

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
January 27, 2017**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: SUPERVISORS: Chairman Donald S. Geistwhite, Jr.
SUPERVISORS: Vice-Chairman Steve Larson
William H. Goodhart
SOLICITOR: Keith O. Brenneman
DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC SAFETY: Barry L. Sherman
FIRE CHIEF: Edwin Beam
ZONING OFFICER: Mark D. Carpenter
MANAGER: Eileen M. Gault

Also present were Recreation Director Denise Jumper and Administrative Assistant Robin Rohrer.

OFFICIALS ABSENT: ENGINEER: Bud Grove

Chairman Geistwhite called the meeting to order at 7:30 am in the Middlesex Township Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WOLF BRIDGE UPDATE – KIRK STONER AND BRIAN EMBERG: Mr. Kirk Stoner and Mr. Brian Emberg were present to update the Supervisors on the Wolf Bridge closure. Mr. Stoner reported that the letting of the bid is estimated for February 2018. The funding is still in place, however, there are policies and procedures that have to be followed when using federal and or state funding of projects. The County funded the mussel survey in order to keep the project moving forward without further delay. Mr. Emberg reported that one of the next steps is to do the foundation drilling which will take place in about 2 weeks. The engineering is at a stand still as far as the construction drawings and designs are concerned. Federal funding will pay for that portion, however, the federal process will not allow any money to be spent on design until all other permits, etc. are in place in the event something does not get approved, then no funding is wasted.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to authorize the Township Manager to execute a Stormwater and Floodplain Consistency Letter for HRG, Inc. in reference to the Wolf Bridge Replacement Project.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY PROPOSED RECYCLING FACILITY – JUSTIN MILLER: Mr. Stoner reported that the county is moving forward with implementations of an electronics recycling (e-recycling) center from the county storage barn on Claremont Road. Four bids have been submitted for the RFP. It will be a fee based system of so much per pound. There is a demand for this service with the County receiving 200-300 calls per month. Mr. Stoner did meet with the Township Staff previously to discuss and make the Township aware of the County's intent.

MUNICIBID AWARD FOR 1997 FORD LT 9000 TRUCK: Mr. Sherman reported that 42 bids were received for the truck, however, a crack in the truck frame was noticed by a potential bidder. The highest bid came in at \$15,500 from Mr. Colby Snook. Before awarding him the bid Mr. Sherman would like to make him aware of crack and if he does not want it, then rebid it. On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to award the bid to Mr. Colby Snook for \$15,500 provided he is in agreement to accepting the vehicle with a cracked frame, otherwise authorization is given to the Director of Public Safety to rebid through Municibid.

FEE SCHEDULE DISCUSSION: Recreation Director Mrs. Jumper was present to discuss and propose to the Supervisors increasing the fees for the Summer Playground Program and the recreation building rental.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to increase the Summer Playground Program rates to \$35 per week for residents and \$45 per week for non-residents, with a required \$10 deposit for each week of enrollment and the first week of registration open for residents only.

On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to increase the recreation building rental to \$90 for residents with a refundable \$90 cash only deposit and \$140 for non-residents with a refundable \$140 cash only deposit.

There was a brief discussion of the issues that are sometimes faced due to the number of people at the park due to the free splash pad. There is a capacity limit at the splash pad and due to safety issues there is a need to control the number of people on the splash pad at one time.

After much discussion the Solicitor will review the Recreation Fee-in-lieu rates and methods of calculation. The Supervisors considered changing residential rates to \$1,000 per unit and non-residential to \$1,000 per disturbed acre.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: On the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Vice-Chairman Larson, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 a.m. to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The Board reconvened at 9:02 a.m. with no action being taken. There being no further business, on the motion of Chairman Geistwhite, seconded by Supervisor Goodhart, it was unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.