

April 23, 2019
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Chairman Robert Rohner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Richard Vollmer, Vice Chairman, Theresa Laino, Supervisor, Donald Karpowich, Township Solicitor, Jon Tresslar, P.E., Township Engineer and Mary Ann Conza, Assistant Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2019:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve the minutes of April 9, 2019 as presented. Unanimous.

AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS ON LIST #1, LIST #2 AND THE TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to authorize the payment of the bills on List #1, List #2 and the transfers as presented. Unanimous.

ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; ALL FUNDS, FOR THE MONTH ENDED MARCH 31, 2019:

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended March 31, 2019. Unanimous.

LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN – SAW CREEK ESTATES’ SKI HILL MAINTENANCE BUILDING:

Present on behalf of the applicants were Lou Cozza of Kiley Associates, Saw Creek Estates Property Manager Dave Martin and Nic Hutta.

The applicant is proposing a 5,000 square foot maintenance building for storage and maintenance of their ski equipment. The property is adjacent to the Top of the World Restaurant and their ski slope. The Lehman Township Planning Commission has recommended approval, a letter of adequacy was received from the Pike County Conservation District, a review from Pike County Planning has been done and the notice of public hearing has been advertised.

Mr. Cozza stated that the new driveway will be paved and the existing driveway area and ski area will remain as grass and gravel. Attorney Karpowich discussed concerns about the designated parking for this building.

Ms. Beall of Cambridge Court stated that this is a high traffic area and presently there is not enough parking and this will cause a safety issue. She also stated that this building will change the view of the land.

Mr. Cozza stated the proposed landscaping consists of a row of Colorado blue spruce and white pines for a buffer and two oaks in front of the building. There will be 14 trees, 10-12 feet in height. The trees will be staggered to create a seamless obstructive area.

Mr. Williams of Hampstead Road commented that he views this building from his home and that it is unsightly and should be placed somewhere else. He also believes it to be a fire hazard.

There are three waivers being requested.

1. SALDO- Section 405.1 – Request for relief to provide separate preliminary and final land development plan submittals for the above referenced project due to the scope and size of the proposed project, as per Section 404.3 all supporting data complies with the requirements of final plans.
2. Stormwater Management Ordinance-Section 605.1.a – Request for relief to provide payment to the Township’s Storm water Management Fund to help defray costs of periodic inspections for a period of ten years. Mr. Cozza stated that the Association has adequate staff to inspect and maintain the storm water management system.
3. SALDO- Section 605.4 – Request for relief from providing payment to the Township’s Storm water Maintenance Fund. Mr. Cozza stated that the Association has adequate staff to maintain the storm water management system.

Attorney Karpowich stated that the developer’s agreement and the storm water obligation agreement must be separate agreements and recorded.

In terms of bonding, the project cost, minus the building, is \$91,221.35. Mr. Tresslar will be reviewing these figures. The bond for landscaping is 10% for 24 months.

There will be approximately 4 employees per shift using the building, which would require 5 parking spaces. A review of the site should be done to determine how many spaces will actually be needed.

The applicant will request a continuance in writing and grant the Township an extension of time for deemed approval until the next meeting on May 14th at 10:00 a.m. The Supervisors will meet with the applicants at 9:00 a.m. at the Top of the World on May 14th.

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to accept the extension of time to May 14, 2019. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. GUNITE PROJECT – BRISCOE MT. & EAST SUGAR MT. ROADS

Tabled.

2. CORRESPONDENCE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN SUNSET ACRES – ROADS

Letters to the property owners were mailed.

3. PROPOSED PENNDOT AGREEMENT FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE-TWO (2) ADDITIONAL MILES TO TOWNSHIP LINE ON BUSHKILL FALLS ROAD

Tabled.

4. BUSHKILL OUTREACH BUILDING

A meeting with a representative from Congressman Cartwright's office, and USDA, Chuck Garnett, was held to discuss the new building. The USDA will assist with funding.

5. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Collins will have something for us in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. APPROVE DAVID HENON TO USE THE PAVILION AT THE COMMUNITY PARK ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND BEGINNING 11:00 A.M. FOR FREE DOG TRAINING

Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Vollmer to approve David Henon to use the pavilion at the community park on Saturday, November 2nd beginning 11:00 a.m. for free dog training. Unanimous.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. SPRING CLEAN UP DAYS WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, MAY 17TH FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. AND SATURDAY, MAY 18TH FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Bids will be opened on Tuesday, April 30th at 10:00 a.m. Currently we are in receipt of one bid.

POCONO MT. & PIKE COUNTY COG REPORT(S):

Pike County COG: The solid waste program is underway and we will be notified of the meeting . There are grants available from LSA due by September 30th. 240 black leg ticks were collected (61% carry lyme disease and 17% deadly bug). Tick clinic opened April 10th at Wayne Memorial Hospital Center in Lords Valley. The Pike County Commissioners want to impose a 6 mil tax increase to fund BLS & ALS.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ROADMASTER REPORT:

Tim Rohner, Public Works Director, reported working on trucks and equipment, truck #920 passed inspection, hauled anti-skid to park for storage, trash cans have been put out on Creek Road and East Sugar Mountain Road for trout season. Cinder spreaders have been removed from #910, #914 and taken to the park for storage. Finished front deck and working on floor at the Annex. Moon paver installed on #910. Crew cleaned up trees and debris on Brisco Mountain. Picked trash off township roads, cleaned up recycling sites at township building, Tamiment and Pine Ridge. Crew filled pot holes on Brodhead Road. Leeward was in to seal around parking lot at township building. Fire Lane sign came down and will be replaced.

Events: Pike County Humane Society pet clinic was held at township building on April 13th and had a good turnout. Dog training was held at park on April 13th, Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 14th at the township building and had a decent turnout.

Tim Rohner attended the Pike County Road Task Force meeting on April 18th and reported that Leeward is continuing with cut, fills and drainage on Milford Road. Gave map to PennDOT representative for Section 5A's proposed 6 parking spaces for a school bus stop.

Mr. Tresslar will be working on the bid packet for paving. Sunset Lake Road is still open. Pocono Design will be in Wednesday to look at the Annex and the park for lawn mowing.

Mr. Tresslar stated that Nansteel checked the park field for remediation and it is too wet to see anything. He was to be done by May 1st and is requesting a 30 day extension. Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Mr. Rohner to grant the 30 day extension to June 1st.

A comment was received concerning Bushkill Fire Company future workshop. There was a comment concerning the Bushkill Village plan and a comment concerning a snow maintenance contract with PennDOT for Bushkill Falls Road.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Ms. Laino to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Couza
Assistant Secretary