

Mount Joy Township Supervisors' Supervisors' Regular Meeting

November 21, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Present: Supervisors - John Gormont, Chairman; Vice-Chair, David Updyke (conference call); Bradley Trostle, Gil Clark, Mike Gearhart;
Solicitor - Susan Smith; Secretary/Treasurer – Susan Harbin

7 Number of Residents Signed Attendance Sheet for this meeting.

The Mount Joy Township Board of Supervisors met this date, as publicly advertised, at the Mount Joy Township Building located at 902 Hoffman Home Rd., Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Item/Topic		Action/Resolution	Follow Up/ Date
Call to Order	John Gormont presiding. Starting Time: 7:00 pm		
Pledge of Allegiance			
Public Comments Speros Marinos	<p>1. Mr. Marinos sent a letter to the Twp. asking the Twp. to contact PennDot in regards to posting No Parking signs along Rt. 15 in the area bordering his land. Hunters are parking along Rt. 15 and trespassing on Mr. Marinos' property creating a dangerous problem for Mr. Marinos.</p> <p>Mr. Gormont informed Mr. Marinos that the Twp. has no jurisdiction in this matter and that he should work directly with PennDot, and call the state police when cars are parked along Rt. 15 since he has trespassers on his private property.</p> <p>2. Mr. Marinos informed the Twp. that he is working with a group called Tripwire for controlled training. Many different government agencies including the Pentagon and Carlisle War College utilize his property for paramilitary training. Part of his property is located in MJT. This training has been in existence since 1996.</p>		

Nancy Taylor	<p>Twp. Solicitor commented that there has been no determination made by the Twp. that the private training is a permitted use. The Twp. was unaware that such activities for private agencies were being held on his property.</p> <p>Mrs. Taylor lives in the Lake Heritage. Her concerns over land development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Traffic issues at the entrance to Lake Heritage due to the development of a Sheetz. Requesting that the developer be responsible for any traffic problems that may arise. Asking who she can contact if traffic issues develop. 2. 25 acres behind her house, along Rt. 15, which has not been developed to date. Asking if this land will be developed and who she can speak with about future development on this property. <p>Mr. Gormont informed Mrs. Taylor that at this time, nothing has been submitted to the Twp. for any development on this particular property. The Twp. is unaware of any activity planned for the property in question. Public meetings are held before the Board and the Planning Commission. Residents are invited to come to the public meetings to address their concerns.</p> <p>Mr. Clark will meet with Mrs. Taylor personally.</p>		
Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 17, 2013 Supervisors' Regular Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes • November 7, 2013 Supervisors' Workshop Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes 	<p>Mr. Gearhart moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle, to approve Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Mr. Gearhart, to approve Minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	
Chairman's Statement – John Gormont	No comments.		
Executive Session	<p>Executive Session started: 7:10 pm Topic: Personnel Matters Executive Session ended: 7:32 pm</p>		
Regular Meeting Reconvened	7:32 pm		
Solicitor's Report – Susan Smith, Esq.	Solicitor's Report presented.	Mr. Gearhart moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle, to accept Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	
Persons Requesting Time on Agenda	None.		
Announcements	No announcements.		

Treasurer's Reports	Approval of Monthly Finance Report Approval Bills Paid Report.	Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to accept Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Gearhart moved, seconded by Mr. Updyke, to accept Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	
Road Report	Report presented.	Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle, to accept Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	
Subdivision and Land Dev.	None.		
Planning Commission	The Planning Commission must prepare an annual report for the board.		
Wm. F. Hill & Assoc. Engineering Report, Eric Vranich	Report presented. New road map for road classifications presented. This map will become part of the Twp. Comprehensive Plan.	Mr. Clark moved, seconded by Mr. Gearhart, to accept Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Supervisors requesting a second map marking state roads vs. twp. roads.	
Zoning Officer/Code Enforcement Officer Report, Cindy Smith	Report presented.	Mr. Gearhart moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to accept Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.	
Hartlaub Junkyard Nonconforming Use	Mr. Hartlaub, and his attorney, Harry Smith of Puhl, Eastman & Thrasher, presented to the Board Mr. Hartlaub's position as what he deems unreasonable limit of nonconforming use of his junk yard property located at 1475 Highland Ave. Presented: 1. Exhibit: Aerial map of junk yard property marked according to acres/boundaries at time of purchase. This is a general map to document the nonconforming use. Mr. Hartlaub stated features of the property helping to identify original boundaries: 1. a wooden fence down the front of the property, 2. a drop off on the property, 3. fence on east side, and 4. a grade elevation in the back.	Mr. Gearhart moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle, to establish the nonconforming use area for Mr. Hartlaub's 1475 Highland Ave. junk yard, moving from 1.5 acres originally proposed to acceptance of the area demarcated on the exhibit provided by Mr. Hartlaub as the nonconforming use area for purposes of application to the zoning ordinance to his property. Motion carried unanimously. Twp. engineer will revise the presented map to reflect exact acreage. The revised map will be attached to a letter provided by the zoning	

	<p>2. Affidavits from Samuel T. Hartlaub, Larry E. Steinour, Glenn L. Orner, Charles J. Staub, Barry D. Stone, affirming accurate area of nonconforming use.</p> <p>Mr. Smith stated that if Mr. Hartlaub re-initiates the use of the property, he would submit a plan that would be in compliance with MJT zoning.</p>	<p>officer indicating what the nonconforming use area is.</p> <p>Mr. Gearhart moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle, to approve the 2013-2014 junk yard license for 1475 Highland Ave for the area as it will be defined based upon the map that was provided this evening. Motion carried unanimously.</p>		
<p>Land and Sea Services, LLC, Building Inspections</p>	<p>Report presented.</p>	<p>Mr. Gearhart moved, seconded by Mr. Trostle, to accept Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.</p>		
<p>Open Records Officer Report</p>	<p>No report.</p>			
<p>Monthly Fire Co. Reports</p>				
<p>Call Box Cards Revisions</p>	<p>Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to adopt revised call box cards. Motion carried unanimously.</p>			
<p>Fire Calls</p>	<p>MJT Fire Calls</p>	<p>YTD Fire Calls in MJT</p>		
<p>1. Alpha Fire Company</p>	<p>no report since June</p>	<p>21 reported as of June</p>		
<p>2. Barlow Fire Company</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>30</p>		
<p>3. Bonneauville Fire Co.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>27</p>		
<p>4. Gettysburg Fire Co.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>27</p>		
<p>Financial Reports</p> <p>1. Twp. Contribution</p> <p>2. State Relief Funds</p>	<p>Based on fire company contract with MJT, a Profit and Loss (P&L) Report is to be submitted to the Twp. annually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alpha has submitted the P&L report. Bonneauville has submitted the P&L report. Barlow submitted a 999, has not submitted the P&L report. Gettysburg has not submitted the P&L report. <p>A letter will be sent to Barlow and Gettysburg fire companies stating that, per contract agreement, MJT expects a P&L and will not make a contribution until a P&L is received.</p> <p>Supervisors agree to issue a contribution to Alpha and Bonneauville fire companies.</p> <p>State Fireman Relief Funds have been sent out to all 4 companies.</p>			

Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Conservatory of Adams County, requesting donation. The Board stated that taxpayers can contribute individually. 60 private citizens signed a petition recommending MJT support for rabbitEXPRESS 15N. Sperios Marinos ltr. dated 11/14/13. (See above). Gettysburg Area Recreation Authority ltr. dated 11/6/13, thank you and receipt for contribution. The Borough of Littlestown ltr. dated 11/8/13, thank you for contribution. 	
Committee/Board Reports		
<u>Personnel</u> B. Trostle, D. Updyke	Sandra Laughton's 90 day review has been completed.	Mr. Updyke moved, seconded by Mr. Clark, to give Sandra Laughton a \$.50/hr. increase. Motion carried unanimously.
<u>Finance</u> J. Gormont, D. Updyke	The 2014 Proposed Budget is currently out for public review and is on the agenda to be adopted at the December meeting.	
<u>Planning Commission</u>	No report.	
<u>Planning, Land Use & Zoning</u> - G. Clark	No report.	
<u>Building & Grounds</u> M. Gearhart	No report.	
<u>Roads</u> J. Gormont	A used chipper has been purchased for the Twp. The Board will consider allowing residents to bring their Christmas trees to Twp. for disposal.	
<u>Public Safety</u> G. Clark		
1. Twp. EMC	Don Yingling, the Twp. Emergency Management Coordinator, has 1 final class for full certification in public safety. The Board agrees to pay for the class and Mr. Yingling's mileage.	
2. Speed Limit on Orphanage Rd.	Hoffman Homes For Youth is requesting a reduction of the speed limit in front of their property on Orphanage Rd., asking for a 15 mph designation as a school zone. There are currently flashing caution lights in this area. In order for PennDot to consider a reduction in the speed limit, they require a traffic study of which PennDot expects the Twp. to pay for. Orphanage Rd. is a state road. Mr. Clark will investigate further.	
<u>Council of Government</u> M. Gearhart	No report.	
Old Business	None.	
New Business		
1. Organizational Mtg	Scheduled for 1/6/2014 at 7 pm.	
2. Gettysburg Recreation Authority, Brian Devost	Mr. Devost, Executive Director of the Gettysburg Recreation Authority, thanked MJT for the \$4,000 contribution received. He also presented an overview of activities provided to the public over the last year and potential for further growth. Starting 1/1/14, Cumberland Twp. and Gettysburg Twp. will coordinate recreation activities and share the cost of parks.	

3. Littlestown Recreation Dept.	Letter received from Sandy Conrad, secretary for Littlestown Borough, thanking MJT for the \$4,000 contribution received. Unfortunately, a representative of the Borough is unable to attend any of the MJT mtgs. as requested.		
Adjournment	Meeting at 8:55 pm.		

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan C. Harbin
Secretary/Treasurer