

The Greene Township Board of Supervisors held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at the Greene Township Municipal Building, 1145 Garver Lane, Chambersburg PA 17202.

Present: Todd Burns, Travis Brookens, Shawn Corwell – Supervisors, Kurt Williams – Solicitor, Daniel Bachman – Zoning Officer, Gregory Lambert – Engineer, Lindsay Loney – Secretary/Treasurer

Visitors: See List

The Chairman called the meeting to order at noon, advised that the meeting will be recorded for accuracy purposes and visitors were asked to sign in.

The minutes of the regular meeting held May 9, 2023 shall stand approved as presented and become part of the official record.

The Chairman opened the floor for public comment and welcomed the members present from the Chambersburg Area School District (CASD) Foundation. Angie Lynch introduced herself, Kurt Widmann (Acting Superintendent for CASD), Steve Hawbaker (CASD Foundation Treasurer), and Cheri Kearney (CASD Foundation President). Ms. Lynch thanked the Board for the support and explained that the funds will be used for STEAM projects at the three elementary schools located in Greene Township. The Chairman thanked the CASD Foundation for all of their hard work and support for the children in the community.

The Zoning Officer (ZO) presented a request for review time extension for the Colonial Estates Land Development Plan. The current deadline is June 1 and this is the first extension request. He explained that Pennsylvania DEP denied the sewage planning exemption and they now have to submit a planning module, which requires additional time. On a motion by Supervisor Corwell, seconded by Supervisor Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to grant the review time extension for the Colonial Estates Land Development Plan, commencing June 1, 2023 and extending through September 1, 2023.

The ZO presented Greene Township Resolution 10-2023, Sewer Tap In for the Colonial Estates Mobile Home Park. He explained that this is needed for the sewage planning module since DEP denied the planning exemption. The ZO noted that this is the second time recently that DEP has denied a small planning exemption. He spoke to Mike Small from the Greene Township Municipal Authority, and they are going to contact DEP to ask what they want to see going forward. On a motion by Supervisor Brookens, seconded by Supervisor Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to adopt Greene Township Resolution 10-2023, Sewer Tap In for the Colonial Estates Mobile Home Park.

The Solicitor presented Greene Township Resolution 11-2023, Host Municipality Agreement with Blue Ridge Landfill. John Baughman (Blue Ridge Landfill) stated that the landfill takes the relationship with the Township seriously and he is happy to come to an updated agreement. The Chairman responded that the Township appreciates the relationship as well. He added that part of the new agreement is the reimagining of bulk days and it seems to be going very well. Mr. Baughman agreed and added that he has heard positive feedback from the residents. On a motion by Supervisor Brookens, seconded by Supervisor Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to adopt Greene Township Resolution 11-2023, Host Municipality Agreement with Blue Ridge Landfill.

The Chairman explained that the Township hired a new employee six months ago, and his probationary period is up. He fits in very well with the crew and has done an excellent job. The Chairman recommended promoting him to regular full time status and entertained the possibility of an hourly wage increase. On a motion by Supervisor Corwell, seconded by Supervisor Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the

Board unanimously voted to promote (David) Alan Thrush from probationary to regular full time status, effective today, May 23, 2023, and provide him a \$.50/hour pay increase.

Supervisor Brookens proposed hiring a seasonal part time employee for the park maintenance crew. Ewan Kick is a high school student and would be available the first week of June. Supervisor Brookens explained that the starting wage for this position would be \$12/hour and he would work a normal 40 hour week during the summer, helping with public works if needed. On a motion by Supervisor Corwell, seconded by Supervisor Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the hiring of Ewan Kick as a seasonal part time employee with a starting wage of \$12/hour, effective June 5, 2023.

The Chairman presented a quote from Keystone Sports Construction for the installation of a synthetic turf softball field at the Township Park. The Township has been working with ELA Sports on this project and they have provided the design and specification. Keystone Sports Construction is a CoStars contractor and the quote provided is \$413,428.75. The Chairman explained that the Township discussed being involved in some of the excavation and hauling of material, but the savings would only be \$10,000.00 so it did not make sense. The projected start date would be sometime this summer. There will be field repairs outside of the turf to be sodded, so it will need to be complete prior to the end of the growing season. Supervisor Brookens pointed out that the Township received a County Impact Grant to assist with paying for the design work on this project. Supervisor Corwell asked how long synthetic turf is expected to last. The Chairman responded that it generally lasts 8-10 years and depends on the amount of use, maintenance and UV breakdown. Based on anticipated use, he expects it should last 10-12 years; Supervisor Brookens agreed. The Chairman added that it will be lined for both softball and baseball use. Supervisor Corwell asked if the field will be open for public use and the Chairman responded yes, it would. On a motion by Supervisor Brookens, seconded by Supervisor Corwell, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to approve the quote for the synthetic turf field from Keystone Sports Construction as presented.

The Solicitor reported that he has done some research and the Traffic Impact Fee Committee needs to meet in accordance with the Sunshine Act since they are recommending body. That means the meeting that was previously held needs to be advertised and re-held. There is not much guidance in Section 504(a) of the NPC regarding advertising the revised plan, but guidance from PennDOT says that the update needs to be done in the same way as the original plan. In that case, there would need to be a Public Hearing and the updated plan would need to be available for public inspection for a period of ten days. The Solicitor stated that he sent a letter to the owners of the Scotland Campus requesting that they pay the fees that the Township incurred as a result of their building code violations.

On a motion by Supervisor Corwell, seconded by Supervisor Brookens, and by a vote of 3-0, the Board unanimously voted to approve and authorize the payment of invoices as follows: check numbers 31251 through 31266 and five ACH transactions to be paid from the general fund, check numbers 3910 through 3913 to be paid from the liquid fuels fund and check number 2292 to be paid from the electric light fund.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary/Treasurer