

**SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MAY 9, 2007 MINUTES**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

TOWNSHIP STAFF

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

June Lash reported unsightly trash and debris at entrance of the Moscariello tract on Miller Road. Mr. Locker is corresponding with the prison to provide a crew to clean up litter on the roads.

Mary Ann Truskowski commented about trash on the Lukoil property. Mr. Woodrow said the debris is from the Route 113 road project. He will contact the contractor to have it cleaned up. She also commented on the progress of the berm at Lochwood office.

Cindy Vaverka reported a sinkhole in her yard. Mr. Woodrow will look into it.

Ernie Boubolis commented about the dust problem from construction at Meadow Glen.

Mary Gehman questioned the right-of-way resolutions and legal descriptions for properties on Skippack Pike and Old Forty Foot Road. She also commented on the Biltmore escrow. Mr. Marino thoroughly explained procedures and legalities for right-of-ways.

Mr. Marino explained that approximately 30,000 square feet of land on Evansburg Road is needed for improvements to the intersection at Old Forty Foot Road and Route 73. The land is owned by Evansburg State Park. THP will need to acquire that same square footage in a land swap between Skippack Township, Montgomery County and Evansburg State Park.

Chris Eckerd expressed displeasure with the condemnation of a portion of his property on Perkiomen Creek Road. Mr. Eckerd was contacted because the walking trail is going through the rear of his property. There was some miscommunication regarding the township's need for an easement. The township has nothing to do with THP seeking ground from the Eckerd's. Mr. Marino made several attempts to contact Mr. Eckerd, to no avail. Mr. Marino emphatically stated that the township is not condemning anyone's ground for a developer. The 2,400 square feet of the Eckerd property is being condemned for a walking trail easement. Ms. Zimmerman will send a letter clarifying the township's position on the matter.

Mr. Woodrow and Ms. Zimmerman explained the condemnation process.

Skip Dickey had questions about the intersection improvements, which Mr. Woodrow addressed.

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Eric Talbot asked about the traffic study on Hallman Avenue. Mr. Marino said it would be addressed under old business.

Mary Gehman commented on the 30,000 square foot of land THP needs to swap with Evansburg State Park. Ms. Gehman suggested the Yates tract. The Yates tract was considered but it was acquired with county funds.

Georgia Slater asked why the developer is in a hurry to cut down her trees for the intersection improvements. Mr. Marino said he told them not to until they are at a resolution with her. They are however legally entitled to cut the trees because they are in the right-of-way.

Mary Gehman, Mary Ann Truskowski and Eric Talbot had additional questions and comments about the intersection improvements at Route 73 and Old Forty Foot Road. Mr. Woodrow responded accordingly.

I. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 11, 2007 MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE APRIL 11, 2007 MINUTES. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Skippack Historical Society “Memories of Skippack” Thank You Letter

B. Diamond Dreams Baseball Camp Field Use Request for June 18-22

MOTION MADE BY MR. MARINO TO APPROVE THE FIELD USE REQUEST. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

Mary Ann Truskowski asked if the township gets any money from the camp. The answer was no. Mr. Marino said the township would be working on a fees schedule in the near future.

C. Montgomery County Lands Trust Donation Request

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO DONATION \$250.00 TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY LANDS TRUST. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

D. T.H. Properties Biltmore Estates Building Permits

THP is offering \$50,000.00 toward offsite improvements if the township would allow building permits to be issued, contingent upon completion of the intersection before occupancy permits would be issued.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

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III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2007

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO APPROVE THE APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Interim Bills Paid on April 13, 2007 and April 25, 2007

General Fund= \$4,336.69 and \$23,089.11

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO APPROVE THE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON APRIL 13 AND 25, 2007. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

C. Bills for Payment on May 10, 2006

General Fund = \$80,574.84 + \$9,889.75

Sewer Fund = \$43,383.01

OS/Park Fund = \$23,008.04

Mr. Locker requested payment of an invoice from Wayne Carmit Landscaping, Inc. for emergency repairs on Perkiomen Creek Road due to stream flooding (\$9,889.75)

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT, INCLUDING WAYNE CARMIT LANDSCAPING, INC. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. Wincrest Estates Escrow Release No. 4 = \$7,639.76

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE ESCROW RELEASE NO. 4 FOR WINCREST ESTATES. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Meadow Glen Escrow Release No. 9 = \$351,128.80

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO APPROVE ESCROW RELEASE NO. 9 FOR MEADOW GLEN. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Walking Trail Project Payment Request No. 2 and 3 = \$146,363.63

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE PAYMENT NO. 2 AND 3 FOR THE WALKING TRAIL PROJECT. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

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4. Bid Award for 2007 Road Improvements Project

Blooming Glen Contractors	\$413,193.20
Tony DePaul & Son	\$574,962.50
Marino Corporation	\$628,827.00

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO AWARD THE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT TO BLOOMING GLEN CONTRACTORS. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

5. Bid Award for Palmer Park Baseball Field Fencing

Montco Fence Company	\$52,250.00
Abel Fence, LLC	\$71,090.00
Pro Max Fence Systems	\$79,614.00
Amity Fence Company	\$81,440.60

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO AWARD THE FENCE CONTRACT TO MONTCO FENCE COMPANY, NO TO EXCEED \$52,250.00. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Solicitor

1. Authorization to Execute the Helwig Right-of-Way Agreement

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE HELWIG RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2007-28. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

C. Planner

D. Manager

1. Banner Permit for Montgomery County 4H Fair, August 9-11

MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS TO APPROVE THE BANNER PERMIT FOR THE 4H FAIR. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Request to Change Park Board Meeting to 2nd Monday at 7:30PM

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO APPROVE THE PARK BOARD MEETING CHANGE. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Authorization to Proceed With Condemnation of a Trail Easement Through the Eckerd Property on Perkiomen Creek Road

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MOTION MADE BY MR. PARKINS AUTHORIZING CONDEMNATION OF A TRAIL EASEMENT AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2007-27. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Payment Authorization for the Helwig Right-of-Way = \$205,000.00

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE HELWIG RIGHT-OF-WAY. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Hallman Avenue Traffic Concerns

The traffic study concluded that the peak-hour traffic volume does not meet the requirement for speed humps or speed reduction. Mr. Marino did however recommend trying the speed humps on a trial basis for a 12-month period. Mr. Parkins said he is against speed humps, but would agree to the trial period. TPD will determine the location.

Cindy Vaverka said she requested speed humps on Landis Road several years ago and was denied. Mr. Woodrow said PennDOT now has a manual for speed calming measures that they didn't have back then. Mr. Marino said they are going to try it out on Hallman Avenue, and if it works out, Landis Road will be the next if it qualifies for speed humps.

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO INSTALL TWO (2) TRAFFIC HUMPS ON HALLMAN AVENUE FOR A 12-MONTH TRIAL PERIOD. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 3-0, MOTION CARRIED.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

*Minutes Approved by the Board of Supervisors on June 13, 2007
Theodore R. Locker, Jr., Township Manager*