

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Mid-Month Meeting, Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present:

Chairman	Ronald E. Napikoski, Jr.	Solicitor	Timothy Searer
Vice Chairman	Donald E. Warntz, II	Park Manager	Josh Garver
Supervisor	John T. Sipe	Zoning Officer	Chris Dobson
Township Manager	Kelly Shutes		

R. Napikoski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, May 1, 2023 Ag Security Area Public Hearing and the May 1, 2023 Regular Township Meeting. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

FFY 2023 First CDBG Public Hearing

The public hearing was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Chastity Fultz, Mifflin Co. CDBG Director, conducted the Hearing. She noted that the 2023 CDBG allocations have not been determined, so she is using an estimated figure is \$130,200, which includes \$23,400 in administration fees and \$106,800 left for projects.

Chastity outlined the various projects that are eligible to be paid for with CDBG funds. An area in Yeagertown has qualified for funds and a paving project will be slated to begin over the next five years using the 2023 funds and future years funds to complete the project.

The Derry Township Second Public Hearing will be held on September 18, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. at the Township Municipal building including adoption of a resolution stating use of funds. On October 5, 2023, the Mifflin Co. Commissioners will adopt a cumulative resolution for FFY 2022 projects from throughout the County. An application is due to PA-DCED by October 2023. Competitive Applications are due to the PA DCED by early February 2024.

No public comments. Hearing was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

SOLICITOR:

Atty. Searer reported that Atty. O'Connor has been working on a Citation that will be served against Cody Hunter for nuisances and other zoning violations on his property on Greenwood Ave. D. Warntz made a motion to authorize the solicitor to file a complaint against Cody Hunter after review of the citation by the Board. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

EMS WEEK PROCLAMATION 2023

Chairman Napikoski recognized the vital public service, value and accomplishments provided by the many Emergency Medical Service employees and volunteers in Mifflin County and proclaimed the week of May 21 – 27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week. Members of FAME EMS were present to accept the proclamation.

VISITORS:

Deb Pallo, Kish Dog Committee, gave a report on activities and committee work over the last few months. She noted that there were two dog fights occurring over the last week inside the dog park. She said it is imperative that membership is required and that a key card system be put in place so owners can be made responsible for their pets. Deb reported that there are 10 Dog Park Committee members to date. They have set June 13, 2023 as a clean up day at the Dog Park. They will be asking for volunteers to come into the Dog Park

and fill holes, set up the new dog tunnel, do other minor repairs, and clean up. She also reported that the Sentinel is interviewing her to get information out about the Dog Park. Some of the committee members would like to do fundraisers to assist with purchases for the Dog Park. Deb was asked to deposit any funds raised by the committee in a Dog Park Account set up by the Township.

Jim Zubler presented an initial repair or rebuild cost estimate on the Meadowfield walking bridge. He spoke to the Mifflin Co. Commissioners, and they said the bridge is slated for demolition. The engineering report shows substantial degradation of the bridge and suggests a new structure would need to be built to replace it. In order to use it as a part of the "Three Chiefs Trail" funding would need to be found to replace the bridge. The initial rebuild cost is \$2.5 million.

PARK MANAGER REPORT:

Josh Garver, Park Manager presented a brief report on the Kish Park projects. Our engineer is working with ProLawn, LLC to agree on figures for the next change order so work can continue to complete the pond project.

Josh submitted a Grant Agreement for a Western Pa Conservancy and DCNR Watershed Forestry Program Grant. The grant funds would cover costs in the amount of \$53,284.46 to perform lawn conversion to upland forest planting and meadow establishment. The Grant work would be completed by the Implementation Partner, Native Creations Landscape Services. Maintenance would continue over a two-year period by Native Creations. Work will include the banks along Electric Ave and the dike wall along the stream at the Park as well as plantings in the wetland area near the campground. J. Sipe made a motion to approve acceptance of the grant and execution of the agreement pending favorable review by the Township Solicitor. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

He reported that the paving at the new pavilion and the ADA parking at the Football field is completed and should be ready for traffic next week. He commented that the Mifflin Co. Tomahawks completed their season at the field and he saw no problems or damages to the field.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Derry Township was awarded an ARLE Grant in the amount of \$306,500 for traffic signal repairs on Electric Ave. and traffic signal repairs in Burnham Borough that will include the Cedar St. and Freedom Ave./Logan Blvd. lights.

Trans Associates presented a proposal for the engineering work on the project including fees of \$37,400 for design, bidding documents, construction phase services and record drawings. The fees will be paid by grant proceeds. D. Warntz made a motion to authorize the chairman to execute the proposal. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

The Blossom Hill HOA presented their recommendations for parking at the development. After the Roadmaster reviewed their request, he recommended the following: No Parking on either side of Geisinger Lane to intersection of Geisinger Lane and Cambridge Lane, No Parking on Cambridge Lane from Geisinger Lane to Exeter Lane intersections, No Parking on either side of Barrington Lane, No Parking on SE side of Exeter Lane, No Parking on NW side of Cambridge Lane from Cambridge/Exeter Ln intersection to Barrington Lane, No Parking on NW side of Cambridge Lane from Cambridge/Geisinger Ln intersection to cul-de-sac. Atty. Searer will prepare the Traffic Ordinance amendment to reflect the parking regulations and the signage on the new streets.

Roadmaster made the decision to order the Skid Loader in the amount of \$59,995.00 so he is assured to get it in the fall. This was approved in the 2023 budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Sipe made a motion to discontinue the flood insurance coverage on the Stone Arch Players Building, the Campground Restroom, the Concession Stand and the Scooter Car Pavilion, at the recommendation of the Township Manager. Tony Willard, of Kish Agency, did a comprehensive review of Township properties and found that the premiums were not worth the amount of coverage that would be received in case of flooding at the Park. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0. Regular liability coverage will be maintained on all the park buildings.

J. Sipe made a motion to exonerate Bret L. Treaster, Tax Collector, from collecting Per Capita Tax per his 5/8/23 report in the amount of \$645.00. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the bills for April as presented. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to add approval of seasonal hiring of Mini Golf attendants to the Agenda. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve hiring Lorraine Ritchey, Reece Cullen and Olivia Fisher to work at Mini Golf for the 2023 season. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m. on a motion by J. Sipe and seconded by D. Warntz.

DERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Kelly J. Shutes
Township Manager