

May 6, 2013

The Walker Township Supervisors met on Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Walker Township Municipal Building for their monthly meeting. Martin Dreibelbis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Supervisors Casner and Wagner were present. The minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

VISITORS: Rick Morrow, Susan Ferree, Eric Lasdin, Holly Thomas, Dawn Austin, Henry Swarey, and Don Hess. Mr. Rick Morrow and Susan Ferree were present to ask if they are allowed to place a travel trailer on Ms. Ferree's property located at 450 Gill Rd., Mifflintown. They would, also, like to put in a tile to alleviate some of the water that lays on the property. The Supervisors approved the trailer as long as it is not permanent. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Casner will stop by the property to inspect the possibility of the tile being placed. Mr. Eric Lasdin and Ms. Holly Thomas were present to see if a truck repair garage would be allowed on a property located on Cedar Spring Rd. The property is zoned rural agriculture so it would not be a permitted use nor is it a special exception use. They would be allowed to file a request with Shirley Saner to ask for a "use not provided for" hearing with the Zoning Hearing Board. Ms. Dawn Austin was present to see if a small home business was permitted on her property located in Mexico which is zoned Single Family Residential. This not a permitted use nor is it a special exception use so she would be allowed to file a "use not provided for" hearing with Shirley Saner.

Mr. Swarey was present to follow up on the Township's approval for the holding tank that was discussed at the April 1, 2013 meeting. The Township has a signed agreement between the Township and Mr. Swarey stating he will have the tank pumped on a regular basis and send the hauler receipts to the Township and the tank will be inspected yearly. The Township received a letter from DEP saying the plan was adequate and it was the Township's responsibility to approve the tank. By motion of Mr. Dreibelbis, seconded by Mr. Wagner and carried it was resolved to approve the holding tank permit. The secretary will let Mr. Page know the Board's decision.

Mr. Don Hess was present to discuss Commonwealth Code Inspection Service (CCIS). Mr. Hess received a bill for over eight thousand dollars, when he called to question the bill he was sent another bill for three thousand dollars less. Also, he had a "stop order" issued because he did not have a permit for his retaining wall. He would like to see the Township have more than one inspection service available to the township residents.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Dreibelbis met with Mr. Randy Zimmerman (solicitor) in regards to Mr. Ethan Good's complaint of zoning violations on the Deamer property. Mr. Zimmerman sent Mr. Good a letter stating the Township gave Mr. Deamer a permit for a garage, which is a permitted use in Single Family Residential zone. Mr. Deamer's commercial business is not a permitted use and was not approved by the Township. Mr. Zimmerman recommended Mr. Good engage private counsel.

Penn Dot approved the plans for the Red Rock Bridge. The Supervisors will meet with Bill Wilson next week to go over the plans. The crosswalk on River Road will be painted sometime this week if it warms up.

REPORTS:

Zoning: By motion of Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Wagner and carried it was resolved to approve the following permits as presented by Shirley Saner: David Deamer (modification to change zoning classification on permit from I/C to Single Family), Charles Rapp Jr. (land use), Gary Trout (land use), Ronald Miller (land use), Henry Swarey (land use) and Donald Hess (land use).

Secretary: Filed payroll taxes, Attended Township and Recreation Board meetings, wrote meeting minutes, updated Township calendar, filed quarterly payroll taxes, sent out the bid results, filed the retirement commission report, researched zoning for Mr. Dreibelbis (Good), trouble shoot computer problems, park availability and sent out paperwork for same.

Roads: See old business.

Ordinances: None presented.

Finances: None presented.

Park: The second quarter water test was taken on April 2nd, a soil test was taken on April 2nd, and a work detail for field 1 and field 2 was held on April 4th. April 6th the water system was charged and the bathrooms were opened. April 9th a work detail for field 3 was held. April 26th the fields were fertilized.

NEW BUSINESS: The Supervisors have not yet received a guide rail price from Joe Deihl.

Mr. Wagner and Mr. Dreibelbis attended the PSATS convention on April 22nd. Mr. Wagner went to three different meetings. One was called "Bridges, Bridges, Bridges" which presented a slide show of different bridges.

Mr. Dreibelbis changed the electric service for the Township Park and the Township Building to Verde at a cost of 7.5 cents.

SUBDIVISIONS: By motion of Mr. Casner, seconded by Mr. Dreibelbis and carried it was resolved to approve the Barbara Bashore Estate Subdivision.

BILLS: By motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried it was resolved to approve the attached monthly bills paid with checks 11288 through 11321 and #618 from Mexico Street Light fund. Also, approved was \$1,235.45 EFT for payroll taxes.

By motion of Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Casner and carried it was resolved to adjourn at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Baillie, Secretary