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The Board of Supervisors of East Brunswick Township held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at the Municipal Building. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeffrey Faust at 6:33 PM. There was a PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to our flag.

In attendance for the meeting were Chairman Jeffrey Faust, Vice-Chairman/Treasurer Thomas Strause, Supervisor John Heim, Jim Crossen, Esq.; Brian Baldwin Engineer; Roadmaster Tom Noecker and Secretary Kelly Coldren.

Also in attendance for the meeting were residents: Jean Strause, Keith Coller, and Dennis and Jeanmarie Hartranft; and Colleen Hoptak from the South Schuylkill News.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

**Dennis Hartranft - 79 Evergreen Drive**

Mr. and Mrs. Hartranft are here to appeal to the BOS regarding issues they are having with zoning requirements for a proposed garage. Original plan was to build a separate garage on an already shaled and prepared section of their property. They have been told different things by two different zoning officers due to a changeover at Light-Heigel. Zoning Officer told them initially they'd be ok. Then new Zoning Officer upon review noticed that the minimum setback of 10' from the side yard for an accessory structure had not been met. Had plans redone so they would meet that requirement only to find out that now the garage structure wouldn't meet the minimum setback requirement from the primary structure. Had plans redone again to add a breezeway so the garage would now be considered an addition to the primary structure and not an accessory structure but now it doesn't meet the 25' side setback requirement. Very frustrated. Says neighbor, who is his brother, is willing to sign an easement. He is already under contract with the building company so time is also a factor. J. Crossen states an easement will not change the setback requirement. B. Baldwin mentions that if Mr. Hartranft were to bring this before the Zoning Hearing Board requesting a Variance it probably would not be granted due to five very specific requirements needing to be met in order for a variance to be granted. B. Baldwin says that BOS has the authority to make the setbacks whatever we feel necessary and that in rural areas such as this the setbacks tend to grow. J. Faust feels the side setback requirements for this Zoning District, Agricultural Preservation, as well as the Rural Residential District are too stringent. B. Baldwin emphasizes that they must still be able to get emergency equipment between buildings, which is a main

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purpose of the setbacks. BOS would like to amend the Zoning Ordinance to make the side setbacks for the primary structure in these two Zoning Districts 10' instead of 25' for one side. J. Crossen and B. Baldwin will work on revisions and advertising and get the process rolling. They say it is a two month process and the township will incur fees for advertising, Engineering, and Legal services. B. Baldwin says we can let Light-Heigel know that they can issue a Conditional Zoning Permit based on the intent of the Zoning Ordinance being amended and now meeting the requirements. He does re-iterate that residents are welcome at hearing and can oppose changes, and the BOS may be persuaded to halt the amendments, which means the homeowner is proceeding with the work at their own risk. T. Strause will contact Marty Sowers at Light-Heigel to discuss. Plans still still to meet UCC Code and Zoning requirements for separation between primary and accessory structures.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Basketball Court Fencing**

Four quotes have been received:

- Long Run Fence & Railing - \$7,440 (includes sawcutting blacktop holes and frost prevention with hot seal)
- ProMax - \$7,151
- Cressona Agway - \$13,350
- DP Fence - \$6,335

Cressona Agway is knocked out as it is significantly higher than the others. Since the others are all under the \$11,100 bid limit we can choose any one of them. BOS would like Kelly to gather references for DP Fence work and also ask if they will hot seal like Long Run.

**Resolution 2019-6: Insufficient Funds Fee**

J. Crossen presented the resolution which calls for a \$25 fee to be assessed (or more if the bank charges for) for any returned checks for the township or Tax Collector. J. Faust *made a motion to accept Resolution 2019-6.* Second by J. Heim. Voted all in favor.

**Landlord/Renter Registration**

J. Crossen presented a draft ordinance requiring all landlords in the township to register their tenants on a yearly basis. BOS recommends changing the penalty fee from \$1000 to \$300. Says it is the magistrate who has the authority to impose the fine. Also, in Section 102.C. the BOS would like the part about taxes being paid to remain, but to take out garbage, water, and sewer fees as they don't apply to our township. J. Crossen will make changes and advertise for the next meeting. J. Faust makes a *motion*

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*for J. Crossen to move forward with Ordinance 2019-1. Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor. BOS tells Kelly to ask Charlene to please add the form in her next tax bill mail out so all residents are notified. Kelly is to take the registration form to Staples and have it copied and folded to be sent out.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Electrical Work bids**

Two bids were received from Rob Gamble for separate electrical projects needing done at the township. The first is for generator purchase and install at \$9,247. The BOS would like to receive more quotes for this. The second is for a receptacle in the outbuilding by the playground for security camera hookup, exhaust fan in attic, a receptacle in the garage, and a motion sensor light on the garage at \$1,392. J. Heim makes a *motion to accept Rob Gamble's bid for this work at a price of \$1,392.* Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

**Spring Road Review**

J. Faust tells T. Strause, J. Heim, and T. Noecker to set a date for the review and he will attend if available. By the end of the meeting, this review is null and void as roadmaster presented his plan for paving jobs this year and BOS approves.

**Mowing**

We are still in need of someone to mow the township grass. J. Faust tables and asks everyone to think of someone.

**2019 Vegetation Management Proposal**

Ehrlich has provided their quote for Vegetation Management services for the year and it remains the same price. Road Crew feels everything is under control except maybe knotweed around guard rails and feels the full service is not necessary this year. T. Noecker says they will evaluate when the time comes and schedule if need be.

**Soccer Field Services Proposal**

We received a proposal from Silver Maple Nursery of \$1,044 to apply 4 fertilizer applications to the soccer field throughout the year. J. Heim makes a *motion to accept Silver Maple's proposal of \$1,044 for soccer field fertilization services.* Second by J. Faust. Voted all in favor.

**Dunn Annexation**

A plan for a boundary line adjustment/sketch plan of record was received for property between Summer Valley Rd (SR 895) and Stoney Lane. They are proposing to change the sizes of two existing parcels. Parcel 1 will go from 33.453 acres to 47.241 acres and Parcel 2 will go from 23.788 acres to

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10.007 acres. Neither parcel has any structures. The Planning Commission granted Conditional Final Approval at their March 7, 2019 meeting with the conditions being:

1. Township Zoning Officer, Township SEP, and County Planning Commission comments are adequately addressed.
2. Proposed deed descriptions for both new lots are provided to Township prior to recording.
3. All conditions and comments discussed in review letter and at PC Meeting are satisfied in the opinion of Township Engineer and/or Solicitor prior to placement of signatures on final plan.

B. Baldwin is recommending Conditional Final Approval from the BOS based on the same conditions. Wayne Bowen has confirmed no waiver is needed. J. Heim made a motion to grant conditional final approval based on the above mentioned conditions for the Stoney Lane boundary line adjustment for the Dunn property. Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

**Zoning Permit Fee Schedule Update**

B. Baldwin has circulated an updated Zoning Fee Schedule which raises the price for timbering projects due to the heavy workload they require as well as adds in special exception or conditional use. This is Resolution 2019-8 and will be effective as of April 1, 2019. J. Faust made a *motion to accept Resolution 2019-8 as presented*. Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

**Zoning Hearing Board**

BOS needs to appoint a Zoning Hearing Board. Tabled until next month so they can finalize selections.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Job application received. Supervisors said we will keep on file as we are not currently looking to hire anyone.

**GENERAL**

**SOUTHERN SCHUYLKILL COG MEETING**

The next COG meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 7 PM.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

The monthly recreation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 7 PM.

**SCHUYLKILL TCC MEETING**

The TCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6PM.

**CONCERNS**

No concerns to report.

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**PERMITS**

2019 Zoning Permit report to date is enclosed in folders.

**SEMINARS**

No applicable seminars available

**ROAD MASTER REPORT**

T. Noecker reported that the crew has been working on chipper, plowing snow, fixed paver to fit on new truck, pushed and hauled shale, took the snow fence down, taken care of downed trees and replaced damaged windows in dozer. He presented a list of recommended roads to be considered for paving this year and well as Tar & Chip projections. The BOS reviewed and discussed and decided to aim for the specified sections of River Road, Old State Road, Breezy Acres Road, Whitetail Lane, Goose Pond Road and Laurel Lane. This work will come to a total of \$124,606.38. They also approved to bid out the following roads to be tar and chipped: Scenic Mountain Road, East Rauschs Road, East Wild Turkey Lane, and GoosePond Road at an estimated cost of \$45,000. The crew will complete as much of this work as time and conditions allow.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by J. Heim, seconded by T. Strause to approve the minutes for the BOS Meeting of February 26, 2019 as presented. Voted all in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion by J. Faust, seconded by J. Heim to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. T. Strause abstained.

**REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS**

Motion by T. Strause, seconded by J. Heim to approve the Payment of Bills as presented. Voted all in Favor.

On a motion by J. Faust, seconded by J. Heim, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM. All Voted in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly A. Coldren  
Secretary