

**MINUTES
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING
WORCESTER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HALL
May 15, 2024 – 6:30 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ATTENDANCE

All members of the Board of Supervisors were present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Interim Township Manager stated that the meeting was being recorded for future broadcast.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT

WORKSESSION TOPICS

1. Fee Schedule

Christian Jones, Assistant Township Manager, presented a proposal to update the fee schedule with Subdivision and Land Development, Zoning Hearings Board, Conditional Use Hearing, and other fee increases geared towards covering township costs. Mr. Jones explained that the increased fees are based on an analysis of staff time and the accomplishment of tasks associated with the items tied to these fees.

Supervisor DeLello confirmed that the increases are not a revenue stream, but instead, a way to recoup costs.

Supervisor Quigley likened these fees to user fees to be assessed to those receiving a service outside the standard services provided to all residents.

Mr. Jones responded that this is specifically not going to greatly impact current residents. This is step one in the fee schedule update. He stated that he was also going to start working on an analysis for the permit fees that were not touched by this update.

Mr. Betz said that the fee adjustment was efficient and asked for clarification on the changes.

Mr. Jones showed the board a table that he had prepared that showed the changes in the fees.

Jay Finnigan, Township Manager, said that Mr. Jones's analysis was one of the most comprehensive that he has seen. Mr. Finnigan also reiterated that these fees are not a profit center but rather a way to recoup costs.

Supervisor DeLello closed discussion on the topic.

2. Band Shell Location

Supervisor DeLello gave a brief introduction to the topic of the band shell.

John Evarts started the discussion pointing out the multi-purpose field as a possible location for the band shell. This is because of electricity and location.

Supervisor DeLello brought up sun exposure. A brief discussion on that topic ensued.

Supervisor DeLello wanted to look at alternative locations.

Mr. Evarts said you can put it anywhere, but the closer to the parking area, the better, and the electricity run is good. The closer to the municipal building, the farther away from residential housing you are.

Mr. Finnigan offered the same point and pointed out that the multi-purpose field would likely allow for advertising space.

Supervisor Betz asked about the impact on the field.

Mr. Evarts said that he would be worried about the grass dying.

Supervisor Quigley said he was worried about the noise for the closer residents. He also said that this would likely be used during the summer when people are outdoors and that might affect the neighbors. He suggested that the schedule come out about a year in advance.

Mr. Evarts pointed out that the band shell use could start as early as 9:00 AM.

Supervisor DeLello said that there is a worry about sound and sun.

Supervisor Quigley asked about the construction of the band shell.

Supervisor DeLello said nothing was settled and there might be need for a bid.

Mr. Evarts said the product might be COSTARS, but the contractor might not be included.

OTHER BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Walker said that it is too bad that the band shell can't go in one of the new properties.

Bob Andorn asked about the size of the band shell. Mr. Evarts said that it is preliminary, and he did not have the size or cost yet. Mr. Andorn stated that without the design the location shouldn't be finalized. He suggested the township might investigate other properties.

A discussion about the use of township properties followed Mr. Andorn's comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Zoning Hearing Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 21, 2024	5:30 PM
Planning Commission Meeting	Thursday, May 23, 2024	7:00 PM

** Meeting to be held at the Township Community Hall Building, 1031 Valley Forge Road.*