

**ROBESON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 21, 2016**

Chairman Smith called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00PM prevailing time. The meeting took place in the Robeson Township Public Meeting Room located at 2689 Main Street, Berks County, Pennsylvania. All Supervisors were present. Also in attendance were Engineer Gary D. Kraft, Road Master Bill Lanza & Manager Colleen A. Easterday; Solicitor Christopher J. Hartman arrived @ 7:10PM.

**Pledge to the Flag and Moment of Silence**

**ROADS**

Road Master Lanza reported milling & patching is done. AMS is coming to do oil & chip. Requested Engineer Kraft meet with him & PennDOT re water problem at SR568 & Ridgeway Road.

**POLICE**

Lights & Siren Parade – Adopt Resolution #16-19 – Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the Resolution; Supervisor Love seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**CITIZENS CONCERNS**

- Kirk Barnett, Cedar Commons Lane, complained about the motorbike activity on Cedar Commons Lane and asked if the issue has been looked into since the meeting last week. Mr. Barnett was told to keep a log of the motorbike activity to help make a determination if there are any zoning violations.
- Tim Bitler, Main Street, asked if there is a list of items the Township would amend in the Zoning Ordinance; told it is a work in progress. Mr. Bitler continued regarding the following:

**Miller** matter – the shed has been moved and is awaiting inspection; stated he discussed updates to the Zoning Ordinance with Solicitor Hartman as well as the Joint Comprehensive Plan.

**Fix** issue – Mr. Bitler produced a document depicting the property advertised as a multi-family dwelling prior to Mr. & Mrs. Fix purchasing the property and should continue to be considered as such (ie, use permitted by right). He also stated the first level of the dwelling was inhabited by people that went into the woods and collected wood and used that in a fire to have heat & to cook; upstairs there is a kitchen, bathroom, etc.

Documentation was produced by the Manager stating the property is 1 unit only with 2 bedrooms. Solicitor Hartman stated a determination by the Zoning Officer has been submitted that the property does not have 2 units, it is a 1 unit dwelling and if Mr. & Mrs. Fix wish to make the property 2 units they can go before the Zoning Hearing Board. Discussion followed.

**1598 White Bear Road** property – Mr. Bitler stated he received an e-mail from Allen Madeira, SEO (Berks Envirotech) noting it appears there was a clerical error and that the information Mr. Bitler had was incorrect. He will evaluate the e-mail then come back for permits.

**APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Supervisor Steve moved to pay bills for the period of May 14, 2016 thru May 17, 2016. Supervisor Graham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Supervisors Workshop of May 12, 2016 & Regular Meeting of May 17, 2016 were reviewed & unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

The May 2016 Treasurer's Summary/Report, SEO Permit, Sewer, Road, Building Permits & Gibraltar FC Reports as well as the April 2016 Police Report were reviewed. Supervisor Steve moved to approve the reports pending a change to the Road Report. Following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously. It was duly noted the May Police Report was not available due to lack of staffing & the May Friendship (Geigertown) FC report was not available.

## **PLANNING & ENGINEERING**

**St. Benedict's Land Development** – Preliminary / Final – Engineer Kraft reviewed the plan and noted that other than agreements and signatures, there are 2 outstanding items: 1) related to a septic system easement which has now been resolved on the plans and 2) related to landscaping areas within the parking lot requiring a waiver. The Applicant has added landscaping to the proposed parking lot islands & has requested a waiver of §510.D. to permit more than 10 spaces between landscaping areas. Engineer Kraft recommended approval of the waiver & conditional approval of the plan subject to completion of the outstanding items in his review letter of May 31, 2016.

Supervisor Steve moved to approve waiver §510.D. & conditionally approve the Land Development Plan subject to compliance with the outstanding items in the Kraft Engineering plan review letter dated May 31, 2016; Supervisor Graham seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Plan Time Extensions** (thru 9/30/16) – the following were unanimously approved upon a motion by Supervisor Steve that was seconded by Supervisor Graham.

Park View Estates Sub (P) - expires 6/30/16

Parkside Subdivision (P) - expires 6/30/16

Beaver Run Sub (P) - expires 6/30/16

Cedar Hill Estates Ph 1 (F) - expires 6/30/16

**Gregg Eshelman request for planning waiver** – Supervisor Steve moved to grant the request for a proposed addition to the “seasonal sales barn” conditioned upon compliance with zoning, planning & stormwater Ordinances. Following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

## **SEWER**

**Adopt Resolution #16-20** for the Request of a SFP Grant \$69,749.00 – Supervisor Graham moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Chairman Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

## **SOLICITOR**

**Adopt Resolution #16-21** Eliminating Cash Only Payments – Supervisor Steve moved to adopt the Resolution; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

## **OTHER**

**Approve Junk Yard License Renewals** for Lloyd Huyett, Jr. & Hillside Used Auto Parts – Supervisor Graham moved to approve the renewals; following a second by Supervisor Love, the motion passed unanimously.

**Approve Agreement to Purchase Slide** for Gibraltar Park – Supervisor Steve moved to authorize purchase of a new slide; following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Smith moved to adjourn to Executive Session @ 7:47PM; Supervisor Steve seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The BOS reconvened @ 9:35PM.

There being no further business before the BOS, Supervisor Steve moved to adjourn at 9:47PM. Following a second by Supervisor Graham, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Kathleen C. Haight  
Recording Secretary