

MIDDLESEX TOWNSHIP
WORKSHOP MEETING
October 26, 2001

OFFICIALS PRESENT:	SUPERVISORS:	Robert Eppley Chuck Shughart Vic Stabile
	SOLICITOR:	Keith Brenneman
	ENGINEER:	Bud Grove - Absent
	POLICE:	Chief Barry Sherman
	ZONING OFFICER:	Mark Carpenter
	SECRETARY:	Mary Justh

Chairman Robert Eppley called the meeting to order at 7:37 AM in the Middlesex Twp Building.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Tim Moses presented a letter to the Supervisors to be reviewed and considered in the near future. Mr. Stabile asked when the next Rec. Board Meeting would be held. Mr. Moses stated that it was the third Tuesday of the month.

APPOINTMENT OF VICTOR STABILE AS REPRESENTATIVE AND MARK CARPENTER AS ALTERNATE TO STEERING COMMITTEE – Mr. Stabile gave an explanation of the steering committee purpose. Mr. Shughart made a motion to appoint Mr. Stabile and Mr. Carpenter as Representative and Alternate. Mr. Eppley seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

PARK TREE PLACEMENT – Eagle Scout Jeff Clark made a presentation to the Supervisors concerning the trees that he wanted to plant with approval of the Rec. Board and the Rec. Director Eileen Ettleman. The Supervisors agreed with the plan and asked Jeff to contact Chief Sherman when he was ready to plant these trees.

PA CLEANWAYS OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION – Sylvia Hardman explained PA Cleanways to the Supervisors and how PA Cleanways is trying to educate people regarding illegal dumping. The Association will clean up public property as well as private property provided permission is given by the property owner. Their meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Agriculture Extension Office. If Middlesex Township decides to conduct a cleanup, help will be needed from the Township. Sylvia would appreciate any advertising the Township could do in the upcoming newsletter for PA Cleanways.

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION ORDINANCE – Mr. Stabile wanted to identify several issues that may need to be changed. There are three major aspects of the Ordinance.

1. If the Authority identifies a wellhead the Authority needs to purchase the ground and there is a 400 ft radius around that area that needs to be protected.
2. The second item was identifying groundwater contamination. The Township needs to consider only those uses for special exceptions that present contamination problems.
3. On lot-systems, that discharge effluent into a concentrated plume need to be addressed if we do not require water and sewer.

Comments on Mr. Carpenter's memorandum:

1. The Township does need a water source.

2. Limiting the area of the groundwater protection district. Because of the close proximity of contamination it makes sense to keep it in the Ordinance.
3. Once GP Ordinance is done the provisions will not seem as restrictive.
4. Hazardous materials already existing, Page 6, 13A .05 B needs to be reworked. Mr. Carpenter pointed out that this is also related to farming and the impact on the chemicals used in farming.
5. Provisions on Page 6 need to be revised with respect to underground storage tanks. We need to exclude Commercial Highway and Industrial in the GP area. Mr. Carpenter pointed out that these storage tanks are already regulated. Mr. Stabile suggested that the regulations read that where underground storage tanks are permitted we will continue to allow them.
6. Regarding 130A7, we will need to rewrite uses for contamination.
7. Best management practices for storm water management. BMP's are good and we need to incorporate the language. Mr. Carpenter stated that Mr. Grove would like to write the Ordinance with standards of quality not just quantity at future facilities. Zoning requirements can address maintenance on existing facilities.
8. Wording needs to be addressed as far as Atlas and whether it is a reliable source.
9. Page 4 - Definition of Professional needs to be rewritten to include experienced.
10. Page 5 – Special Exception goes to the Zoning Hearing Board. Should be Conditional Use that goes to the Supervisors. Mr. Carpenter will be working with the Board before we re-advertise. Mr. Brenneman explained that this will be very much like a Special Exception but you will have control.
11. Page 7 – Stormwater Management Critical recharge areas are identified. Mr. Carpenter explained that these areas are to be recharged by the stormwater runoff so it will continue to recharge that area.
12. Section 13A06 – A - Underground storage in the GP District will need to be reconciled as far as locating these things.
13. 13A07 – Environmental Assessment report must be reworked as to who that is going to be applicable to.
14. Page 9 – Environmental Assessment report – Only says professional, but definition must be changed.
15. Table 1 – Density needs to be checked for the RT District.
16. Page 12 – On lot sewage disposal – re-charge area for potential well be determined by the hydro geologic study. Name the studies and any studies adopted by the Board. Resolution to adopt any other studies.
17. Page 16 – Maintenance and ownership of open space. Remove “if the owner is not the owner.” This sentence needs to be corrected. Mr. Stabile suggested that when you have a property where no one owns it, then a bond is needed to cover the maintenance of the area.

Mr. Stabile suggested that Mr. Brenneman make the suggested changes to the Ordinance. Mr. Brenneman and Mr. Carpenter will work on the changes together.

GRASS/WEED/VEGETATION ORDINANCE – Mr. Stabile asked Mr. Brenneman to take a look at the highlighted area in the Ordinance submitted by Mr. Lake, section 3 standards for grass, weeds and vegetation. Mr. Stabile suggested we use the Classification Use Manual and the Tri-County Dictionary of Land Use Terms. Mr. Brenneman agreed to get something worked up on the Ordinance.

TOWNSHIP BUILDING CODES – Mr. Stabile suggested that the Township encourage Mr. Carpenter to become certified as a codes officer. Codes may be adopted as soon as next summer. Mr. Carpenter explained that the Township will need an Appeals Board when the codes are adopted. Mr. Stabile made a motion for Mr. Carpenter to proceed to become a codes inspector and the township will handle any costs involved. Mr. Shughart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

TRASH HAULING CONTRACT – Mrs. Justh asked the Supervisors if they were interested in making any changes to the Ordinance before we advertise our trash service contract for bid. Mr. Stabile asked for the list of people that are exempt from trash hauling. Mr. Stabile suggested we need to look at the terms of the contract.

EXPRESS MART – Mr. Brenneman suggested that the Express Mart resubmit the landscaping plan to the Planning Commission.

CONEWAGO – Mr. Stabile asked when they were planting the trees. The trees are being planted in the next week according to Mr. Carpenter.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY HOME – The County wants to install blinking lights and maintain them at a cost to the County of \$7,400.00. Mr. Brenneman suggested that an agreement would be advisable since the Township would ultimately be responsible. This will be relayed to the County.

WESTERN SIZZLIN – Mrs. Justh asked what we were doing about the signage for Western Sizzlin. Chief Sherman stated that the signs have been ordered.

CONEWAGO AND PYROTECH - The lighting at these two buildings need to be inspected, since a residential area is so close and the lighting is so bright. Mr. Carpenter will report back to the Board after he has had a chance to examine the lighting.

WINTER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – Chief Sherman has received a request from PennDOT asking to cancel our winter agreement because of the turnback of Claremont Road and South Middlesex Road. The Supervisors were in agreement with a letter being mailed to PennDOT from Mrs. Justh.

Mr. Stabile suggested that a letter of explanation be mailed to **Mr. Tim Moses** concerning his letter to the Supervisors.

Mrs. Justh asked for any changes to the **Meeting Schedule** before it is advertised.

BUDGET DISCUSSION - Secretary Justh presented a revised budget to the Supervisors. Mr. Stabile suggested that we possibly get a bulk rate permit for mailing the newsletter. Another Budget Meeting will be advertised for Wednesday the 28th of November at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 PM.