

Berkshire Township Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2018

Rod called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Bill Holtry, here; Rod Myers, here; and Mike Dattilo, here.

Bill made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of 8/13/18. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.

Bill made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of 8/22/18. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.

Public Participation:

Steve Gardner – Cheshire Road – Questions regarding the Trash meeting

Josh Varbel – Blayney Road- Planet Oasis meetings

Tracey Prince – Lakeview Drive – Questions regarding meeting minutes and article published by David Glimcher regarding Planet Oasis, environmental concerns

Ellen Ebe- Holley Woods Drive – Channel 6 and asking the right questions

Tom Ebe – Holley Woods Drive – Zoning Board authority

Josh Varbel- Blayney Road – More Planet Oasis concerns

David Weade – Berkshire Road – Explained Article 16 and Article 17 of the Zoning Code and why the height limit originally was being looked at

Eric Johnson – Holley Woods Dr – roads concern and annexation questions

Ellen Ebe – Holley Woods Dr. – comments on the meeting minutes and also the recording device

Old Business:

Road Report:

Mike Dattilo reported all roads have been done for the season. Mike also commented on the new backhoe the Township purchased and how nice it was to use.

Delaware County Recreational Trail Grant Update – Shawna advised the Grant is being deferred until 2019 since the time line is so short until the Winter weather gets here. It will take place in 2019.

Bill made a motion to remove the purchase order to the Delaware County Trail Grant in the amount of 43,000.00 and be appropriated next year. Second by Mike. Vote: Bill Holtry, yes; Rod Myers; yes, and Mike Dattilo, yes.

Eric Johnson asks the Trustees who will maintain the bike path. The Township will be responsible for the maintenance of the path.

Trash Update: Rod met with the Trustees of Delaware and Berlin Township at the Delaware County Prosecutor's office. Jenna Hicks of DKMM had given Trustees a list of acceptable items when finding a new company. Trash Day will not be taking place on Fridays and discussed bulk pickup. Rod will keep the Trustees advised of what takes place in the next week or so. He also thinks an education to the residents of what exactly is able to be recycled.

New Business:

Estates at Cheshire Woods Bike Paths - Over a year ago the Trustees gave the residents one year to get each one of their bike paths put in as expected by the development. One year later and nothing has been done. Mark Fowler, Delaware County Prosecutor's Office advised the Trustees can't change the final development plans of Dr. Barnes. Jeff George advised two things could happen:

1. All residents can sign on to amend the developments final plan and come to the zoning board to amend the final plan. All residents have to be included.
2. Residents that are supposed to have a bike path through the HOA sign an application to ask for a variance to eliminate the bike path.

Resident Susie Lauer – Hatherton Place spoke up and wants the bike paths put in. She wants her child to be safe in the neighborhood.

Jeff Geroge gave the Trustees some information regarding an estimated cost of 300,000 to 500,000 based on the estimated costs of the bike path to be installed in the front of the Township Hall.

Bill wants to wait until next meeting to make any decisions. Mike wants to know what the residents are doing to resolve this issue. Dave Weade advised he had been contacted by an attorney representing some of the residents or the HOA, he wasn't sure, to have a meeting in the next week.

The Trustees will talk more about this the next meeting and Rod advised the bike paths need to be put in but maybe it would be over time due to the cost.

Health Department was in attendance and she advised to check their website for mosquito and septic information.

Bill made a motion to authorized the fiscal officer to pay the bills. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Second by Mike. Vote: Unanimous.