

**SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 11, 2007 MINUTES**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark Marino, Chairman	Present
Mary Beth LaBelle, VC	Present
William Parkins, Jr.	Present
Jeanene Friel	Present
Timothy Moran	Absent

TOWNSHIP STAFF

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Hudnut expressed opposition to the sports complex proposal. He had traffic concerns and wetland preservation.

Steve Niechielski asked about the bridge repair and guardrail on Perkiomen Creek Road. Mr. Woodrow said the contract would be awarded in May.

Joe Springer was pleased that Cross Road was finally paved.

Mary Ann Truskowski commented about the sports complex revenue, zoning and number of visitors.

Mary Gehman commented about the plan and escrow for Biltmore.

Joan Hall asked what THP is doing with the dilapidated house next to Harleysville Bank. Ben Goldthorpe from THP said they are going to sell it to anyone interested in rehabbing it. Patrick O'Malley asked the significance of the house. Mr. Marino said it is considered historic. Mr. Woodrow said the record plan requires the house to be saved. Ms. Hall also asked about the Hunsicker House. Mr. Marino said there are legal issues with the homeowners association. Ms. Zimmerman said 80% of the homeowners have to agree before anything could be done with the house.

Mary Ann Scomo said a letter was generated from Lochwood Estates LLC regarding the sports complex, however, they do not represent the Lochwood Estates community. Ms. Scomo opposed the plan.

I. SKIPPACK COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTER CONDITIONAL USE DECISION

Ms. Zimmerman read the conditions of the proposed Order.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO GRANT CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE SKIPPACK COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTER, AS OUTLINED IN THE ORDER. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

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II. APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 14, 2007 MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE MARCH 14, 2007 MINUTES. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Lower Salford Township Police Request for Fire Police Assistance

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE AUTHORIZING THE SKIPPACK FIRE POLICE TO ASSIST THE LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE AS REQUESTED. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2007

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE MARCH TREASURER'S REPORT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**B. Interim Bills Paid on March 26, 2007
General Fund= \$32,062.11**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON MARCH 26, 2007. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

**C. Bills for Payment on April 12, 2006
General Fund = \$86,954.82
Sewer Fund = \$54,648.68
OS/Park Fund = \$18,669.40**

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

V. REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. Meadow Glen Escrow Release No. 8 = \$251,168.76

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE ESCROW RELEASE NO. 8 FOR MEADOW GLEN. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Authorization to Prepare and Advertise Bid Specifications for the Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Abatement Program

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MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE AUTHORIZING PREPARATION AND ADVERTISEMENT OF BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SEWER I&I PROGRAM. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. Cressman Road Sewer Survey**
1 or 2 responses were received. The questionnaire will be resent.
- 4. Collegeville Road Sidewalk Project**
The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for April 18.

- B. Solicitor**
- C. Planner**
- D. Manager**

1. Authorization to Advertise Sign Ordinance Amendment

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE SIGN ORDINANCE. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Authorization to Advertise Amendment to Accessory Use Provisions

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE ACCESSORY USE PROVISIONS. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

- 3. Special Event Permits**
 - a. Skippack Historical Society Circus, May 26**
 - b. Fireworks Permit, July 4**
 - c. Skippack Village Carnival, July 18-21**
 - d. Legs for Lindsey 5K Run, August 8**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

- 4. Banner Permits**
 - a. Skippack Historical Society Circus, May 26**
 - b. Skippack Historical Society Revolutionary War Encampment, June 30**
 - c. Skippack Village Car Show, June 3**
 - d. Skippack Village Summertime Festival, June 16**
 - e. Skippack Lions Club Fun Run, June 16**

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- f. **Skippack Village 4th of July Parade & Fireworks, July 4**
- g. **Skippack Village Carnival, July 18-21**

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE BANNER PERMITS. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Castle Academy Daycare at Biltmore

Ben Goldthorpe represented T.H. Properties. Mr. Woodrow said there were no issues with the plan. Mr. Zadlo said the aesthetics would require final approval prior to issuance of the building permit.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO GRANT PRELIMINARY AND FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CASTLE DAYCARE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN, AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2007-26. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. FRIEL. MR. MARINO ABSTAINED. VOTE 3-0-1, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Business Consultant

Ms. LaBelle received 2 proposals, which will be considered at the next meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Township Parks

Steve Niechielski asked how many park surveys were returned to the township. Paul Fox (park board member) said they received about 75 surveys.

Mr. Marino mentioned that the park board provided a maintenance list for the township parks. Some of the items will have to be bid. Raking, seeding and wood chips are needed at all parks.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MARINO TO EXPEND UP TO \$10,000.00 FOR RAKING, SEEDING AND WOOD CHIPS FOR PARKS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK BOARD. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

*Minutes Approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 9, 2007
Theodore R. Locker, Jr., Township Manager*