

MINUTES  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 5, 2022

The Penn Township Public Works Committee convened on Monday, December 5, 2022, following the Public Safety Committee Meeting at 7:20 p.m. Present were Chairman Heiland, Commissioners Allison, Brown, Berlingo, and Elksnis. Also present were Township Manager Rodgers, Police Chief Hettinger, Fire Chief Clouser, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney. The following items were discussed:

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were none.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of the November 7, 2022, Public Works Committee meeting were approved as submitted.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Tracy Albrecht, 390 Park Heights Blvd, Mr. Albrecht had several questions regarding the Park Heights Blvd project. Engineer Bortner reported the current project is for the replacement of the culvert only, utilities are currently being relocated. Once the bridge is replaced this will remove the weight restrictions on the bridge. Mr. Albrecht questioned if there are other phases to this project, and if the public will be notified. Commissioner Heiland stated at this time only the replacement of the culvert is planned, and any future plans will be discussed at this committee meeting and the public is welcome to attend.

Ms. Susan Pelt and Mr. Keith Keller, 410 Park Heights Blvd, had questions regarding sidewalks and curbing for the Park Heights Blvd project. Commissioner Heiland stated that at this time, there is no plan in place. Ms. Pelt reported that the center line of the road has been moved twice. The Committee requested Engineer Bortner to look into the matter.

Mr. Leonard Rice, 125 Hirtland Avenue, questioned the Committee whether the leaf collection could be extended by a week, or if it can be pushed back to start and end a week later. Engineer Bortner stated that this topic was discussed last year, and it was decided to keep as planned. The concern is if it's extended too far into December the leaves freeze on the road, making it difficult for removal. Mr. Rice also inquired about any plans for a dog park in the Township. Commissioner Heiland stated that there are no official plans, and it was discussed previously, and the Board was not in favor.

AQUAPHOENIX SCIENTIFIC BOND REDUCTION: Engineer Bortner reported that he has not received the necessary information from the Project Engineer, therefore the bond cannot be reduced at this time.

EMERGENCY GENERATOR: Engineer Bortner reported that the emergency generator was having mechanical issues in September, and he had hoped to have it repaired. Two different vendors have deemed it unrepairable. He has received five quotes for

replacement, the least being \$70,000, and the most expensive being \$138,000, all but the one has roughly a year's lead time. There was one option that had a twenty-week lead time and is \$15,000 above the least expensive. Engineer Bortner stated that he will have to research the code if he needs the lights on at the building continuously. He received a quote to rent a generator that would cover the entire building including the life support items for \$61,000 for the year. Commissioner Allison questioned if he could investigate renting a generator to cover the life support items at 70 amps, instead of a generator for the entire building. The Committee requested Engineer Bortner to research into the code and requested that Commissioner Allison visit the Public Works building and provide a recommendation.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS: Engineer Bortner provided the Committee a review of the current Subdivision and Land Development Plans. Current Plans are:

- SL17-10 – Mustang Pointe
- SL21-05 – Elsner Engineering Works
- SL22-01 – Water Street Four, LLC
- SL22-03 – Panther Cat, LLC
- SL22-07 – Carroll County Christian Center
- SL22-09 – York Road Investments, LLC
- SL22-10 - 934 Baltimore Street – Cody Bentzel
- SL22-11 – Liberty Restoration & Construction, LLC
- SL22-12 – Holland Construction-100 Blettner Avenue
- SL22-13 – Stonewicke IV – 1025 Baltimore Street
- SL22-14 – High Pointe at ROJEN Farms, Penn South S4

Engineer Bortner reported that High Pointe South Phase 4 was just added and is the last phase of High Pointe. The Committee thanked Engineer Bortner for the update.

MS4 UPDATE: Manager Rodgers reported that we are in the second year of our permit. We have just received a quote for laboratory testing services. Every time an inspection of an illegal discharge is completed, we will need to send a sample for testing. Our laboratory cannot handle the necessary testing. The Committee recommended approving the agreement.

EXTENSION REQUESTS: Zoning Officer Smith submitted extension requests for SL22-07-Carroll County Christian Center; SL22-10 934 Baltimore Street-Cody Bentzel; and SL22-11-Liberty Restoration & Construction LLC. The Committee recommended approving the requests.

RECREATION: Chairman Heiland reported that some of the equipment for the parks have been ordered, installation to take place in the spring. Chairman Heiland questioned why the steps are still closed at the Community Park, Kid's Kingdom. Engineer Bortner reported that the handrail has not been installed, and he has not heard about the timeline for the installation. Manager Rodgers reported that they are working on the surveying for the trail at the park.

OTHER MATTERS: Commissioner Brown reminded the Committee that all four of the Committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Fire Chief Clouser reported that he received a message following the Public Safety meeting from a member of Middle River Dive Team in Maryland requesting information about Hanover Regional Water Rescue. He reported that there is a company also by the name of Hanover Regional Water Rescue in Dundalk, Maryland that is soliciting funds. Chief Clouser reported that he posted on social media page that we are not associated with them.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE DISCUSSION ITEMS: There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,  
Township Secretary