

TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Friday, August 9, 2019
Workshop

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Fred Herman; Absent: Richard DeLong; Sergeant Peter Witman, Secretary/Treasurer Monica Flower and local residents. Road Master Mike Quick was absent. The attendance roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Schappell at 9:06 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Items discussed were:

Public Participation:

-Kenny Senft inquired about subdividing his shop from the house on his property. The Supervisors stated they did not see any problems as long as it can be legally done. The Zoning Officer would need to be consulted.

Wawa:

The Wawa representative and engineer were present upon the request of the board to discuss the proposed access reconstruction. The Board is concerned that while this reconfiguration may alleviate the minor wait time to exit it may in turn also create a safety hazard. Wawa did not have any access reconstruction on their originally submitted plans in April; this reconfiguration was recommended by the Planning Commission. A discussion was held and it was noted there hasn't been any problems with this intersection and the safety concerns outweigh any improvements (if any) of traffic flow, the Board feels there is no need to reconfigure. This item will be on the Regular meeting agenda on August 14, 2019 for further discussion.

POLICE - SGT. PETER WITMAN

-A discussion was held regarding the intersection at Jetson Drive and Dave's Way. This is a one-way intersection - entering from Jetson Drive only. The proper signage is missing according to the as built plan for Dave's Way. The Township Solicitor has already sent letters to the property owners requesting the signage to be replaced. An additional solution was presented involving markings to be painted on the road. This will be brought to the Regular Meeting on August 14th to consult with the Township Solicitor.

-The department is applying for a grant through AAA for Halloween Safety signs and will be posted at the Township signs and at the Township Building.

-National Night Out was a big success. Sgt. Witman attended the Shoemakersville event while Officer Cataldi attended the Northern Berks event.

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ROAD MASTER:

- The basketball court at the Senator Rhoades Memorial Park is being resurfaced this morning. Lines will be painted as well.
- The Road Project will start on Monday (8/12). The following roads are included in the project: Mountain View Drive, Creamery Road, Fox Road, St. Michael's Road and Maple Drive.

PARK & RECREATION:

- A Motion was made by Fred Herman and seconded by Gene Schappell to purchase and install baby changing stations in both bathrooms at the pavilion. Upon roll call Schappell and Herman voted yes.**
- The condition of the drive up to the pavilion parking lot is getting worse. Attempts have been made to improve the drive but it continues to wash out. A discussion was held to pave the bottom part of the drive. This will be on the Regular Meeting agenda for approval to get bids to resurface.
- Sgt. Witman suggested a foul ball net be placed at the baseball field to prevent foul balls hitting police and personal vehicles parked at the township building. A discussion was held and decided to have the Roadmaster look into the netting options.

MISC:

- A concerned resident contacted the Township in regards deer crossing on Industrial Drive. A discussion was held regarding the placement of signs. The resident will be contacted for more specific location information.
- A discussion was held regarding a possible ordinance for grass clippings on the road. A sample ordinance had been provided by the Solicitor. Each Supervisor is to read over the sample ordinance and give their comments to the Secretary to compose an ordinance relevant to Tilden Township.
- The current burn ordinance was discussed and will be reviewed.

THANK YOU DENNIS ADAMS! You did a fantastic job spreading mulch at the Township signs, the Senator Rhoades Park and the monument and keeping The grounds looking great!

A Motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Fred Herman to adjourn the meeting at 10:32 a.m. Upon roll call, Schappell and Herman voted yes.

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Monica Flower
Secretary