

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JONATHAN SNIPES, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFRY DENCE, SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESENT
PHILIP SZUPKA, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
DOROTHY VISLOSKY, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

**ITEM # 1 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 77 OLD LOCUST AVENUE
– DETACHED GARAGE**

Manager Gray said this Certificate of Appropriateness request is for a 12 x 20 detached garage. This project was approved by the Historic Architecture Review Board on August 23, 2010. Member Vislosky moved to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for 77 Locust Avenue for a detached garage; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 2 GOAL PRESENTATION BY DALE FRAZIER

Mr. Dale Frazier and Ms. Caitlyn Frazier gave an update on the Greenbelt Overhaul Alliance of Levittown (G.O.A.L.) They presented information on the projects G.O.A.L. has been working on as well as upcoming projects. They encourage people of all ages to help clean the greenways and tributaries and to plant desirable species in areas in Levittown. They present seminars at the Levittown Library. Mr. Frazier thanked the numerous sponsors of their organization. The Board members thanked Mr. Frazier and all of the volunteers who work with G.O.A.L. For more information or to see a list of upcoming events, please visit the G.O.A.L. website of www.ltowngoal.com. Member Vislosky moved to donate \$9,999.99 toward G.O.A.L.; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie asked Manager Gray if Mr. Arnao had the clearing of this area in North Park on his schedule. Manager Gray said Mr. Arnao had this area scheduled to be cleaned in early November.

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ITEM # 3 CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH BEACON (EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICE)

Member Szupka moved to approve a one-year agreement from September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011 with Beacon for an employee assistance program, in the amount of \$2,050; Member Vislosky seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 4 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM

Ms. Catherine Ross, a Penns Grant resident, spoke about the proposed Viking project on West Trenton Avenue. She said she had filed an appeal against this project. She has been asked to respond to a different approach on developing that parcel and said the board may also be asked to respond. Ms. Ross was concerned about the timing of the response. Ms. Ross suggested that the township consider purchase of this parcel, if for sale, to be used as open space property. Ms. Ross said there are residents on Juliet Road, near Rock Run Creek, who experience problems with water and flooding. They are also concerned with development of that property. Ms. Ross said some of her neighbors are pleased that the height of the project is somewhat of an improvement from the previous Resolution. Ms. Ross asks the board to thoroughly review the project. Ms. Ross said it is good to have the agenda on the website, but suggests that it gets posted with more advance notice. Member Vislosky said she would like to help in any way she can. Ms. Ross inquired about the value of this property. Member Vislosky spoke about the 14-acre Williams Tract which was sold for about \$375,000. Member Vislosky said they can go two ways with the proposed project; either eminent domain or an outright purchase. Chairman Harvie said in terms of open space they have an Open Space Committee that reviews property in the township. They have between \$950,000 and \$975,000 to spend. A report was submitted to the county and it was approved by them. Falls Township is free to spend that money. In terms of this property, Viking Associates owns the property. There is a desire by Viking to explore various options. Mr. Clarke said after a land use appeal is filed in a Court of Common Pleas, the next step is requesting a Rule 27 Conference. All of the parties have agreed not to have a Rule 27 Conference right now until the developer decides what they want to do with the property. The developer has been developing an alternate plan over the last several months. They are currently looking at building 39-40+ townhomes. There is nothing that the township has to agree to and there is nothing Ms. Ross has to agree to now. You will have ample time to decide whether or not you want to agree to their alternate plan. Member Vislosky spoke about a previous project about a developer who wanted to build garden apartments. Member Vislosky said she would like to see open space there and thinks that is do-able.

Mr. Mark Smith spoke about the road improvement program. He said he appreciated the time Mr. Sullivan spent talking with him and his neighbors. Mr. Smith said he spent \$2,200 that he did not have to spend and wanted to know what was being done to prevent this from

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happening to someone else. Chairman Harvie said there is a list on the table when you go to the permit desk that has a listing of all the streets and when they will be done. They are within a few years of completing the road program. Mr. Smith asked how to be reimbursed for his permit fees. Chairman Harvie said the refund of permit fees was approved at the last meeting. Mr. Smith should submit his permit fee receipts to the township for a refund.

Mrs. Jennifer Morrell spoke about Fallsington Day, scheduled for October 9th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Mrs. Morrell said there are a lot of children who attend Fallsington Elementary School who are in need of a lot of different things. Fallsington Elementary School will have several activities to help with fund-raising for their school's PTO which, in turn, helps the children. If any students are looking for volunteer community service hours and would like to help with the activities, please contact the school. Mrs. Morrell said she will provide letters for the volunteer hours worked. Mrs. Morrell encourages everyone to attend Fallsington Day. Mrs. Morrell thanked Chairman Harvie for his work and wished him a happy birthday.

Mr. Andy Dell spoke about some needed maintenance work at the Three Arches. He said a lot of things are in disrepair, including some recent work. Mr. Dell suggested that the contractor who was hired for the recent work, come back to fix the problem. Chairman Harvie said he has a list of things from Mrs. Reese. Mr. Sullivan said they may still be in the maintenance bond period, but he will look into it.

ITEM # 5 MINUTES – AUGUST 17, 2010

Member Snipes moved to approve the minutes from August 17, 2010; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Szupka and Member Vislosky who abstained since they left the meeting early. (3-0-2)

There was a break in the meeting at 8:30 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

ITEM # 6 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Clarke said that while in Executive Session, the board discussed a matter of litigation involving the Viking land use appeal and they also discussed a matter of real estate.

ITEM # 7 MANAGER COMMENT

1. Member Szupka moved to approve a 60-day time extension request to Open Range Communications; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
2. Member Snipes moved to approve a time extension request to November 17, 2010 for CVA; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

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3. Member Snipes moved to approve a time extension request to November 30, 2010 for Liberty Towers, 9188 New Falls Road; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
4. Member Snipes moved to approve a time extension request to December 30, 2010 for The Learning Experience; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
5. Manager Gray said there has been a request from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to waive the permit fees of \$50 and the escrow fees of \$2,000 for the Delaware Canal Pedestrian Tunnel project. Member Szupka had a concern about waiving the escrow fee. Mr. Sullivan said in this case the escrow is for legal and engineering expenses, not for financial security of the project. Member Snipes moved to approve the waiver of permit fees of \$50 and escrow fees of \$2,000 for the Delaware Canal Pedestrian Tunnel project; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
6. Member Snipes moved to approve the purchase of 40 bare-root trees at the price of \$40 each for a total of \$1,600; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The trees will be available in early November. The board asked to make sure the trees are taken care of, as there has not been much rain.
7. Manager Gray said the Falls Township Family Festival will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 3-9 p.m. at the Falls Township Community Park.
8. The Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting registration starting September 13th for the programs offered this fall.
9. Manager Gray said he has GTS Welco and U.S. Steel Galvanizing Gate mylars ready for signature.

ITEM # 8 BOARD COMMENT

Member Snipes said he enjoyed hearing from the organization G.O.A.L. and the work they do. Member Snipes commends their work and also the work by the Shade Tree Commission. Member Snipes thanked Chairman Harvie for an excellent meeting.

Member Vislosky reminded everyone to get registered to vote and said this election will be an important one as it will determine if she will participate next spring. She said if the people do not get out to vote, then she will probably remain in Florida. If you want to see changes in your school taxes, get out and vote this November. Member Vislosky said she will write a 52-page newsletter for the spring of 2011 and it will mostly address school issues.

Member Dence said the unofficial end of summer is here and reminds the public to please watch out for children in school zones. Pedestrians are still walking in the street and it is getting darker earlier. Mr. Dence spoke about the condition of the front of the township building. He said when it was pouring outside, the water leaked into the atrium. He said it

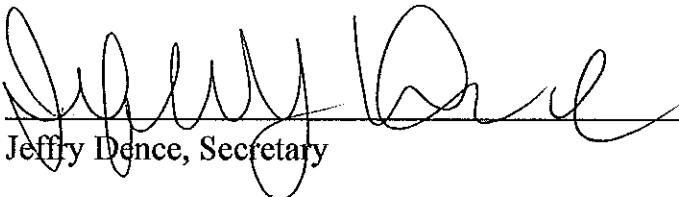
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is in bad condition. There is cracked glass and there is grass growing inside. Member Dence would like to see the building condition as a future agenda item.

Member Szupka said Member Dence spoke about children being back in school and people walking in the street. Our police officers have stepped up the enforcement of the traffic laws. He has witnessed people being pulled over for exceeding the speed limit and stopping in the middle of a crosswalk. The police officers are out there enforcing the law. Member Szupka wants to keep in mind what the speed limits are, especially with children going back to school and asks that motorists do not stop in the crosswalks. Member Szupka wished those of the Jewish faith a Happy Rosh Hashanah. Member Vislosky asked Member Szupka if he looked at the traffic arrests for the month of July. She said she was surprised at how few arrests there were.

Chairman Harvie echoed Member Szupka's greetings for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. He wishes our Jewish neighbors in Falls Township and Bucks County happy holidays over the next few weeks. Chairman Harvie encourages everyone to attend the Falls Township Family Festival. He said it is a great opportunity to come out and have some fun. Chairman Harvie said he will be forwarding some information, from Congressman Murphy, to fellow board members. The information is about a grant that is available through the Federal Government, obtained by Congressman Murphy. It would allow for a deepening of the turning basin in the Delaware River which is crucial to the port in Falls Township. Some private funds are being donated through the county and the county is willing to contribute funds. At some point there may be a request for Falls Township to participate as well to make sure it gets done properly. Chairman Harvie thanked everyone for the birthday wishes.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Szupka seconded the motion; all Board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.



Jeffrey Dence, Secretary