

BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Minutes of May 10, 2016 Regular Monthly Meeting

The regular meeting of the Bridgeton Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 10, 2016, as advertised, at the Township Building, 1370 Bridgeton Hill Road, Upper Black Eddy, Pennsylvania. Present were Supervisors Gard Holby, Roger Keller and Michael Lynch. Also present was Secretary Colleen Pursell and David Shafkowitz, the Township Solicitor. An Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters.

Supervisor Holby called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA:

None

PERSONS TO HEARD:

Two representatives from the EPA, Chris Sklaney and Alex Mandell, gave a presentation on the update of the Boarhead Farms Superfund Site located on Lonely Cottage Road. A link has been placed on the Townships website for additional information.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the minutes from the April 12, 2016 regular meeting and April 22, 2016 special meeting of the Board of Supervisors were approved.

BILLS/PAYROLL: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the bills and payroll in the amount of \$19,915.62 from April 2016 was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Upon motion by Supervisor Lynch, seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the Treasurer's report from April 2016 was approved.

REPORTS:

1. Fire Company – No report.
2. Open Space – No report.
3. Solicitor – No report.
4. Planning Commission – CC Hopf advised that they are requesting the Supervisors consider giving the Chairman a key and access code to the building.
5. Secretary – No report.
6. Treasurer – No report.
7. B/N/T Groundwater Committee – Minutes for the March 2016 meeting have been received and are on file with the Township. Larry Reinfeld discussed the ordinance that the committee is working on.
8. Roadmaster – No report.

Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the bid received from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC in the total amount of \$24,967.60 for the double bituminous seal coat on parts of Woodland Drive was awarded upon the conditions listed in the bid document.

9. Zoning – No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. A list of people for the Comprehensive Plan ad hoc committee will be completed. Dates will be put together for a focus group for next meeting in June 2016.
2. A letter has been sent to the Bucks County Commissioners and Parks & Recreation regarding the parking shortage at Ringing Rocks Park. In addition, a meeting has been scheduled with Commissioner Charles Martin at the park to identify areas of increased off road parking.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the request for Fire Police assistance from surrounding companies was approved.
2. Upon motion by Supervisor Holby and seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, an accident policy for the Upper Black Eddy Fire Company Support Staff was approved.
3. Upon motion by Supervisor Keller and seconded by Supervisor Holby, which carried 3-0, the Townships Broker of Record will be moved from Brown & Brown to Penn Community Bank.
4. Supervisor Lynch requested that we put important items on the website prior to minutes being approved at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Barbara Prowker, Township Resident, asked about the process for appointing Zoning Hearing Board Members. Supervisor Holby advised that the openings are filled during re-organization meetings.

CC Hopf, Township Resident, inquired as to whether the Township would consider clearing part of the Bridgeton Park down by the bridge to provide access to the river.

CC Hopf, Township Resident, requested paving the Township Park with a material that could be used as a play surface and for parking. Her concern is limited to no access to river and or canal in Upper Black Eddy for people (especially residents) not living adjacent to either. Supervisors acknowledged the concern and noted a property deal to purchase land with other agencies was unsuccessful, but opportunities are always explored. For the record but not mentioned at the meeting, the County is considering developing land they own in Bridgeton Township for such use.

Anne Stimmel, Township Resident, advised that she thinks the residents who live down near the park may not like added traffic, While Resident Greg Gerhart objected to the idea of removing grass used for play by children. Supervisor Keller reminded residents of problems with improper parking in the past there by workers and residents that prohibited any recreational use of the space.

Carl Stokes, Township Resident, asked about improvements to the Veteran's portion of the park using grant money. The Supervisors noted several options have been explored and they continue to consider opportunities when discovered. Supervisor Holby noted that resident Mark Bryan had prepared designs some years ago for improved landscaping. Supervisor Keller identified (with acknowledgement from the meeting attendees) the poorly designed collection of road and advertising signs that greet persons as they pass over the Delaware River Bridge into Pennsylvania and Bridgeton. He noted the distasteful collection of signage also disrespects the Veterans Park Memorial area adjacent to them.

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion by Supervisor Keller, seconded by Supervisor Lynch, which carried 3-0, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Pursell
Secretary