is rezoned will there be a domino effect with more and more properties being rezoned from agricultural zoning. He asked if this change is made does that make a precedent for the future. Dave Plastino described a watercourse on the property. Jeffrey Hanna asked if there is a pipeline on the property. Lorie Crossen asked how much of the land would be farmed. Henry Esch stated that forests and woods have a positive impact on agriculture.

Following discussion, Mr. Goslin stated that he knows it is difficult for families wishing to preserve agricultural land. Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shaffer to deny the request to rezone approximately 10 acres of land owned by Maynard R. Shirk and Alice H. Shirk and located on the north side of Schoolhouse Road approximately .25 miles east of the intersection of Truce Road and Schoolhouse Road from Agricultural (A) to Residential (R-2) and amending the zoning map. The motion was carried unanimously. All three supervisors agreed that this was a very difficult decision to make. They all feel it is in the best interest of the township to preserve agricultural land.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Jim Fry, Roadmaster reported on the following:

In April, the road crew worked on the following projects:

- Skin patched as needed
- Cleaned up debris after several wind storms
- Cleaned up dirt piles along trail, in the area of the large landslide
- Placed topsoil : Quarryville trail entrance
- At Fairview # 1 Trailhead, seeded and planted special grasses
- Started mowing road banks
- Held safety meeting on April 24th on what causes accidents
- Finished a pipe project on Schoolhouse Road

In May, the road crew will work on the following projects:

- Mowing road banks
- Pipe and inlet project on Fairview road : (SEVERAL WEEK PROJECT)
- Spraying the trail
- Screening of wood chips

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mrs. Eldridge stated the Parks/Recreation Committee will meet on Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Enola Low Grade Trail Trot was a success! We had 45 participants! It was a cold windy day!

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL REPORT

- The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Drumore Township Office.
- Scott Standish of the Lancaster County Planning Commission will be the presenter.

OLD BUSINESS

- Following a discussion regarding the roof on the schoolhouse building, it was decided not to replace the roof this year. This item will be revisited during the budget season.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Schroeder announced the township offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day.
- Mr. Schroeder announced that Lancaster General Health will be having a blood drive at the Providence Township Municipal Office on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Mr. Schroeder announced Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. He encouraged everyone to vote.

- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to authorize the solicitor to advertise for the adoption of an ordinance to update the zoning ordinance with the changes approved to date. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Following a brief discussion regarding the Lancaster County Conservation District's Memorandum of Understanding, Mr. Goslin asked that this item be tabled so he could have more time to review the document.

At this time, Mr. Shaffer excused himself from the meeting.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner issued 2 sewage permits and completed 3 perc and probe tests with a total of \$800.00 remitted for the month of April.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$84,620.44 were recorded in the month of April

ZONING REPORT

- **Hillside Acres Stoves, Waiver of Land Development, PT-269FP-19, 801 Lancaster Pike:** The plan proposes to utilize an existing parcel to store sheds for sale by the adjoining property owner. After discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Article III, Plan Processing, for Hillside Acres Stoves, John Esh subject to the Solanco Engineering Associates review letter dated April 2, 2019 and any subsequent review letters, with the following additional condition: A storm water exemption permit or storm water small project permit is required for any new impervious area cumulatively calculated, starting at the date of the adoption of the Providence Township Storm Water Management Ordinance (5/5/2014), per the requirements. Mr. Schroeder asked Mr. Esh if he understood the landscape plan requirement. Mr. Esh acknowledged. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Frederick Steudler, Lot Add-On Plan, PT-270LAO-19, Lancaster Pike North:** The plan proposes to join in common Lot 1, identified as tax parcel 5202265400000, Beechnut Drive and Lot 2, identified as 321 Lancaster Pike North. Following discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant waiver of Section 402.A.1: The plan shall be clearly and legibly drawn at a scale of 10 feet, 20 feet, 30 feet, 40 feet or 50 feet to the inch. The motion was carried unanimously. Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to conditionally approve the lot add-on plan for Frederick Steudler, PT-270LAO-19, subject to the review comments contained within the April 10, 2019 Solanco Engineering Associates review letter and any subsequent review letters. Mr. Schroeder asked John Pogue if the tree buffer will remain along the road frontage. Mr. Pogue stated that is the plan. He said some trees may need to be removed for access however. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: _____
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

John E. Schroeder, Chairman

C. William Shaffer, Vice Chairman

J. Pepper Goslin, Member