

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MAY 30, 2019**

Township Supervisors:

Ms. Robin Stuntebeck, Chair
Mr. Hugh J. Purnell, Jr., Vice-Chair
Mr. Edward G. Meakim, Jr., Member
Mr. Christopher Pielli, Esq., Member
Mr. Shaun Walsh, Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Mr. Derek Davis, Assistant Township Manager
Mr. Richard J. Craig, Township Engineer
Mr. Bill Webb, Township Zoning Officer
Ms. Kristin Camp, Township Solicitor

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chair Robin Stuntebeck, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building.

Ms. Stuntebeck opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. Stuntebeck requested that all audience members silence their cell phones.

Ms. Stuntebeck made notice to all members of the public in attendance that they may be recorded via audio and video by other members of the public.

Resolution 11-2019 – Public Comment Rules and Procedures

Ms. Stuntebeck introduced Resolution 11-2019, creating regulations for public comment during Board of Supervisors meetings. Ms. Stuntebeck stated that each member of the public will be allotted two (2) minutes for public comment on items on and not on the agenda. She also stated the Resolution allows only West Goshen residents, property owners and business owners to speak during public comment.

Mr. Purnell made a motion to approve Resolution 11-2019, seconded by Mr. Meakim.

Ms. Margie Swart stated her opposition to the Resolution.

Mr. Abbas Rabhari stated his opposition to the Resolution.

Mr. Robert Brochet stated his opposition to the Resolution.

Dr. Douglas White stated his support of the Resolution.

Mr. Walsh stated that the Board's business is not getting done at these meetings and expressed his support for the Resolution.

Mr. Pielli stated that this measure is not taken to limit free speech, but enables more people to participate in the meetings. Mr. Pielli expressed his support for the Resolution.

Following the discussion, the motion to approve Resolution 11-2019 was approved unanimously.

Comprehensive Plan Presentation and Discussion

Mr. Ray Ott of Ott & Associates was introduced to provide an overview to the Board on the final draft Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Ott presented a PowerPoint presentation on the work of the Township's Comprehensive Plan Task Force since October 2017 and the final draft Comprehensive Plan document. Though his presentation, Mr. Ott showcased the large amount of public input, including a public survey, workshop meetings and the large number of public Task Force meetings since 2017.

Mr. Ott stated that the Chester County Planning Commission, neighboring municipalities and the West Chester Area School District all received the draft Plan and Chester County Planning Commission and East Bradford Township provided comment. Those comments have been added to this final draft of the Plan.

Ms. Stuntebeck had several questions about the Chester County Planning Commission review letter. Mr. Ott responded that he will provide his response letter to the Commission and East Brandywine Township. He stated an Addendum was prepared to add to the Plan that itemizes the changes to the Plan. He considers the changes de minimis, meaning the changes do not have a substantive impact to the Plan.

Ms. Stuntebeck asked about Plan implementation. Mr. Ott responded that an implementation plan is included in the Plan.

Mr. Pielli announced the names of the Comprehensive Plan Task Force members and thanked the volunteers for their time in working on this Plan update.

Those participating on the Comprehensive Plan Task Force included:

Monica Drewniany, Township Planning Commission	Carrie Martin, Township Planning Commission
Terry Wildrick, Township Planning Commission	Maxine Richter, Resident Member
Bob Sheller, Resident Member	Bob Stratton, Resident Member
Dr. Douglas White, Township Planning Commission	John Hellman, Township Planning Commission

Mr. Walsh thanked all of the participants of the Comprehensive Plan Task Force. He stated that some of the recommendations are big asks for large projects. Ms. Nanci Sarcinello, Township Consultant on the Plan, stated that some of the larger priorities include traffic congestion mitigation, pedestrian circulation improvements and bike lane improvements.

A discussion ensued regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Please see the entire discussion at the Township's YouTube page, with a link found at www.westgoshen.org.

Ms. Margie Swart had several comments regarding the Plan.

Mr. John Hellman, Township Planning Commission member, stated that the process was very inclusive with a survey, open house, workshop and months of public meetings. He stated that the Township Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval to the Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Douglas White thanked the Board for their hard work on this project.

Mr. Bob Sheller, Comprehensive Plan Task Force Member, stated that the Plan is a living document, not set in stone and may be amended and changed.

Mr. Tom Casey asked about eminent domain for any of the projects listed in the Plan. Mr. Ott stated that all projects occur in the existing Right-of-Way.

Accolade Properties – Discovery Daycare Property

Mr. John Jaros appeared on behalf of Accolade properties, who have an interest in redeveloping the Discovery Daycare property on S. Five Points Road, just south of Paoli Pike. Mr. Jaros stated that his client, after discussing the site's potential redevelopment with the Board at a previous public meeting, has redesigned the proposed plan to include eleven homes. After a lengthy discussion, which may be found at the Township's YouTube channel at www.westgoshen.org, Mr. Meakim made a motion to proceed with drafting of a text amendment for the property with Mr. Purnell seconding the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Pielli opposed.

Spring City Group Settlement Agreement

Ms. Camp introduced a settlement agreement and release for the sale and purchase of property between West Goshen Township and Spring City Group for property located at 606 S. Five Points Road. Ms. Camp explained that decades ago, the residential developer made a mistake in combining a building lot and a detention basin, with both lots staying distinct. The developer then lost both lots to tax sale and the detention basin has fallen into disrepair. The Spring City Group purchased the detention basin lot sight unseen at Chester County tax sale, only to realize it is a detention basin. The Township learned of this matter and enforced its stormwater Ordinance. The property owner has agreed to sell the detention basin to the Township to stop all litigation in the matter. The Township can then improve the basin to gain credit with the Township’s MS4 permit.

She stated that the Board previously authorized a payment of \$2,500 for the parcel.

Mr. Walsh asked how much it would cost to fix the basin. Mr. Craig responded that the basin doesn’t meet current stormwater criteria and needs only to be maintained at the 1980’s design level. Mr. Craig stated that we don’t know the exact cost, but it could be as much as \$50,000. Mr. Craig stated that the Township would need to use the existing Sewer Authority easement to gain access to the property.

Ms. Swart asked if an HOA was in effect. No, there is no HOA for this neighborhood.

On a motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board unanimously approved the settlement agreement and release.

2019 Township Paving Program

On a motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the 2019 Township Paving Program low bid to DiRocco Bros., in the amount of \$774,588.63.

Bidder	Bid Total
DiRocco Bros.	\$744,588.63
Allan Myers, Inc.	\$811,589.78
Glasgow, Inc.	\$911,805.06

2018 Pipeline Safety Training Presentation

Mr. LaLonde showed a PowerPoint presentation of the two pipeline safety training opportunities conducted by West Goshen Township in 2018. The full presentation may be viewed on the Township’s website under the Sunoco Pipeline tab.

Mr. LaLonde thanked State Representative Carolyn Comitta for facilitating the \$134,000 training grant. The grant provided two separate training opportunities that included a full week of firefighter training at the Texas A&M University “Disaster City” training center and three days of management-level training for municipal managers, emergency operations coordinators and public works officials at the US Department of Transportation training facility in Oklahoma City, OK.

Reports for the month of April 2019

Lt. Justin DiMedio gave the April 2019 Police Department report. Lt. DiMedio stated that the Police Department recently graduated a class from the Citizens' Police Academy and there was plenty of positive feedback from the participants.

Ms. Andrea Testa, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of April 2019. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Ms. Testa provided the Building Inspector Report for the month of April 2019.

Board of Supervisors Announcements

Mr. Pielli announced that the Board was hosting a Boards and Commissions appreciation event on June 6th in recognition of the hard work all of the Township volunteers do for the Township.

He announced the upcoming summer concert series, presented by the Township Park & Recreation Department that includes the children's concert on June 23rd with Street Corner Trio and on June 30th with Zedeco-a-Go-Go. All 2019 Summer Concert Series details may be found on the Township's website.

Mr. Pielli announced that the Park & Recreation Department is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on June 29th. Again, details may be found on the Township's website.

Mr. Purnell announced that the recent classic car show was a great success with sixty classic cars on display in Community Park. Proceeds from the 50/50 went to The Friends of the Parks.

Mr. Walsh announced that a kickoff meeting occurred for the recently approved Renewable Energy Plan. The West Chester Area Council of Governments hosted the kick-off meeting. He stated that the meeting produced concrete deliverables and a usable process that is very implementable.

Ms. Stuntebeck stated that she also attended the Renewable Energy kick-off meeting and it was a very good start to the process.

Ms. Stuntebeck stated she would like to see established a Sustainability Committee by the Board.

Ms. Stuntebeck stated that she would like the Board to consider establishing a second meeting each month, in the form of a one hour public meeting every other month in order for residents to ask questions of the Board.

Township Manager's Announcements

Mr. LaLonde announced that immediately preceding the June 18th Board meeting, the Board will meet in a workshop format to discuss a variety of Ordinances that have come before the Board previously.

Mr. LaLonde announced that the Township's Historic Commission's tour of Oaklands Cemetery has been postponed to Saturday, June 1, at 1:00 p.m. due to inclement weather.

Township Engineer's Announcements

Mr. Craig announced that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has issued a response to the Township's MS4 permit. He stated that a minor mapping revision is needed as well as a new 30-day public comment period is to be advertised shortly. He stated that after those items are addressed, PADEP will issue the Township's MS4 permit.

Zoning Officer's Announcements

Mr. Webb announced several Zoning hearings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m., June 4, 2019.

He announced that a variance request for 1206 Nottingham Drive for a deck in the front yard would be heard on June 4th. The Board took no position in regards to the variance.

He announced that a variance request for 10 N. Concord Road for a patio in the setback area. The Board took no position in regards to the variance.

He announced that a variance request for 119 Penn Lane for a home with two front yards. The applicant wants to install a deck and needs a variance to do so. The Board took no position in regards to the variance.

April 23, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes Approval

Mr. Meakim made a motion to approve the April 23, 2019 meeting minutes seconded by Mr. Purnell.

Ms. Margie Swart made comment regarding the meeting minutes.

Mr. Abbas Rahbari made comment regarding the meeting minutes and made claims against the West Goshen Township Police Department.

Following the discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 23, 2019 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2019 and Bills to be Paid Approval

Mr. Purnell made a motion to approve the April 30, 2019 Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid for the General Fund, Sewer Revenue Fund, the Waste & Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, seconded by Mr. Meakim.

Ms. Margie Swart had specific questions regarding the Treasurer's Report and the Bills to be Paid. Ms. Stuntebeck responded that those questions should be referred to the Township Finance Director during business hours. Ms. Swart also asked for establishment of a budget committee.

Following the discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the April 30, 2019 Treasurer's Report and bills to be paid.

Public Comment

Dr. Douglas White stated he supports the Board workshop meeting. He stated he supports storefront and pedestrian safety initiatives.

Ms. Nancy Wills thanked the West Goshen Township Police Department for the Synagogue and Islamic Center visibility.

Mr. Robert Brochet stated his history serving the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He complained he was not allowed to speak at last month's Board meeting and had complaints about snow removal at his property.

Mr. Abbas Rahbari made comments in support of Mr. Robert Brochet and his snow complaints.

Ms. Margie Swart had questions regarding a water contamination issue on Turner Lane and asked if the Township would be submitting a public participation plan.

Please view this meeting's video recording via YouTube with the link located at www.westgoshen.org.

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There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Purnell, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary