

**Swatara Township
Ordinance Workshop
January 27, 2021**

Those in attendance were Supervisor Bering, Supervisor Kreitzer and Supervisor Patches, Brent Ramsey from Gannett Fleming, Marty Sowers and Nate Stephens from Light-Heigel, and Attorney, Colleen Gallo.

Supervisor Kreitzer called the meeting to order 8:41 a.m.

Roadside Spraying – Kirk Artz

Tomlinson Bomberger provided the list of roads to be sprayed as requested by the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize Tomlinson Bomberger to perform the roadside spraying in the Township in 2021 for the prepaid price of \$1,203.31. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

JD Electric Invoice – Kirk Artz

The sections of the estimate provided by JD Electric had been for a cumulative project, not separate items to be chosen from. The total for the work completed has exceeded the previously approved amount.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to pay JD Electric for the electrical system upgrade and the installation of LED on the outside of the building, in addition to the previously approved panel box installation. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Parking Lot Wheel Stops – Kirk Artz

Supervisor Bering moved to authorize the purchase of rubber wheel stops to be installed at the front of the building next to the new walking path. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Ordinance Discussion:

Small Project Stormwater Application

Discussion was held resulting conflicts in wording found from the application provided by Light-Heigel and SALDO. The intent of this application is not to burden homeowners but provide oversight for stormwater projects. The depths of the basins were discussed. Infiltration testing will be recommended but is not required. Maintenance Agreements will be required with all permits.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize Mr. Ramsey to make any changes and prepare the application; Ms. Gallo to prepare the Resolution establishing the fee schedule of \$250 + recording fees for the Maintenance Agreements; and the O & M agreements will be established through a collaboration between Ms. Gallo and Mr. Ramsey. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

General Stormwater Discussion

Mr. Ramsey spoke to the Supervisors about requests he has been receiving from residents for input on existing lots without stormwater facilities that are adding impervious surfaces.

Guidance was requested for how he should handle these requests. It was determined that all new structures will require stormwater facilities.

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to accept the small project stormwater application with the modifications as discussed. Seconded by Supervisor Patches. All voted in favor; motion carried.

SESI – Marks Subdivision overview

Steckbeck Engineering had provided the coversheet of a subdivision plan with land that is on both sides of the North Lebanon and Swatara Township line. Although the lot addition will take place on the North Lebanon side of the line. The Swatara Board of Supervisors would like to see a full plan submittal to ensure stormwater measures will be deemed appropriate on the Swatara side of the township line. SESI will be notified of the decision.

Draft Ordinance Revisions

The proposed ordinance revisions were discussed as presented. Items for inclusion were discussed.

Supervisor Patches moved to authorize Atty. Gallo to start the Ordinance adoption process for the zoning changes as presented. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

STR Application

A draft application was presented for the registration of Short-Term Rentals (STRs).

Supervisor Patches moved to adopt the STR Application. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Sowers was assisting a resident with a zoning permit. The IPMC Adoption discussion was delayed until his return.

Code Enforcement Updates

2216 SR 72

This property was sold and settlement has occurred. The title search was performed by a company out of the area and the judgement against this property was missed. The error has been forwarded to the Title Insurance Company. The judgement amount is expected to be forthcoming. The Title Insurance Company will be addressing the failure to disclose the judgement by the previous owner.

Groy Avenue

This property's condition has not improved and is past the deadlines provided. The property owner is having his lots incorporated into one deed to allow for an accessory structure. A permit zoning permit was just submitted for a building to house the collection of items on the lot. Due to the extenuating circumstances, a last chance letter will be issued granting 30 days for the situation to be resolved.

Shirksville and Greble Road

The lot at the intersection of Shirksville and Greble Road has an accumulation of items which will be inspected to the Codes Officer.

IPMC Adoption

Discussion was held about some items that were deemed unnecessary within the IPMC. Mr. Sowers noted that the enforcement of IPMC violations has been and will continue to focus on the larger issues. Smaller items are only addressed in conjunction with blatant violations.

High Grass and Weeds

The last sentence of §10-302.I will be removed to allow the code enforcement officer to determine if a nuisance exists based on the definitions and terms of the Ordinance.

Mike and Lori Landis – Land Discussion

The Landis' were present to discuss planning options for a parcel of land.

Employee Handbook

Supervisor Kreitzer moved to update the Employee Handbook by providing leave for infectious diseases. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Planning Commission will be asked to review residential fires and livestock animals in residential areas.

Adjournment

Supervisor Patches moved to adjourn the Workshop at 11:00. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Adjourn

Supervisor Patches moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 a.m. Seconded by Supervisor Bering. All voted in favor; motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harding