

**SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 8, 2007 MINUTES**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark Marino, Chairman	Present
Mary Beth LaBelle, VC	Present
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

CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS:

I. SKIPPACK PROGRESS GROUP-SHOPPING CENTER

A stenographer recorded the hearing. The transcript is on file at the township office.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO GRANT THE CONDITIONAL USE FOR SKIPPACK PROGRESS GROUP AS OUTLINED IN THE ORDER. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. MR. MARINO ABSTAINED. VOTE 3-0-1, MOTION CARRIED.

II. EVANS & PAONE, LLC-CRESSMAN ROAD CENTER

A stenographer recorded the hearing. The transcript is on file at the township office.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO GRANT THE CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE EVANS & PAONE AS OUTLINED IN THE ORDER. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

REGULAR MEETING:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Talbot asked about the speed humps on Hallman Avenue and complained about the noise from nighttime work on the intersection of Route 73 and Old Forty Foot Road.

Brett Amdor, a potential buyer in Biltmore, was very concerned about the status of building permits. Mr. Marino and Mr. Woodrow explained that there are many issues that need to be resolved before permits will be issued.

Steve Niechielski was concerned about an incident on the Perkiomen Trail and asked if identifying markers would be installed on Skippack's trail so that people could alert emergency responders of their location. Mr. Parkins said yes.

Mary Ann Truskowski reported on damage to the Bocce court. The township is aware it.

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Mary Gehman had questions about the HOA documents and escrow releases for Biltmore; and commented on the land swap and right-of-ways.

Joe Springer asked about improvements to Cross Road and Route 73. Mr. Woodrow explained that Lederach Cross Road is being realigned and signalized as part of the Meadow Glen project.

Georgia Slater complained about the noise from night work at the Biltmore site. Mr. Woodrow explained that the night work is to eliminate traffic delays during the day.

Eric Talbot commented about development of the prison property. The township is opposed to residential development of that property.

Dotti Bowman of the PV Library Board introduced the new Librarian, Michele Haytko.

Walt Macelko was concerned about the airport. Mr. Marino said there would be several meetings on the matter before anything is done. A proposed ordinance will be drafted in accordance with the state's mandates.

Al Dorley was concerned about the upcoming motor cross race. Mr. Marino said the sponsors were advised that dust control must be addressed.

I. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2007 MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting

MOTION MADE BY MR. MORAN TO APPROVE THE JULY 11, 2007 MINUTES. MOTION SECONDED BY MS. LABELLE. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Joint Meeting with the Park Board

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE JULY 11, 2007 MINUTES FOR THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE PARK BOARD. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Commerce Bank Contribution for 2007 Concerts in the Park

A contribution of \$6,000.00 was received.

B. Block Party Request for Wingate Drive on September 15

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE BLOCK PARTY FOR WINGATE DRIVE. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

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C. Keystone Municipal Services

Rich O'Brien introduced his company and gave a brief overview of the consulting services they provide to municipalities. Services include needs assessment for future planning, defining and redefining organizational structures, implementation of policies and procedures, grant acquisition and more. A proposal is forthcoming.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

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

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

B. Interim Bills Paid on July 25, 2007

General Fund	=	\$35,175.85
Sewer Fund	=	\$ 3,080.50
Parks/Open Space	=	\$ 7,980.00

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON JULY 25, 2007. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

C. Bills for Payment on August 9, 2007

General Fund	=	\$82,642.35
Sewer Fund	=	\$39,630.72
Parks/Open Space	=	\$14,936.40

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. Meadow Glen Escrow Release No. 11 = \$48,876.74

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE ESCROW RELEASE NO. 11 FOR MEADOW GLEN. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Biltmore Estates Escrow Release No. 2 = \$3,679,528.09

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE ESCROW RELEASE NO. 2 FOR BILTMORE ESTATES. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. MR. MARINO ABSTAINED. VOTE 3-0-1, MOTION CARRIED.

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3. Walking Trail Payment Request No. 8 = \$234,528.75

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE PAYMENT NO. 8 FOR THE WALKING TRAIL PROJECT. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

4. Heritage Hunt Swale Stabilization Escrow

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO RELEASE THE \$10,000.00 ESCROW FOR HERITAGE HUNT. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

B. Solicitor

1. Letter of Agreement Between DCNR, Skippack Township, the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, and T.H. Properties Resolution No. 2007-36

The agreement is to help protect the historical integrity of the area along Route 73, Old Forty Foot Road and Evansburg Road. THP has agreed to conduct an archeological study prior to the intersection construction on the Evansburg Road. The agreement also sets forth land transfers between DCNR and Skippack Township.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE FOR SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO THE AGREEMENT, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE LAND TRANSFER BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. PARKINS. MR. MARINO ABSTAINED. VOTE 3-0-1, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Reimbursement Agreement Between Skippack Township and T.H. Properties, Resolution No. 2007-37

THP will reimburse the township for any and all expenses incurred with regard to the DCNR Letter of Agreement.

MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT, AS OUTLINED IN RESOLUTION NO. 2007-37. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. MR. MARINO ABSTAINED. VOTE 3-0-1, MOTION CARRIED.

C. Planner

D. Manager

1. Authorization to Advertise No Parking on Steeplechase Drive from Collegeville Road to Sorrell Court

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MOTION MADE BY MS. LABELLE TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE PARKING ORDINANCE FOR STEEPLECHASE DRIVE. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. MORAN. VOTE 4-0, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Airport Zoning Committee

The committee was disbanded in January 2007. It will need to be re-established to address the airport issues. Residents interested in being on the committee can obtain an application from the township office.

3. Pension Plan Update-FYI

The state revisions to the 401 and 457 plan allow for rollovers by non-spouse beneficiaries and make provisions for hardship distributions.

4. Collegeville Road Sidewalk

The sidewalk is complete. Restoration and pole relocation are underway.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

*Minutes Approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 12, 2007
Theodore R. Locker, Jr., Township Manager*