

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Minutes
13 April 2010

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session at 7 pm with all three Supervisors present: Chairman Timothy R Komar, William C Penrod Jr, and Keith A Whipkey.

There being no comment from the audience, a motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to approve the minutes of the 9 March regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to approve the minutes of the 23 March special meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Komar to approve the Treasurer's report for March. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Penrod to approve payment of the current bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Penrod to accept the Police Incident report for March. Motion carried.

Zoning Office:

Old business:

1. Following a brief, courteous exchange with neighbor Alan Steinberg, a motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Penrod to approve Resolution 2010-R-07, permitting Festival Fun Parks (formerly known as Idlewild Park) to install a 90-foot AT&T cell tower on the Park's property off Clark Hollow Road. Conditions and restrictions are made part of the resolution. Motion carried.
2. Solicitor Judith Ciszek reported that she is preparing a sales agreement, Morris Knowles & Associates are preparing a survey, and the Supervisors are having a property appraised for the Township to acquire, by donation of Bernard and Sanra Harr, a parcel of property in North Ligonier for the purpose of being incorporated into the hiking/biking trail being developed by the Township Recreation Board. Rose Stepnick requested that the acquisition be completed by 1 May if possible.
3. Supervisors announced that dumpster day will be held on 24 April.

New business:

1. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Penrod to approve Resolution 2010-R-06, withdrawing Township opposition to the sale, by the County, of the remnants of the Shaker Village project. Motion carried. Formerly, the Township opposed the sale as the remnant consists of a series of duplexes containing condominium units – none of which are built, and each is to be sold separately. Supervisors attempted to protect unsuspecting buyers, but the County was of the opinion that “buyer beware”. The Township is unable to issue building permits to buyers of individual condominium units.

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2. Supervisors announce that work was continuing by all the taxing authorities in Westmoreland County to establish the guidelines for County-wide collection of earned income (wage) taxes to be in place and operating by 1 January 2012. Anyone wishing to review the progress of the Committee is urged to visit the newly-established website at www.westmorelandcountytcc.org .
3. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Penrod to promote Police Officers Sandy Oslosky and Robert Shapiro to full-time status effective 1 May. Motion carried.
4. Komar announced that the road department has collected more than 1,200 tons of anti-skid from winter road maintenance to be recycled next winter. This represents a significant savings to next year's Township budget.
5. Larry Springer, from the audience, wondered why the cell tower ordinance does not require that the towers be camouflaged to look like trees, as this is done in California. It was mentioned that cell towers may, in the not distant future, become obsolete due to advances in technology. Ciszek pointed out that all agreements for the towers require that they be removed by the installing company, or its successor, should their use be discontinued.

There being no further business brought before the Supervisors, a motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A Whipkey
Secretary