

DERRY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Regular Monthly Meeting, Monday, June 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., Township Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present: Chairman	Ronald E. Napikoski, Jr.
Vice-Chairman	Donald R. Warntz, II
Supervisor	John T. Sipe
Manager	Kelly J. Shutes
Roadmaster	Justin Allen
Zoning Officer	Chris Dobson

R. Napikoski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. He announced that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session on Thurs., May 23, 2024 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and an executive session immediately prior to this meeting on June 3, 2024 at 4:30 pm ending at 5:15 pm. Both sessions were for discussion on legal matters surrounding the Juniata Valley Group Conditional Use Hearing and Land development plans.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, May 20, 2024 meeting. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

SOLICITOR:

Atty. Searer reported on the Cody Hunter property on Greenwood Ave. He noted that the junk car has been removed, but the grass is high, and the foundation has not been filled in and is not fenced. Mr. Hunter was found in contempt of court. Atty. Searer said that one option would be to ask the court to file a judgment against the Hunters. A Writ of Execution could be issued, at that point an inventory would be made of personal property of the Hunters. A sale would be scheduled to sell the property and the Township could try to recoup its costs in that manner. As a last resort, a forced sale could be scheduled, and the parcel could be sold at Sheriff's Sale. Perhaps neighbors would wish to purchase. The Board of Supervisors asked Township staff to get three quotes to clean up the property, fill in the foundation to grade and mow grass. After the three quotes are collected, a decision will be made on how to proceed.

VISITORS:

Deb Pallo, Kish Dog Park, presented a report on the status of the Dog Park. She said that it is very well used and there have been few problems. She mentioned several projects they would like to do. She asked if she could ask someone to paint a sign on the outside of the small building that can be seen from the Park Entrance. She submitted a diagram of some small cubbies that would be constructed of wood and erected on the side of the small building for people to place personal items while their dogs are playing. The committee would like to place artificial turf around the dog obstacle course and along the fence between the small and large dog areas since the area gets worn down. They have found used turf that is available for purchase at a low price. Discussion was held on adding more benches inside the dog park. The park department builds benches over the winter months, so it would depend on their schedule as to how many they could make available. Deb also asked if a couple more metal doggie bag dispensers could be added at the lower end of the dog park. The Board had no objections to these requests, however; Deb was asked to coordinate with Josh on each item and to stay within their \$5000 yearly budget. Kelly will investigate agencies that can provide summer help to clean up the Dog Park. Finding volunteers to serve on the committee is still a challenge. Deb said she has five faithful members but would like to recruit more volunteers in the future to serve on the Dog Park Committee.

Nick Jacobson attended the meeting and introduced himself as a candidate running for the 85th Congressional District on the Democratic ticket. He is interested in serving on the local level and has worked in the PA Department of Health and with the Attorney General's office.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ZONING OFFICER:

Chris noted that the burned-out trailer on Roosevelt Ave. has not been removed and there is still junk and debris on the property. Now there are junk cars on the property as well. He will file a citation for a dangerous structure.

ROAD REPORT:

Justin reported that he met with Mike Maben about the stormwater issues on his property and on Chevro Lane. Justin recommended that the stormwater system, including pipes and inlet boxes should be replaced and repaired as needed. He estimated at least \$10,000 in costs. Justin met with the Township Engineer on Hummingbird Lane. Since the engineering work is not ready for Hummingbird Lane, the Chevro Lane work will need to be done separately from Hummingbird Lane.

Justin also met with Karl at Paradise Lane regarding stormwater work that will be submitted as a Low Volume Road Project Grant with the Conservation Office.

A resident that lives at the corner of Sixth Ave. and Woodland Ave. reported that a vehicle keeps parking tight against their fence and they cannot use their gate to get out of their yard. Justin will try painting yellow lines and installing a "No Parking" sign to deter the practice.

OLD BUSINESS:

D. Warntz made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-8, authorizing Derry Twp to join with other local government units as a member of the Pennsylvania Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (PIRMA). J. Sipe seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: D. Warntz, aye, R. Napikoski, Aye., J. Sipe, aye. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to authorize the Chairman to execute the contracts for the PIRMA General Liability Insurance. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to donate \$100 to DLI, Inc. in memory of Dave Frey, former Lewistown Borough Manager and DLI member. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Sipe made a motion to approve disconnection of the old electric water heater at the Township Municipal Building. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to issue the 2024-2025 Junk Yard License to Junction Auto Wreckers. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve changing the street name of "Cottage Inn Lane" to "Seven Stars Lane" at the property owner's request. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to accept the resignation of N. Sue Reinke from the Derry Township Planning Commission. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to appoint Matt Reik to fill the remaining term of N. Sue Reinke on the Derry Township Planning Commission. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

FYI

Correspondence from PennDOT stating they will be entering the land at the Meadowfield Drive Bridge to conduct surveys, engineering studies, etc. for purposes of removal of the old bridge.

The Cost Estimates and Timeline for bidding and completion of the Kish Park Rehabilitation Project were submitted by Ann Yost, YSM Architects. Tentative bid date of July 12, 2024, Award on August 19, 2024 with tentative completion date of December 31, 2024. Total estimated project cost is \$571,143.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by D. Warntz and seconded by J. Sipe at 6:30 p.m.

DERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Kelly J. Shutes,
Township Manager