

**Swatara Township
Ordinance Workshop
February 26, 2020**

In attendance were Supervisor Bering, Supervisor Kreitzer and Supervisor Patches, Jeff Werner, Terry Brandt, Eric Powell and Marlin Sowers from Light-Heigel and Attorney, Colleen Gallo. One (1) resident was also in attendance.

Supervisor Kreitzer called the meeting to order 8:35 a.m.

The Township Supervisors had been invited to Jonestown Borough's planning workshop on Monday, February 24th. Mr. Kreitzer had attended on behalf of the Township. Jonestown Borough presented their Volunteer of the Year award to Swatara Township for the assistance the Township provided during 2019. Mr. Kreitzer commended the road crew and staff for the plowing assistance the Township had provided.

Field Maintenance Quotes – Kirk Artz

After the last meeting it was found that the Tomlinson Bomberger and Lawn Doctor quotes did not include aeration. Lawn Doctor did not respond to Mr. Artz's request for a revised quote. Tomlinson Bomberger did respond. TruGreen also offered to provide the last service free of charge. The results of the revised quotes including aeration are:

Tomlinson Bomberger	\$ 7,360.00
TruGreen	\$ 6,872.50

Supervisor Patches moved to rescind the motion made at the last meeting granting Tomlinson Bomberger the contract for field maintenance in 2020. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Patches moved to grant the field maintenance contract for 2020 to TruGreen at a cost of 6,872.50 less 828.71. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Paving Estimate – Kirk Artz

Pennsy Supply provided an estimate for the paving of E. Center Street, W. Center Street, Broad Street and Church Street, the section running parallel to Center and Broad. The estimate includes 375 tons of 1.5" 9.5mm .3<3 M ESALS for \$41,820.00.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize the staff to prepare the bid packet for the paving of these four roads. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Supervisor Kreitzer added the Bunker Hill Fire Company Expansion Project to the Agenda. The Fire Company will need a variance. Discussion was held if they should apply to hold their hearing the same night as another variance request. Colleen Gallo suggested contacting Mr. Crème, the Zoning Hearing Board's Solicitor.

Supervisor Patches moved to waive the hearing fee for the variance request when submitted by the Bunker Hill Fire Company. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. Supervisor Kreitzer abstained and the form will be included in the minute book. Supervisors Patches and Bering voted in favor; motion carried.

Ordinance Discussion

Floodplain Ordinance – Marty Sowers

Mr. Sowers suggested letting Leslie Rhoads review the Township's current ordinance to see what areas were previously adopted that the highest level and see if the Township would be interested in scaling back in those areas. The maps were also discussed. The County GIS Office is to be contacted about the maps to be included in the ordinance. The ordinance must be ready by the April meeting in order to be adopted by the July deadline.

STR's – Conditional Uses – Marty Sowers

Discussion was held regarding the four zoning areas where STR's will be allowed by right and the other areas will be subject to a conditional use hearing. The number of people allowed in an STR will be a requirement based upon 2 people per bedroom plus a number to be determined. This item will be added as a requirement to the list already discussed. Supervisor Bering is opposed to the previously discussed requirement of needed two acres for a STR. A compromise was reached where the acreage would be reduced to one acre being needed for a STR but the rest of the required items will need to be met. Mr. Sowers is to prepare the list of required items which will then be mirrored by the Conditional Use list for the zoning districts not allowed by right.

Stormwater Ordinances for Existing Structures

The brochure reviewed at the February Planning Commission meeting was updated and will be distributed to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. Light-Heigel has a sample application with drawings that will be provided to the Township for consideration.

SALDO Fee Schedule

Attorney Gallo will be preparing a Resolution for consideration at the March meeting establishing fees as follows:

Small Stormwater Projects	\$250
Minor Subdivision and Land Development	\$1,000
Major Subdivision and Land Development	\$3,000
Stormwater Reviews for Major and Minor Subdivision and Land Development	\$1,000

Western Star Purchase – Authorize Signer

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to authorize that any of the three Supervisors may sign for the Western Star Truck, upon arrival. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Hiring

Supervisor Patches proposed the hiring of a part-time person to mow the park this summer because the road crew will be working on the repairs on Troy Avenue. Supervisor Kreitzer expressed an interest in the position.

Appointments

Supervisor Patches moved to appoint Mike Lyons to the Planning Commission with the term ending in 2023. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Legal Filings

Attorney Gallo needed signatures on the two complaints that were approved at the last meeting, for 69 Fairway Drive and 593 Lickdale Road.

She suggested a change in the process to streamline how Notice of Violations are handled. The Zoning Officer will mail one letter, if there is progress an extension may be granted. If there is no progress by the deadline, the matter will be turned over to Atty. Gallo to issue a last chance letter.

9 Greble Road has submitted a driveway permit application. Discussion was held regarding the need for a turnaround area. The property owner is to be contacted for additional details.

With no further comment or discussion, the Workshop recessed into an Executive Session at 10:32 a.m. to discuss a matter of potential litigation. No action will be required. At 10:37 a.m. the Executive Session adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding