

**WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
May 6, 2009**

Township Supervisors:

Ms. Patricia B. McIlvaine, Chairman
Mr. Edward G. Meakim, Jr., Vice Chairman
Dr. Robert S. White, Member

Township Officials:

Ms. Jeanne M. Denham, Finance Director
Ms. Sandra K. Turley, Township Secretary
Mr. Richard J. Craig, Township Engineer
Mr. Raymond D. McKeeman, Zoning Officer
Ms. Kristin Camp, Township Solicitor

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Patricia B. McIlvaine at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. All members were present. Ms. McIlvaine opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Ms. McIlvaine opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Thomas Casey, 1113 Windsor Drive, said that he was present to represent his neighborhood regarding the possible expansion of Boot Road between Wilson Drive and Greenhill Road. Ms. McIlvaine responded that there was a meeting scheduled for the residents on May 14, 2009 to discuss Boot Road and that East Goshen Township Representatives would be present at that time. Mr. Meakim said that the possible expansion was initiated by East Goshen Township. Dr. White stated that two possible plans had been presented for consideration. One would be two lanes east bound and two lanes west bound. The other would be one lane east bound and two lanes west bound. He noted that the plan is in the design phase. In response to a remark by Mr. Casey, Dr. White said that a final plan would need to be approved by the Board and that the funds are included in the 2009 Budget. Mr. Casey asked if there had been pressure from the businesses located on Wilson Drive to expand the roadway and Dr. White said there had not been any pressure from the companies.

Mr. Richard Craig, Township Engineer, said that the project had been initiated by East Goshen Township but was being led by West Goshen Township in the design because West Goshen Township has an in-house engineer. He said that the design is 95% complete and will be reviewed by PennDOT. In response to a question from Mr. Casey, Dr. White said that the cost of installing slip ramps from the corporate park on Wilson Drive to Route 202 would be prohibitive and studies and designs would need to be done. Mr. Casey said that he was concerned about the home values and safety in his neighborhood.

Ms. Margaret Stillman, 1322 E. Boot Road, said that getting out of her driveway is a problem. She said that if the configuration of the road was changed, residents would need to make turns from the passing lane. She noted that Sts. Peter and Paul Church and School are not shown on the design plan.

Mr. Jon McCormack, 840 Spruce Avenue, said that the signs on High Street in the area of McDonalds are again obstructed by other signs. He asked when a meeting will be held with Sen. Andrew Dinniman to discuss the traffic issues in the West Chester University area and if money had been received for a study of the issues. Dr. White replied that no money had been received. Mr. Raymond McKeeman, Zoning Officer, said that the signs on High Street were down the day after the April 22, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting and had been re-installed.

In response to a comment by Mrs. Evelyn Baker, 900 Sheridan Drive, Mr. McKeeman said that the Township Ordinance has a process to follow in citing violators of the sign ordinance.

Ms. Shirley Colvin, 830 Spruce Avenue, asked about a traffic count that was recently conducted in her neighborhood and Mr. Craig responded that the count has been completed but the data is not yet available. Ms. Colvin stated that she feels the speed humps that were installed in her area have made things worse.

Mr. Vince Gallagher, 1017 Woodview Lane, said that he had been told speed bumps were not allowed and Dr. White explained that speed humps had been installed, not speed bumps.

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Ms. Colvin asked what the Melmark home in her neighborhood would have to do to be allowed more residents than is presently approved. Dr. White explained that the company had gone before the Zoning Hearing Board for approval of the housing. Ms. Kristin Camp, Township Solicitor, said that the Board of Supervisors had opposed the model that was presented by Melmark and that the decision by the Zoning Hearing Board was based on Federal Law.

Mrs. Baker asked about marking pedestrian crossing areas on Spruce Avenue and Mr. Craig said that he was checking to see if this could be done without sidewalks.

Mr. McCormack asked if another speed hump would be installed on Spruce Avenue and Dr. White responded that the Board only approved three speed humps.

Dr. White announced the resignations of Paul Spiegel and Dean Diehl from the Planning Commission. He said that applications are being accepted to fill the two vacancies on the Planning Commission.

Dr. White announced that Sen. Dinniman had called the previous day and that a meeting will be held on June 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the West Goshen Township building to present an update on the traffic relief, cost and alternatives in the West Chester University area. He said that representatives from East Bradford Township, West Goshen Township, Sen. Dinniman and a representative for Rep. Barbara McIlvaine Smith would be present. Ms. Colvin asked that residents in the affected area be notified about the meeting by the CTY alert system.

On motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved appointing Dr. White to the West Goshen Township Planning Commission in the interim before two new appointments are made to fill the present vacancies.

Mr. McKeeman announced that the West Goshen Township Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. to consider ZHB 2-09: The applicant and legal owner is Lot 24 Wright's Lane, L.P., c/o Denny Howell, 1195 McDermott Drive, West Chester, PA. The property for which the application is made is located at 698 Airport Road and is zoned I-1 Campus Light Industrial District. The applicant is seeking special exception approval for a child daycare center. In addition the Applicant seeks variance relief for the location of the play area within the 100 foot rear yard buffer and for the location of the play area within the 100 foot riparian buffer, as well as any and all other relief that may be required to accommodate the proposed use.

On motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the Board of Supervisors minutes from April 15, 2009.

On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2009 for the General Fund, the Sewer Revenue Fund, the Waste and Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, as well as the bills to be paid from the General Fund, the Sewer Fund, the Capital Reserve Fund, and the Waste and Recycling Fund.

Capt. Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of April 2009.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of April 2009. Ms. Testa also gave the reports for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and Goshen Fire Company.

Mr. Edward Hunger, Building Official, gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for April 2009.

Mrs. Baker asked how many single family dwelling permits had been issued in April and Mr. Hunger replied that no single family dwelling permits had been issued.

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On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the signing of the 2009 Paving Contract with Allan A. Myers, L.P. The bids were opened and read publicly at 10:00 a.m. on April 8, 2009 and the bid was approved at the April 15, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting.

On motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Dr. White, the Board unanimously approved the signing of the contract for the 2009 Pavement Markings with Alpha Space Control. The bids were opened and read publicly at 10:00 a.m. on April 8, 2009 and the bid was approved at the April 15, 2009 Board of Supervisors meeting.

On motion by Mr. Meakim, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 19-2009 proclaiming May 11, 2009 through May 18, 2009 as 'Childhood Cancer Awareness Week'.

Mr. McCormack noted that some streets that were paved just a few years ago are breaking up and Mr. Raymond Halvorsen, Public Works Director, said that microsurfacing had been used to pave those streets and it is not holding up very well. He said that the process will not be used again.

The regular meeting was recessed at 4:44 p.m. for the following hearing:

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S-05-09

Supervisors Hearing S-05-09 which was duly advertised was called to order by Chairman Patricia McIlvaine at 4:44 p.m. All members were present. Ms. Kristin Camp, Esquire, was present to represent the Township and Mr. Kevin Campbell was present from the West Chester Area School District.

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The hearing was recessed at 5:52 p.m. and resumed at 5:58 p.m.

At 5:59 p.m. on motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved continuing the hearing to a date certain of May 20, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

The regular Board of Supervisors meeting resumed at 6:01 p.m.

The consideration of Resolution 18-2009 authorizing the Township to enter a lease agreement with the West Chester Area School District for the lease of the Henderson North Athletic Fields on Pottstown Pike was tabled.

Ms. McIlvaine opened the floor for further public comment. No comments were made.

There being no further business, on motion by Ms. McIlvaine, seconded by Dr. White, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra K. Turley
Township Secretary

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S-04-09

Supervisors Hearing S-04-09 which was duly advertised was called to order by Chairman Patricia McIlvaine at 6:02 p.m. All members were present. Ms. Kristin Camp, Esquire, was present to represent the Township and Mr. Mark D. Hipp, Esquire, was present to represent the applicant AT&T Mobility, Communications, Inc., who seeks conditional use approval pursuant to Sections 84-57.03.B(5) and 84-74 of the West Goshen Township Zoning Ordinance in order to remove 2 existing panel antennas and replace them with 3 improved antennas with higher capability and related coax cables on an existing monopole cell tower located in a PECO right-of-way across from Wayne Moving and Storage adjacent to Route 202 on North Five Points Road.

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On motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Meakim, the Board unanimously approved the application.

The hearing adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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S-03-09

Supervisors Hearing S-03-09 which was duly advertised was called to order by Chairman Patricia McIlvaine at 6:10 p.m. All members were present. Ms. Kristin Camp, Esquire, was present to represent the Township. The applicant West Chester University of Pennsylvania is seeking a conditional use approval pursuant to Section 84-57.10.D of the West Goshen Township Revised Zoning Ordinance of 1990 as amended to build additions to the existing building known as the E. O. Bull Center which is located in the R-3 District on a parcel of property containing 28 acres located at the southeast corner of E. Rosedale Avenue and S. High Street.

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At 6:12 p.m. after being informed by Ms. Camp that the applicant's attorney, Mr. Brian Nagle, Esquire, was requesting a continuance of the hearing, on motion by Dr. White, seconded by Ms. McIlvaine, the Board unanimously approved continuing the hearing to a date certain of May 20, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.