

WEST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JUNE 13, 2012

Township Supervisors:

Raymond H. Halvorsen, Chairman
Mrs. Patricia B. McIlvaine, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Robert S. White, Member
Philip J. Corvo, Member

Township Officials:

Mr. Casey LaLonde, Township Manager
Mr. Richard Craig, Township Engineer

A regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of West Goshen Township was called to order by Chairman Raymond Halvorsen at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jun 13, 2012 at the West Goshen Township Administration Building. Mr. Halvorsen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Chief Joseph Gleason gave the Police Report for the month of May 2012. Chief Gleason noted that Sgt. Justin DiMedio had been recently selected to attend the prestigious FBI Academy this summer. Chief Gleason also stated that Detective Darren Sedlak had been recently honored by the Delaware Valley Citizens Crime Commission for his work in leading an investigative team that lead to arrests in a wide-spread catalytic converter theft ring. Finally, Chief Gleason noted the wonderful response and participation of many members of the West Goshen Township Police Department and the West Chester Emergency Response Team in honoring Katie Sedlak, Detective Sedlak's spouse, in her battle to overcome breast cancer. The Police Officers participated in a triathlon for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Ms. Andrea Testa, Fire Marshal, gave the Fire Marshal Report for the month of May 2012. Ms. Testa also gave the report for Good Fellowship Ambulance Company and the Goshen Fire Company.

Mr. Halvorsen thanked Ms. Testa for her response to the recent Police Department electrical fire.

Mr. John Beswick gave the Building Inspection Activity Report for May 2012.

Mr. Halvorsen opened the floor for public comment. There was none at this time.

Mr. Halvorsen announced that the Board of Supervisors met in executive session on June 12, 2012 for personnel reasons and on June 13, 2012 for litigation and personnel reasons.

On a motion by Dr. White, seconded by Mrs. McIlvaine, the Board appointed Mr. Philip Corvo to the West Goshen Township Sewer Authority Board. The vote was 3-0-1 with Mr. Corvo abstaining.

Mr. Halvorsen announced that from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Saturday, June 23, the Township will hold an open house. All Township Departments will be represented including Roads, Parks, Sewer Department, Police, Park & Rec, Building Department and Administration. The West Goshen Friends of the Parks will also be on hand. The entire complex will be open to the public for self-guided tours. Refreshments and activities for the kids will be available throughout the day. All are welcome.

Mr. LaLonde announced two upcoming Summer Concerts in the Park. All concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. and take place at the amphitheater at Community Park unless inclement weather occurs, at which time the concert is moved to the East High School auditorium. He thanked the Parks & Recreation staff and Parks & Recreation Board for planning this year's exciting concert slate.

Sunday, June 24th – Scottish rock with First Highland Watch
Sunday, July 8th – Latin jazz with Café con Pan

On a motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the Board approved the meeting minutes of May 9, 2012.

On a motion by Mr. Corvo, seconded by Dr. White, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2012, for the General Fund, the Sewer Revenue Fund, the Waste and Recycling Fund, and the Capital Reserve Fund, and the bills to be paid from these funds.

Mr. Halvorsen discussed the possibility of installing new, wireless security cameras at Community Park, Coopersmith Park, Barker Park and the Skate Park. Increasing levels of vandalism over the past several years has resulted in tens of thousands of dollars in damage and few arrests due to the parks' remote locations. The cost estimate to install the cameras is approximately \$32,000 and will be paid out of developer contributions for open space and parks related equipment.

Mr. Walker Tompkins, 1245 Victoria Lane, asked how much damage had occurred over the past several years to justify this expense. Mr. LaLonde responded that the Township has experienced approximately \$70,000 in damage to various parks over the past several years, including the recent spray painting and other damage at Community Park that cost approximately \$10,000 in materials and labor to clean up. Dr. White stated that the expense is more than justified. Mr. LaLonde added that this not just a financial decision, but the Township must apprehend and prosecute the individuals responsible or the vandalism will continue unabated.

Mrs. Shirley Colvin, 830 Spruce Avenue, stated that a house had been recently rehabbed in her neighborhood and that it really adds some value to the neighborhood. She wanted to thank any Township staff who had a hand in inspections or other assistance with the project.

Mrs. Colvin also inquired about a house on Giunta Lane that has had a blue tarp on a section of the roof for some time. The Township Zoning Officer will investigate and take the appropriate action.

There being no further business, on motion by Mrs. McIlvaine, seconded by Mr. Halvorsen, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey LaLonde
Township Secretary