

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, November 9, 2018
Workshop

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell and Fred Herman; Absent Richard DeLong, Road Master Mike Quick, Police Chief William McEllroy, Township Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower and a few local residents. The attendance roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Schappell at 9:05 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Items discussed were:

Public Participation:

-Marlene Skoloda presented to the Board of Supervisor an update and documented proof for the Walnut Acres development. The request for a time extension will be voted at the Regular meeting on November 14th. The outstanding invoices were again questioned. This will be addressed at the Regular Meeting on November 14th also.

Road Master:

- A brief discussion was held on the Intergovernmental Agreement with Upper Tulpehocken which is on the Agenda for a vote at the Regular Meeting.
- It as noted there is a gully along Mountain Road near Lowland Road intersection that needs to be filled in; which will be fixed when weather allows.
- Michael Quick, Road Master, reported that a class he recently attended Mentioned that the West Nile Virus is still a concern. It was advised to remind residents to check their properties for standing water. The matter was discussed which also included the Spotted Lantern Fly.
- A resident complained to the Roadmaster regarding "sewage" flowing across Mountain Road. The issue was discussed and determined that it is most likely a spring, however, the Roadmaster will have the Township Engineer check it out the next time he's here and if he feels it's a concern the SEO will be contacted.

General Items:

- The study from Carbon Engineering for the Mountain Road intersections at Lowland and Pine Roads was discussed. Carbon Engineering is to be contacted regarding a question in the directional wording in the study. The Solicitor will need to draft an ordinance for a new stop sign to be placed at Pine & Mountain Road. The Roadmaster will check into renting a flashing light to alert drivers of the new stop sign. This will be on the Regular Meeting Agenda for a vote.
- Open Positions for 2019 to be advertised are as follows:
 - Planning Commission - two positions will be open (Dale Keener & Joshua Breslin) and one position on the Zoning Hearing Board (Robert Hein).
- The letter received from PennDOT in reference to the relocation of the sewage line along Industrial Drive. PennDOT has agreed to agreed allow Carbon to manage the engineering of this project for the Township. However, the letter states that our *electrical facilities* would be affected. This is incorrect and should be corrected to sewage facilities. Monica will contact David Rader in this matter.
- Berks County Crime Alert has sent a letter to request a donation. The Township has given \$125.00 for the last three years. A discussion was held and decided to include this on the Regular Meeting Agenda with donation of \$250.00.

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-Blue Mountain Wildlife has requested the help of the Township extend our mowing operation on the Kernsville Dam property to include the grass area around the Don Waldon footbridge on Industrial Drive. A discussion was held and determined that the footbridge is within Township property.

A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the mowing of the Waldron bridge near Industrial Drive as requested by Blue Mountain Wildlife. Upon roll call, Schappell and Herman voted yes.

-A discussion was held regarding dogs in the township building and if there is a policy. It was noted there is no policy in place and is not needed at this time.

-The lighting in the parking lot/driveway was discussed. It was suggested to contact Met Ed inquiring of light rental on their pole.

-A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting at 10:50am. Upon roll call, Schappell and Herman voted yes.

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Monica A. Flower
Secretary