

Summary of the June 8th Board of Supervisors meeting

Public Comment

- Robert Harris brought to the supervisors' attention the high accident rate at Church Lane and Dautrich Rd. He stated there have been 8 accidents in the last 6-8 months. His suggestion was advance warning signs before the intersection.
- Karl Schemberg: Stated that he had been ticketed for parking the wrong way on the street in front of his house. He questioned the Chief of Police about the ticketing officer and asked if there were other cars ticketed or if they were practicing selective enforcement. Mr. Schemberg went on to suggest that the ticketing may have been in retaliation his suit against the township and stated that was why the Chief was attacking him. Mr. Schemberg then asked about the status of mosquito spraying in the township. Before an answer was given, Chief Neidert asked for clarification concerning what Mr. Schemberg stated. He asked if Mr. Schemberg was accusing him of something and asked if he had stated that the Chief was attacking him. Mr. Schemberg did not answer and Chief Neidert asked for the Solicitor to look into the situation. The answer to Mr. Schemberg's question concerning mosquito spraying was answered. Mr. Schemberg also commented that he believed the traffic emitter to be dangerous.
- Robert Ibach shared details about an accident in 2007 taking down the sign for his road. In 2008, his son began choking during a meal and they responded by calling 911. The Exeter Ambulance suggested that Mr. Ibach perform the Heimlich maneuver and told him that the ambulance was on the way. He dislodged the object from his son's throat successfully. However, the ambulance was heard to pass by their road and it wasn't until 15 to 20 minutes later that they arrived (due to the missing sign). Mr. Ibach also related another incident that happened earlier this year with a severe injury to his wife. Again, the ambulance missed the street and arrived late because the sign was not up. Mr. Ibach also stated the driver of the ambulance was not from this area leading to his unfamiliarity with the location. Mr. Ibach asked why the Ambulances didn't have GPS. Ms. Starr mentioned that the Exeter Ambulance is a separate entity. Mr. Hamm mentioned that he'd thought the sign issue had been taken care of and apologized while stating that it would be corrected ASAP.
(Editor's Note: The Exeter Ambulance Association funding from Exeter Township was severely cut from \$52,000 in 2008 to \$10,000 in 2009)

Unfinished Business

- Adoption of ordinances: Approved 5-0
 - Regulations for drop-off bins (Use and placement of bins for clothing)
 - Prohibiting hunting on township property
 - Regulating animals on/in township trails & parks

New Business:

- Recreation area - Glen Oley Farms Section 2 - Tabled
 - Request to eliminate the area by two land owners who are interested in obtaining, subdividing and annexing portions of the land that is currently owned privately. The land was originally intended to be owned and kept by the home association. However, this has not been done. The township solicitor stated that they would need to conduct research in order to come to a decision.
- Motion to accept one year extension on line stripping contract, road signage & associate hardware was approved 5-0.
- Supervisors approved lowest bid - Singer Equipment, for 36" gas countertop griddle for Reading Country Club.
- Supervisors approved 5-0 to advertise bidding for the Reading Country Club repairs of: ballroom windows (leading) and pilasters & corbels (currently dry rotted).
- Approved deed & dedication of DeMoss Road.
- Supervisors approved purchase of leaf loader. Clarence Hamm found and received a grant for 90% of cost and the townships cost will not exceed \$2,790.
- Approved Street light resolutions of DeMoss road extension, Perkiomen Ave. & Lincoln Rd. and Bowes Lane (Antietam Creek Valley - Country Club Run).
- Traffic Emitter: Chief Neidert stated this was a budget item that's been in the works for quite a while and will be used for 19 vehicles; the other two vehicles will be budgeted into 2010 budget. The emitter will allow emergency vehicles to restart traffic signal sequences in order to give the emergency vehicles the green light to safely pass through intersections. These emitters have been used for years throughout the country and are safe to use. Chief Neidert disagreed with Mr. Schemberg's earlier comments concerning the traffic emitters.
Approved by Supervisors: 5-0 at a cost of \$8350
- Escrows: Shelbourne Square Shopping Center - release #2, Applebee's at Shelbourne Square - release #3 and Shelbourne Square- revised Applebee's - release #2 were approved.

Solicitor Report

- He is working on the wind devices (Planning Commission reviewing) and noise ordinances.
- An arbitrator helped the township resolve the law suit Exeter Library brought against the township. The Library believed they were owed over \$100,000 but

accepted \$35,000 in settlement. Supervisors approved settlement cost 5-0. The solicitor also stated that a formal agreement with the library had never been enacted but one has been drafted for review and approval.

- Lorane Road Partners: Argued on 6/1. The judge denied the appeal and sided with the Township.
- A decision will be made w/in 30-60 days for the Stonetown legal issue.

Individual Reports

- Joe Rogosky stated Penn Dot denied the township request for additional signs near Exeter Commons.
- Cheryl Frankowiak stated the farmers market is postponed due to participants. Had 3 vendors signed up before last Thursday and picked up 2 more this past week. The market is now scheduled for opening on 6/27.
- Chief Neidert reported that they responded to the Lee Miles Transmission break-in last week and that Nitro (police dog) was released and helped to apprehend the perpetrator.
- Don Wilson reported the News of Southern Berks wrote incorrectly why security cameras are recommended at the Reading Country Club. The article stated that the cameras would be used to watch employees. Don stated that was not true at all. He said that they are to protect the property/buildings. Also, Don is in agreement with Mr. Bausher to arrange for a professor from West Chester to do a fall study on trails in Exeter, especially near the new elementary school. He will be doing it for free and using grad students to help. Solicitor Andy Bellwoar said he knows the work this professor has done in West Chester County and that he is noted for doing outstanding work.
- Joe Seltzer received a line making machine. He stated that the community soccer and football leagues pay for the parks and recreation department to do the lines, which offsets the cost.