

Summary of Exeter Township Supervisors

Meeting on December 11th, 2006

Official Minutes can be found on the Exeter Township Website @ www.exetertownship.com. Residents of Exeter Township have compiled this summary from observations of the meeting.

Supervisors Present: Dr. Ganas, Ms. Ciotti, Ms. Kircher, Ms. Starr (Mr. Barbieri absent)

Monthly Update from the Reading Country Club: Approximately 120 rounds of golf were conducted in a usually slow month. The restaurant continues to do increased amounts of business. 500 were served on Thanksgiving. Also, it was mentioned that many previous members of the Reading Country Club, who had not maintained their memberships, have been renewing since the club reopened.

Public Comment:

1. *Tom Howell* addressed the board stating that he did not believe the cameras in the Township Building entry were clearly evident to those entering the building. Mr. Howell also mentioned that Supervisor Barbieri was again absent and that he was not serving the citizens well because he was absent so often. Mr. Howell further explained that he did not think it was right that the Township Solicitor, Mr. Hoffert, and Supervisor Ciotti had contributed money to Mr. Barbieri's campaign and ran his campaign during the last election. Mr. Howell felt that they and Dr. Ganas had done a disservice to the community by choosing to appoint Mr. Barbieri and to help him get re-elected. Mr. Howell also stated that Mr. Barbieri should step down as supervisor immediately.
2. *Carl Schemberg* discussed his concerns about the board meeting in executive session without clearly identifying the purposes to the public. In particular, he had been concerned about the executive session from the

- previous meeting and was told that is concerned litigation dealing with the Oley Turnpike Project and also a personnel matter.
3. *Jill Skaist* thanked the board for their stance on control of billboards and not allowing them to become blight for Exeter.

Unfinished Business

1. *Commonwealth New Homes Conditional Use*: Motion was made by Ms. Starr to deny the request, seconded by Ms. Kircher. Votes: 2 in favor (Starr and Kircher) and 2 against (Ganas and Ciotti). This action was tabled until the next meeting.
2. *Tape Recordings of Township Meetings*: Township Manager, Troy Bingaman stated that he had checked into the requirements and found that tapes were not considered public record. He then asked if the board wanted the tapes kept. Motion was made to transcribe the tapes into the official minutes. It was also motioned that the tapes be kept until one month after the minutes had been approved. Votes: 4 in favor. Resident, Carl Schemberg, requested that the tapes be kept for at least two months to for residents to ensure that statements made at meetings were accurately written in official minutes. Dr. Ganas stated that he understood Mr. Schemberg's request and Ms. Starr stated that the actual time would be about a month and a half since minutes are not approved until the next meeting two weeks later. The board felt that this was sufficient time and denied the request.

New Business

1. *Exeter School District Subdivision Request*: Dr. Ganas stated that this was a moot point and that the board should "move on". (Earlier in the day, it had been announced that the appeal of the supervisors' decision to allow the conditional use of ag-preservation land for Exeter Township Schools was reversed by the Berks County Court of Common Pleas, Judge Lash.)

2. Re-affirm Zajac Annexation Plan: Votes: 4 in favor.
3. Fairview Corner Scope of Traffic Study: This concerns the proposed Dunkin Donuts next to Wendy on Shellborne Road. Scope of the traffic study approved. Votes: 4 in favor.
4. Geishauser Sketch Plan of Record Time Extension (May 30, 2007): Votes: 4 in favor.
5. Tax Waiver Resolution – Exeter Village Open Space: Votes: 4 in favor
6. Authorize Advertising: Votes: 4 in favor of all advertising.
 - a. 2007 Tax Ordinances
 - b. 2007 Reorganization (1/2/07) & Auditor's Meetings (1/3/07)
 - c. Planning Commission Meeting (1/4/07)
7. Dorothy Geiger Resignation – Planning Commission: Resignation accepted with regrets. Votes: 4 in favor.
8. Boards and Commissions: Planning Commission vacancy. Advertising for replacement authorized. Votes: 4 in favor.
9. 2007 Police Pension Contribution Resolution: Votes: 4 in favor.
10. Handicapped Parking Space Request – 1408 Vine Street: Installation of sign and painting of blue lines approved. Votes: 4 in favor.
11. Appointment of HIPAA Privacy and Security Officer: Eva Waldman already appointed for HIPAA. Motion made to have Eva fill both positions. Votes: 4 in favor.
12. Escrow Releases: All releases approved. Votes: 4 in favor.
 - a. Exeter Woods, Rel. #3
 - b. Pathfinder Meadows Sec. II, Ph. 1, Rel. #3
 - c. Fairview Park II, Rel. #3
 - d. Royal View Estates, Rel. #2

Individual Reports:

1. Police: Chief Neidert stated that the police had conducted their first Tobacco Compliance check at Exeter Township businesses last week and that no violations were found.
2. Fire Marshal: The citizens fire task force had requested that the fire companies inform them of any purchases above \$10k that they were requesting. This is an attempt to make sure that the money is being spent wisely. Unfortunately, the members of the task force did not feel empowered to be able to enforce this request. The supervisors were asked to back the decisions of the task force on this matter. A motion was made to grant the power to the task force to obtain that type of information and to bring suggestions to the board of supervisors for determination of actions to be taken. This motion was approved. Votes: 4 in favor.