

**MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
August 1, 2008**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Vic Stabile Don Geistwhite - Absent Steve Larson
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

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

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

**LETORT REGIONAL AUTHORITY TRAIL/URBAN GREENWAY
FEASIBILITY STUDY** – Mr. Larson made a motion to table any action on the study until August 6, 2008 at the regular meeting in hopes that Mr. Houston will be in attendance. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CARLISLE SPORTS EMPORIUM ZONING HEARING APPLICATION – Mr. Carpenter explained that this is coming to the Zoning Hearing Board, because the Sports Emporium did not like the decision of the Zoning Officer. Mr. Carpenter explained that it has to do with whether a boundary is a side or rear setback. They are asking for a Special Exception for the building that houses the arcade. Mr. Carpenter gave the Board remaining requests from the Sports Emporium. First was the tree line along South Middlesex Road, since there is a tree line along the Letort they would like to be exempt from that. The bumper boat pond, they would like to change the size from 60 x 60 to 70 x 55. Mr. Stabile asked why we should care since it is on their property. Mr. Carpenter explained that the water would be run into the storm water pond. Mr. Stabile and Mr. Larson were both concerned with running chlorinated water into the Letort. Mr. Stabile stated that no chlorinated water should go into the Letort. Mr. Stabile asked if we should ask the Letort Regional Authority to come to the meeting on Wednesday night or to at least give a report for Wednesday night. The hours of operation, according to Mr. Stabile should not be changed because of the noise and the lighting. They want to change the horse power of the go karts. Mr. Stabile has no problem changing the horse power because of adult usage, as long as the noise level doesn't change.

Mr. Larson asked why the Township does not have a local **tax on room rental**. Mr. Brenneman will research the room tax.

CHR CORP – PROPOSED RUTTERS FARM STORE #64 DEVELOPERS

AGREEMENT, TRAFFIC SIGNAL AGREEMENT AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL PERMIT PLAN – Mr. Brenneman explained that the original agreement was for \$21,750.00 for the Traffic Signal Construction and Maintenance Agreement but that Mr. Grove increased that amount to \$57,420.00 for the amendment to the Agreement. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve and execute the Traffic Signal Construction and Maintenance Agreement between Middlesex Township, Giant and Evandale Crist Family Limited Partnership. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the amendment agreement between Middlesex Township, Giant and Evandale Crist Family Limited Partnership from \$21,750.00 to \$57,420.00. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Mrs. Justh asked Mr. Stabile to sign the Developer's Agreement for the Rutter's Farm Store. Mr. Grove presented the Traffic Signal Permit Plan that requires Mr. Stabile's signature. Mr. Stabile made a motion to approve the revisions to the Traffic Signal Permit Plan for the Rutter's Farm Store. Permit #82-80 dated 2/19/98 for the intersection of Harrisburg Pike, Giant and Rutter's Farm Store. Mr. Larson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

SHENTEL AGREEMENT – Deborah Baker representing Shentel presented the agreement to the Board. Rent will be \$1,000.00 per month with every co-locator on the tower will pay \$250.00 with an escalator of 3% annually of a four year agreement. The Township Police, Fire and County will be able to co-locate at no cost to them, provided they do not interfere with Shentel's use. After some discussion there will be a revision to the Agreement that will be presented to the Board at the August 6th meeting.

DRAFT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT – CONSERVATION DESIGN – Mr. Carpenter presented the draft that he gave to the Planning Commission and they recommended to the Board. Because of the time frame for funding, Mr. Grove said that any changes that need to be done to the Ordinance, may be done later. Mr. Stabile suggested that it be read over the weekend and changes sent to Mr. Brenneman for Monday. This will be on the Wednesday night agenda.

DRAFT ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDING OUTDOOR LIGHTING REGULATIONS – Mr. Stabile questioned billboards that look like TV screens. Mr. Brenneman suggested that we may not be able to do anything to prevent it. Mr. Brenneman stated that this Ordinance deals strictly with the lighting in the Township. Mr. Grove explained that he tried to use every source available to him, even the Dark Sky Association when writing this Ordinance. Mr. Stabile asked that this be placed on the agenda for Wednesday night. Mr. Stabile talked about the Traffic Study that they have done in Carlisle Borough. Mr. Stabile stated his concerns about people walking across Rt. 11 when it gets to be about dusk. Mr. Larson asked about flashing lights. Mr. Stabile asked about the sign at the old Gulf Station. Mr. Brenneman stated that since the building is gone, he will check with Carlisle and the Home Depot sign and what may possibly be done to correct it.

DRAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO HEIGHT AND SET BACK

RESTRICTION – Mr. Brenneman stated that he will have something for the workshop meeting on August 29, 2008, because he and Mr. Carpenter have not have the opportunity to work on it.

JULIE JOHNSEN VACANT PROPERTY – Mr. Brenneman indicated that she was to come in to talk to Mr. Carpenter and the contractor. Both time frames have elapsed. Mr. Stabile stated that we are at the point where the camper has been removed. The property is condemned and it needs to be addressed.

PETRO – Mr. Grove reported to the Board on his meeting with DEP. They were not in a position to take control of the situation because DEP reported that this is not a pollution event that requires them to get involved. Mr. Geistwhite asked for something in writing to the Board.

Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to report in the newsletter that the Burning Ordinance has been amended to reflect dates changed for the time frame to use furnaces. Also that the voting location for the south side has changed to the Methodist Church

Mr. Stabile spoke on the **Gypsy Moth Letter** that was received from Cumberland County , which stated the cost of spraying next year to \$21.00. Mr. Stabile asked Mrs. Justh to contact Perry County and ask them how they paid for the spraying last year.

Mrs. Justh notified the Board of the closing of Rt. 944 where the **Appalachian Trail** tunnel is going to go in under the road.

Chief Sherman told the Board that he had written a letter about the **radio equipment** and that there is no MRU, which means that there is no signal. The other letter Chief Sherman wrote was about the PD west was not available to answer a police call they were on a 911 call instead. Mr. Stabile asked that both letters be copied to the newspapers and all the TV stations. Chief Sherman stated that the tower is for Middlesex, but the state is co-located and they are directing it toward Harrisburg and over shooting the Township. Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman if we can sue for the failure of the radios.

Chief Sherman wants to bid three items for sale: 2003 Crown Vic with 242,000 miles, an 1985 Chevrolet Blazer, and a 1974 John Deere Tractor. Mr. Larson made a motion to advertise for bid surplus property of 2003 Crown Vic, an 1985 Chevrolet Blazer, and a 1974 John Deere Tractor for the best price. Mr. Stabile seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mrs. Justh asked if any one needs tickets for the Annual County Meeting on Thursday October 2, 2008.

Mr. Brenneman reviewed the Resolution from Mr. Chris Houston about the **Letort Trail** and if Mrs. Justh is correct about not expecting financial help and only wanting the Township to consider the Study when making decisions about the land along the Letort, the Resolution is fine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 10:29 AM. for litigation and personal matters with no action being taken.