

**WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, WORCESTER, PA
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019 – 7:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER by Chair DeLello at 7:33 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: RICK DELELLO [X]
SUSAN CAUGHLAN [X]
STEVE QUIGLEY [X]

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Tommy Ryan, Township Manager noted the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session following the January 7, 2019 Reorganization Meeting to discuss a matter of litigation, in specific Mollick v. Worcester Township, an appeal to the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records, docket #2018-2152. No decision on this matter was made at that time, and no decision on this matter is expected to be made at this evening’s Business Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Bob Andorn, Worcester, commented on the status on the recording of public meetings. Mr. Ryan provided an update on the status of the recording of public meetings.
- Jim Mollick, Worcester, commented volunteer candidates for the Planning Commission, nominations to appoint volunteer candidates to the Planning Commission, Supervisor attendance at a Friends of Worcester meeting, an appeal to the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records, affidavits submitted to the Pennsylvania Office of Open Records, and development of a code of ethics.
- Jay McKeever, Worcester, commented on political support for individual Supervisors.

OFFICIAL ACTION ITEMS

- a) Consent Agenda – Chair DeLello asked if any Member wished to remove an item from the consent agenda. There were no requests to remove an item from the consent agenda.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve a consent agenda that includes (a) the Treasurer’s Report and other Monthly Reports for December 2018, (b) bill payment for December 2018 in the amount of \$256,059; (c) the December 19, 2018 Business Meeting

minutes; and, (d) the January 7, 2019 Reorganization Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- b) Public Hearing – At 7:45 pm Chair DeLello opened a Public Hearing to approvals to construct a pedestrian trail and bridge at Defford Road Park.

Bob Brant, Township Solicitor, entered into the record a plan of improvement prepared by CKS Engineers, Inc., sheets 1 to 4 inclusive, dated November 11, 2018 and last revised December 19, 2018. Mr. Brant noted the public notice had been advertised in the *Times Herald* on December 21 and December 28, and posted to the Township website and in the lobby of the Township Building on January 9.

Joe Nolan, Township Engineer, noted conditional use and Zoning Hearing Board approvals required to construct a pedestrian trail and bridge at Defford Road Park, and a provision of Township Code that permits the Board of Supervisors to grant these approvals by way of a Public Hearing.

Mr. Nolan provided an overview of the proposed improvements.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on bridge impact to the creekway. Mr. Nolan commented on bridge footing location.

Mr. Nolan noted a portion of the trail is located in an easement at the adjoining shopping center property. Mr. Nolan noted the trail and bridge are ADA-compliant.

Chair DeLello commented on site and soil conditions. Mr. Nolan commented on tests conducted so to properly locate the trail and bridge.

Chair DeLello commented on the project schedule. Mr. Nolan noted the grant program requires improvements to be substantially completed by June 1.

Supervisor Quigley commented on bridge materials. Mr. Nolan commented on bridge structure and decking materials.

Supervisor Quigley commented on the clearing of debris dammed at waterway crossings. Mr. Nolan noted this is the responsibility of the crossing's owner.

Mr. Andorn commented on trail materials. Mr. Nolan commented on trail materials.

Deb Walker, Worcester, commented on trailside amenities.

Dr. Mollick commented on trail location, and future trail connections. Mr. Ryan commented on future trail connections and sidewalks in the abutting residential development.

Chair DeLello called for additional public comment, and there was none.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:08 pm.

- c) motion – Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to approve the construction of a pedestrian trail and bridge at Defford Road Park. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- d) waiver – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of a request to waive land development requirements for the construction of a detached garage at Center Point Pond, Valley Forge Road.

Mr. Ryan noted the Township Solicitor and Township Engineer were not opposed to a grant of waiver. Mr. Nolan noted the Applicant would be required to obtain grading, building and zoning permits.

Glen Bateman, Center Point Pond, noted the garage will accommodate equipment and materials.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to waive land development requirements for the construction of a detached garage at Center Point Pond, Valley Forge Road. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

- e) waiver – Mr. Ryan provided an overview of the Act 172 tax credit for volunteer firefighters, and the ratification required to certify volunteers for the tax credit.

Chair DeLello commented on Act 172, and ongoing efforts to retain volunteer firefighters.

Supervisor Caughlan commented on the tax credit for non-resident volunteers. Mr. Ryan commented on the process and rationale for providing the tax credit for non-resident volunteers.

Supervisor Caughlan made a motion to certify volunteers for the Act 172 Earned Income Tax Credit for tax year 2018, as listed in the Township Manager’s January 8, 2019 memo. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Quigley.

There was no public comment.

By unanimous vote the Board adopted the motion to approve.

OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business discussed at this evening's Business Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Andorn commented on erosion of the off-road trail near Fawn Lane. Mr. Ryan will address this matter.
- Dr. Mollick commented on information included on a petition regarding the former Center Point Village Zoning Ordinance, the number of school-age children generated by the former proposed development at the Palmer property, Methacton School District enrollment projections, and Methacton School District financial position. Supervisor Caughlan commented on the number of school-age children generated by the former proposed development at the Palmer property.
- Supervisor Caughlan commented on vandalism at Township property.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business brought before the Board, Chair DeLello adjourned the Business Meeting at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tommy Ryan
Township Manager