

**LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Scott Harper
David Connors
Robert Weer
Michael Pickel

STAFF PRESENT:

Steven C. Brown, Township Manager
Shane Kinsey, Public Works Director
Jacqui Guenther, Finance Director
Dawn Maciejczyk, Administrative Assistant
Tom Bolko, Inniscrone Golf Club
Ron Ragan, Township Engineer
11 audience members

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Scott Harper led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Scott Harper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Scott Harper asked for any public comment. Mr. Robert Gillespie said that the storm drain on West London Grove Road has a lot of mud coming through it onto his property. The Public Works Department is going to look into it. He also asked if we could have his neighbor cut his high weeds.

Mr. William Grandizio said he has a concerns with the resurfacing/loose stone on the roads. It is a hazard for motorcycles. Mr. Kinsey said that it is the most cost effective way to fix the road and he understands the concern for the motorcycles. The roads will be swept a second time to remove the loose stone.

Mr. Chuck Freese suggested setting up a Neighborhood Watch program for London Grove Township. He has spoken with PA State Trooper Minucci who would talk with interested people. The Board likes the idea and asked that the Township include an article in their fall newsletter as well as add to their Facebook page and website.

III. REPORTS FOR MAY 2016

Inniscrone Golf Course

Mr. Tom Bolko, General Manager, reported that Inniscrone Golf Course grossed \$129,924 in June, making that their best month ever. They are 15% up over last year. The Golf Course will be close to \$1 million in revenue. The food and beverage portion of the business has doubled revenue and looks to be continuing on that path. Mr. Bolko also said that the golf course is going to try the 4-poster deer tick system out this fall.

Code Department

Mr. Brown presented the Codes Department report as prepared by Mr. Kirk and Mrs. Zunino. There were no questions.

Public Works

Mr. Kinsey presented the Public Works Department report. Mr. Scott Harper thanked Mr. Kinsey for getting PennDOT to repair the storm drain issue at Route 926 and Route 841. Mr. Hittinger, audience member, asked Mr. Kinsey what is considered a “hot load” at SECCRA? Mr. Kinsey said a “hot load is considered nuclear waste, which was likely from a person’s medical treatment. The Township has a hazmat license which is why we were called to remove it.

Finance Report

The Financial Report was reviewed with the Board by Ms. Guenther. There were no questions. Mr. Connors made a motion to approve the Finance Report as presented. Mr. Pickel seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Odor Report

Mr. Scott Harper stated that the Township received one phone call about odor; also the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reported 5 emails. There were no questions.

State Police report

Mr. Scott Harper stated that there were 209 incidents in April and there were 169 incidents in May, which is the lowest to date. There were no questions.

Water Monitors report

Mr. Brown stated that there have not been any adequate storms to test the water. Mr. Scott Harper asked if the Township could have Stroud Water Research check the monitors to make sure they are functioning properly.

IV. FIRST BUSINESS

GRTP grant Resolution No. 657

Mr. Brown explained that the grant was submitted at the end of June and we need to submit the resolution to go with it. The total grant request is \$111,916. Mr. Connors made a motion to approve Resolution No. 657 in the amount of \$111,916, seconded by Mr. Pickel and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Mrs. Alegranti’s driveway

Mr. Scott Harper believes the Township does have a safety issue that needs to be addressed. It is his understanding that Mr. John Rouse will install large boulders as a remedy. He suggests that we ask him to install. The Board discussed better options and how to address the issue. Mr. Weer is concerned with meeting standards. Mr. Pickel suggested that the Township install the barrier. He further suggested having the Township professionals advise the Board on what they recommend.

Inniscrone Drive medians

Five (5) residents were in attendance. They asked Mr. Scott Harper how the

Township came up with the islands opposed to any other traffic calming measures? Mr. Scott Harper explained the process as well as why the plans were changed from a roundabout to the islands. The residents are concerned that the medians do not work and asked if speed humps would be better. Mr. Brown explained the full process and all of the options that were rejected. Mr. Connors suggested the only way to address this issue would be better police presence.

Mr. DiFrancesco said that the islands in Delaware work with “accessories”; for example painting, rumble strips and signs. Mr. Brown is to ask Mr. Rouse about cross hatched painting. Mr. Kinsey is to check speeds from signs and reinstall signs with speeds not shown. Staff are also going to ask the Pennsylvania State Police to enforce speeding through there.

Dog Park recommendations

Mr. Scott Harper asked Mr. Brown to check with the Parks and Recreation Board on what they mean by “verifiable criteria” for the Board of Supervisors to consider. Otherwise they are very pleased with what has been accomplished.

Deerpath Court parking restrictions

Mr. Brown reviewed an email from Mr. Jerry Baker, Traffic Planning and Design (TPD), where he suggests that we ask the school to provide more parking for the students. A resident of the street stated that cars are parking on both sides of the street and an ambulance or fire truck cannot fit through if they need to. He would like to see signs that say “Tow Away Zone” under the “no parking.” Mr. Brown is to ask the Solicitor if that is enforceable or even allowed. The Board discussed the effectiveness of signs and the enforceability of them. Mr. Brown is also to ask the Township Solicitor about employing parking enforcement personnel, not police.

Mr. Pickel suggested that the Township do a traffic study and maybe look at contracting with the regional police department for minimal hours. The Board discussed whether or not to move ahead with contract police or to hold a meeting with the residents first. Mr. Scott Harper advocates that the Township hold a meeting with the residents to discuss their wants and needs first. He suggests September or October for the meeting. Mr. Weer stated he recommended a study for the entire neighborhood and all the signs.

Mr. Pickel made a motion to do a traffic study in all of Heather Grove and Chartwell Road, seconded by Mr. Connors and approved by a vote of 3-1. Mr. Weer voted nay.

Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) revisions analysis

Mr. Ronald Ragan, Township Engineer, stated that there are forty-two (42) properties with significant map changes but he does not see anything significant enough to warrant a Township appeal. The changes could be either an increase or decrease in the floodplain. Mr. Ragan suggested mailing notices to each of the property owners that are affected. The Board of Supervisors would like the Township to send a letter to the property owners as well as post links to information on the Township website.

Public Works Department buildings construction manager award

Public Safety needs assessment public meeting

The Board of Supervisors would like to hold a meeting for the public to comment. Mr. Brown is to coordinate with Mr. Bill Jenaway.

Zoning Hearing Board- Appointment to full time vacancy

The Board of Supervisors would like to advertise the vacancy before appointing someone to it. Mr. Brown will post it to the website and Facebook page.

VIII. PLANS

Rose Hollow escrow release #7

Mr. Weer would like the patch in Rose Hill Road to be re-done. He would like Mr. Kinsey and Mr. Ragan to push the developer to get it done. Mr. Pickel made a motion to approve escrow release #7, seconded by Mr. Weer and approved by a vote of 3-1. Mr. Connors voted nay.

XI. EXTENSIONS

Mr. Connors made a motion to accept the following extensions:

- Needham Farms- November 1, 2016 and
- Hills of London Grove- August 20, 2016,

Seconded by Mr. Pickel and approved by a vote of 4-0.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Pickel to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Weer and approved by a vote of 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Maciejczyk
Administrative Assistant