

PARADISE TOWNSHIP

May 14, 2018,

7:00 PM

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** met in regular monthly session at Paradise Township Municipal building on May 14, 2018.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lance Biesecker, Dean Bentzel and Clark Craumer

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**MINUTES**

Clark moved to approve the minutes of April 9, 2018. Dean seconded and the motion was carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clark moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as read, seconded by Dean and the motion was carried.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS**

1. Gabrielle Shearer from 47 Meadow Lane, Abbottstown; Martha Ruhlman from 51 Meadow Lane, Abbottstown were present to express concern with water problems on their properties becoming wetlands due to the Paradise Creek Bed next to their property unattended over the years. Lance stated that the Township has no authority to touch the creeks and he will call the State and set up a time to meet with them to address the problem. Mrs. Ruhlman also stated about traffic speeding on Meadow Lane especially on Saturdays and evenings. Clark is going to bring the concern up at the Northern Regional Meeting.

2. Clark made a motion to recess the meeting to hold a hearing for Gregory Kecken from 6861 Pleasantview Drive, Dean seconded and the motion was passed. Mr. Kecken received a letter from Wayne Smith, zoning and code officer, to remove his trees planted along the edge of the road. Due to the close proximity to the road, the trees are located completely in the fifty foot road right-of-way and in the winter under the weight of the snow they create a dangerous condition. Mr. Kecken stated that he would like to trim and save the trees. Since the trees are 100% in the right-of-way, he was directed to trim the trees back 6-8 feet from the edge of the road. He then should plant new trees outside of the right-of-way. He shall be required to remove the existing trees that are in the right-of-way no later than 3 years from the date of the decision. However, if the trees continue to be a problem,

Mr. Kecken will be required to remove the trees upon notice from the Township. Clark made a motion to adjourn the Hearing and re-open the meeting, Dean seconded and the motion was passed.

3. John McCall from Stoneybrook Sales, was present to thank the Township for replacing the No Parking sign on his property.
4. Lance read aloud the Thank you's from the Library Donations.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

1. Chief Kerry Lease gave report for Station 110
2. Chief Kerry Lease gave report for Liberty Fire Company, The Township received a Certificate of Appreciation from the East Berlin Fire Co.
3. Lance gave report for United 33.

#### **SUBDIVISION PLANS**

1. Lance made a motion to re-approve Superior Homes subject to Doug's questions, Dean seconded and the motion was passed. Clark abstained.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Clark made a motion to grant Tall Grass Meadows a 90 Day Extension for the Preliminary Subdivision & Land Development Plan for Phase 2, Dean seconded and the motion was passed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Lance made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-01, Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for a Joint Code Inspection Board of Appeals, Dean seconded and the motion was passed.

#### **RECREATION PARK DISCUSSION:**

1. Clark made a motion to have Wyatt Stambaugh proceed with his project on placing the 3 work out stations at the Park, Dean seconded and the motion was passed. Lance met with Wyatt at the Park on where to place them. The Township will be providing the mulch and the equipment will be supplied from Co-Stars (General Recreation Inc.) Wyatt is hoping to be finished by the end of the summer.
2. Fields are very wet due to all the rain, and trees are also dying due to the beetles.
3. Bob Nivens mentioned the passing of John Dickert, Chairman of the Spring Grove Rec Park and possibly having something in the park for his Celebration of Life, Lance said he has a bench to use, Bob is going to pass that

information on to Kate.

**Reports:**

1. Emergency Management - Neal gave a report.
2. Zoning Officer - Wayne Smith gave a report.
3. Engineer - Report was given by Doug Stambaugh.
4. Planning Commission Chairman - Report was given by Kevin, he also stated they are waiting for Penn Dot's approval for driveways for Burkentine Subdivision.
5. Police - Clark gave a report.
6. Roadmaster - Report was given by Dean.
7. Solicitor - The Solicitor Status Report was distributed and Discussed.

***CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS***

***OTHER BUSINESS***

1. *A motion was made by Clark to pay all bills and sign the Bill List. Dean seconded and motion was passed.*
2. *A motion was made by Clark to adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m. Dean seconded and the motion was passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Mentzer  
Secretary