

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP, YORK COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Jackson Township was held on February 5, 2019 in the municipal building. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Holmes at 7:00 PM. The pledge to the flag was led by Gavin Lange of Boy Scout Troop 149. Others present were Supervisors Emily Miller and Dave Brown, Township Solicitor David Jones, Township Engineer Jeff Shue, Manager William Conn, Zoning Officer Ray Dietrich, Treasurer Sally Bushey, Secretary Linda Eaton, Public Works Foreman Shane Shaffer and approximately thirty-one persons in the audience.

**B. RECESS FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

Chairman Holmes called for a recess at 7:02 PM for a public hearing to consider rezoning part of the Norris Farm along Route 116 and the West York Church of the Brethren property along Darlington Road from Rural Conservation (RC) to Residential Medium Density (R-2). Chairman Holmes introduced the Board then asked Solicitor Jones to provide the guidelines for the public hearing proceedings. A stenographer was present to document the record.

**Applicant's Presentation:**

Stacey MacNeal, attorney for The Norris Family Irrevocable Trust, presented to the Board an application for rezoning one parcel of land on the Norris Farm and the West York Church of the Brethren parcel from RC to R-2, the area involving approximately 51 acres.

**Audience Questions:**

The following members of the audience asked questions regarding the applicant's presentation:

- Diane King - 4967 Grant Drive - Jackson Township
- John Stare - 335 Bowman Road - Jackson Township
- Robert Shutt - 115 Pauline Avenue - Jackson Township
- Kathy Meissner - 220 Lincolnway Drive - West Manchester Township
- Tim Crisamore - 485 Lincolnway Drive - Jackson Township
- Melissa Keeney - 705 Hanover Road - Jackson Township
- Neal Bitting - 121 Pauline Avenue - Jackson Township
- Cathy Dietrich - 4972 Grant Drive - Jackson Township
- Annalisa Gojmerac - 6552 Lincoln Highway West - Jackson Township
- Vanessa Bitting - 121 Pauline Avenue - Jackson Township
- Doug Cavanaugh - 221 Stitt Drive - Jackson Township

The questions that were asked pertained to the development of the land if the rezoning was approved. The residents major concerns of development in an R-2 zone are that more homes will eliminate wildlife and create more traffic and stormwater issues. The residents were informed by the applicant all concerns would be addressed when a Land Development plan is submitted to the township with the exception of any wildlife issues. Both Jackson Township Planning Commission and York County Planning Commission recommended approval for rezoning of both parcels.

**Public Statements:**

The following members of the audience presented statements for the Board to hear:

- Libby Dietrich - 515 Lincolnway Drive - Jackson Township
- Ashley Berkheimer - 5114 Darlington Road - Jackson Township

**Public Statements: Continued**

Diane King - 4967 Grant Drive - Jackson Township  
John Stare - 335 Bowman Road - Jackson Township  
Tim Crisamore - 485 Lincolnway Drive - Jackson Township  
Doug Cavanaugh - 221 Stitt Drive - Jackson Township  
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Attorney Jones read two written statements that were received for the Board to hear:

Tim Crisamore - 485 Lincolnway Drive - Jackson Township  
Lori Prickett - 4954 Grant Drive - Jackson Township

The public statements received were to deny the rezoning so as to retain the rural atmosphere, and to not make traffic and stormwater problems worse.

Attorney MacNeal gave a closing statement to the Board for them to consider approving the rezoning request since the land is going to be developed no matter what and R-2 zoning would give the best chance for the new development to blend in with the adjacent residential neighborhoods of Lincoln Estates, Twin Pines and Dunedin.

With no more questions or statements forthcoming, Chairman Holmes closed the testimony at 8:15 PM.

The Board discussed the desire to hold to the policy of using land efficiently and promoting development where the support infrastructure already exists. There are no historic, wooded, steep slopes, streams on the area and it is surrounded on 3 sides by residential homes and zoning.

The one parcel on the Norris Farm and the West York Church of the Brethren parcel being considered for rezoning from RC to R-2 were approved via adoption of Ordinance 217-19 on a Brown/Miller motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**C. RECONVENE:**

Following the Public Hearing to consider the rezoning request, Chairman Holmes reconvened the meeting at 8:25 PM.

**D. PRESENTATION/PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Joseph Lange, 1232 Pinnacle Court, commended the Public Works crew on a good job with snow removal and asked if they would make a second pass on North Alpine when clearing snow. Shane said 2 or 3 passes are already being done.
2. Laura Lash, Northeastern Area Ambulance representative updated the Board on the Thomasville Division and asked the Board if they would consider giving the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter donation in advance rather than monthly payments. Supervisors Holmes & Brown were not in favor of that request.

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The meeting minutes of January 7 & January 17, 2019 were approved on a Brown/Miller motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**F. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The Treasurer's monthly Financial Statements for January 2019 were accepted on a Miller/Brown motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**G. APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

All bills were approved for payment on a Brown/Miller motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**H. OPENING/AWARDING OF BIDS:**

There were no opening or awarding of bids.

**I. SUBDIVISION/LAND DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR ACTION:**

There were no plans for action.

**J. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business to discuss.

**K. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Board authorized Solicitor Jones to update the draft Resolution to adopt the York County 2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Dave will present it to the Board at the March meeting.
2. The Board authorized Kate King of Spring Grove Regional Parks & Recreation Center (SGRPRC) to use the "Park Facility Use Permit" draft as she proposed.

**L. SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:**

Emily Miller reported Spring Grove Borough is going to sell the Community Center's building that houses the SGRPRC. Emily has no answers to where the SGRPRC will be housed and if they will be associated with the "Y".

Dave Brown reported attending the Northern York County Regional Police Board of Commissioners meeting January 15, reporting Northern York County Regional Police Department will create and support a law enforcement themed Explorer Scout post for young adults ages 16-21. Dave attended the February 5 meeting at the Windy Hill Senior Center reporting the Center is preparing income tax returns for seniors free of charge. The Center has planned a Vendor Fair for April and Give Local York event on May 3, 2019. Dave informed the residents in the audience there are 3 township board positions vacant, 1 seat on the Planning Commission, 1 seat on the Sewer Authority and the chairman for the Vacancy Board. Anyone interested in filling a seat should contact a Supervisor or the Township Manager.

Jon Holmes attended the following: January 8 Spring Grove Area Scholarship Fund meeting, reporting they will be holding fundraiser events March 30 "Jazz, Jeans, Jewels" and April 16 "Cake Night"; January 9 Luncheon for Public Officials held at the Farm Show; January 10 York Branch of the Public Works meeting, presentation was from "PA1 Call"; January 14 Spring Grove Borough meeting with Manager Conn, York County Planning Commission (YCPC) presentation for a county Stormwater Authority; January 22 meeting with Manager Conn, Public Works Foreman Shane Shaffer and YCPC staff at the township building to present a new PennDot plan for the Route 30/Big Mount/Labott intersection, the plan proposed was a "round about" which was not acceptable by the Township; January 28 York County Tax Collection Committee/York Adams Tax Bureau meeting, the YATB continues to handle the Earned Income Tax (EIT) collection and opposes the possibility of a state agency handling the EIT collection statewide.

**M. ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Jeff reviewed from his written report the following:

The Little Creek Community Park phase 1 construction. The bid package is scheduled for bid opening on April 30, 2019 with bids awarded at the May meeting. The work is scheduled to begin July 2019 with a completion date of September 2019. The additional and expanded parking is to be bid with the 2019 road projects but that work is scheduled to begin April 2020 with a completion date of May 2020.

The Facilities Needs Assessment has begun with input from the staff. Jon Holmes is talking with architectural firms to see if there is interest in doing the study.

The Lake Pahagaco Dam needs the Township to certify the modifications planned for the Dam are in compliance with the Township's floodplain regulations. Jeff suggested we respond to the applicant to request additional information before giving a certification.

Jeff had a discussion with Shane Shaffer Public Works Foreman and Manager Conn regarding storm sewer runoff from township roads onto private property. Jeff recommends the township doesn't perform any work outside the road right of ways. Solicitor Jones said the issue should be considered "case by case". The Board favored only doing work within the township road right of ways unless there is a really unusual situation involving public safety.

**N. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Dave and his associate Victoria Woods reviewed with the Board their findings and options on how to handle the Fireworks and Chinese Lanterns regulations. The Board authorized Dave to draft an updated Burning Ordinance with the input from the Fire Chief Brad Dunham and the staff.

Dave reported the North Alpine Drive Agreement to extend the storm sewer system at 2 properties was executed February 5, 2019 and will be sent to the Recorder of Deeds February 6, 2019.

Dave informed the Board of 2 properties on Pigeon Hill Road that share a well. Dave and Ray Dietrich Zoning Officer have been working with both property owners to get the problem solved. Another well has just been drilled which should have resolved the problem.

**O. MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Manager Conn added to his written report the following:

The Board was asked to think about what day they would like to schedule the spring road tour. The Board scheduled the 2019 Road Tour for Tuesday, March 26 @ 3:30 PM.

**P. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No executive session was needed.

**Q. ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM on Miller/Brown motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda A. Eaton  
Secretary