

**SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 MINUTES**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark Marino	Present
Timothy Moran	Present
Mary Beth LaBelle	Absent
William Parkins	Present
Jeanene Friel	Present

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Theodore Locker, Jr., Manager	Present
Jill Zimmerman, Esquire	Present
Timothy P. Woodrow, PE	Present
Joseph Zadlo	Present

7:00

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDITIONAL USE – CLEARWIRE U.S. LLC. – SCIG

ORDINANCE 329 – CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION

7:30

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Ann Truskowski informed the Board that Ms. Richardson is doing a good job with the Bocce League. She also inquired about the fountain/aerator for the Lockwood office and Mr. Woodrow informed Ms. Truskowski that he just received word that it was installed. In addition, Ms. Truskowski questioned where the funding for the Biltmore Estates improvements were coming from, and also what ever the expenses are, will we be reimbursed. The board informed her that they are working out all the details, and all will be taken care of. Lastly, she questioned how many extensions the Board will grant the Sport Complex and again the Board responded that they will grant them as needed, due to the times and the economy it is hard for everyone and they must take that into consideration.

Mary Gehman voiced a concern with the bus stop at Forty Foot Road and Ashland Drive at the Biltmore Estates. Ms. Gehman witnessed an accident at that corner only a few seconds after children were getting off the bus. She asked the Board to Dedicate Ashland Drive to prevent anything serious from happening. The Board informed Ms. Gehman with so many legalities involved they are unable to do so, however they will continue to do everything they have been doing to get all the issues in that development under control.

Becky Finberg introduced herself and announced that she was the new director at the Perkiomen Valley Library.

Georgia Slater inquired about Penn Dot's bond for Forty Foot road. She informed the Board that all she hears is "clinking and clanking because the sewer lids and the road around are not even.

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The Board responded by saying that they are doing everything they can to this point and all these little issues and big ones will be handled just as soon as they can.

Ed Milkewicz asked at what point roads can be dedicated. He brought up that they don't have group mailboxes and was hoping the Post Office could assist with that.

Michael Shaw inquired about the Biltmore Estates work/live units. He informed the Board that there is no way that they are salvageable.

Dinesh Doshi recommended to the Board that street lights get put in at Biltmore. He believes it is too dark in the development at night.

Ed Crotty inquired about where we stand with the Bond for Biltmore and also as what actions were next.

Steve Niechcielski questioned if the bridge to Graterford was going to be rebuilt and when.

Rose Ronca inquired as to the status of Biltmore/THP's bankruptcy. The Board informed her that progress is being made and all the steps that can be made have been.

Mary Gehman asked if there was any word on the status of the Sports Complex and the lawsuit.

Debbie asked what steps are being taken for the safety of the Biltmore Estates.

Gerald Brock inquired as to when the Sports Complex would be moving forward.

Charles Kitts informed the Board that the Basins at Biltmore are not safe and poses many safety issues.

Brett Andor asked if Judges were elected or appointed and he was informed that they are elected.

Mary Ann Truskowski questioned why contractors are working on Sunday at the KMC Project

I. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 12, 2009 MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 12th, MINUTES.
MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

II. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Montgomery County Lands Trust – 2009 Green Futures Achievement Award for the Skippack Township Trail

Mr. Locker notified the Board that Skippack Township is going to receive an award for its trail system.

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III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Treasurer's Report as of August 31, 2009

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF AUGUST 31, 2009. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

B. Interim Bills Paid on August 25, 2009

General Fund = \$45,825.41
Sewer Fund = \$1,901.54
Park/Open Space = \$13,481.17

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON AUGUST 25, 2009. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

C. Bills for Payment on September 9, 2009

General Fund = \$25,204.42
Sewer Fund = \$58,058.64
Parks/Open Space = \$956.49

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2009. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

IV. REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. SR 113 & Township Line Road – Traffic Signal Bid Award

Mr. Woodrow informed the Board that the apparent low bidder for this project was Carr & Duff.

MOTION MADE MR. PARKINS TO AWARD BID TO CARR & DUFF. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

2. Escrow Release #8- Heckler Road

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO RELEASE ESCROW #8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,564.22. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

B. Solicitor

1. Conditional Use – Clearwire U.S. LLC.

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO GRANT CONDITONAL USE TO CLEARWIRE. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

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MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO WAIVE LAND DEVELOPMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

2. Adoption of Ordinance 329 – Amends Chapter 77 – Contractor Registration

MOTION MADE BY MS. FRIEL TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 329, AMENDING CHAPTER 77. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

3. Request for Conditional Use Extension – Skippack Community Sports Center

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL 6 MONTHS FOR THE CONDITIONAL USE EXTENTION REQUEST. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

C. Planner

D. Manager

1. Adoption of Updated Fee Schedule – Resolution 2009-35

Mr. Locker recommended to the Board that the Fees be increased for the Solicitation Permit to help control who comes into the Township. Ms. Zimmerman will look into the pros/cons of requiring a background check for all Solicitors that come into the Township.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO ADOPT THE UPDATED FEE SCHEDULE. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTED 4-0, MOTION CARRIED

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Perkiomen Valley School District – Information Regarding Referendum to Eliminate Occupational Assessment Tax and Increase Earned Income Tax

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.