

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
November 12, 2019 Approved minutes
6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Steve Herzog, Chairman
Wilson Lambert, Vice Chairman
Joe Heffern, Member
Katja DiRado, Member

Township Staff Present

Scott Swichar, Township Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER, SILENT MEDITATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Steve Herzog called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. DISCUSSION

A. Township Manager's Report.

1. Center Point Tank Services Contract.

Township Manager Scott Swichar stated that every three years, PADEP requires municipalities to complete an inspection of all underground tanks. East Fallowfield Township has two underground tanks that are used for the Township's fuel supply. The required inspection was conducted over the summer and an inspection report was submitted to DEP. Township Manager Swichar reported there was no evidence that there is anything wrong with the Township's underground tank system. The PADEP requested that the Township address noncompliant issues to the type of suction system present in the underground tanks by November 4, 2019. Township Manager Swichar reported that the Township contracted with Center Point Tank Services to perform the required inspection which was completed on November 1, 2019. There were no negative issues found with the suction system and it is operating correctly.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog made a motion to retroactively approve the Center Point Tank Services Contract to provide certified technicians to determine compliance regarding if the piping of the Township's fuel tanks is American or European style. Supervisor Wilson Lambert seconded.

VOTE: 4-0

2. PECO Green Region Open Space Program Grant.

Township Manager Swichar reported that last month he applied for a PECO Green Region Open Space Program Grant for a fishing pier for the pond as well as trees for the Township Community Park. He reported that PECO is offering a second-round grant opportunity for tree plantings. This is a

rare grant that would provide mature landscaping for the park. Township Manager Swichar said that the plan is to have the trees planted around the paved walking trail and playground. There is no match requirement and funding is offered up to \$10,000.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog made a motion to authorize the Township's application for the 2019 PECO Green Region Open Space Program for the installation and planting of trees in the Township Community Park in the amount of \$10,000. Supervisor Joe Heffern seconded.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- a. Supervisor Katja DiRado asked if the Township could also have additional benches put in around the park walkway and plant mature trees behind the benches. Township Manager Swichar said there is additional money in the Park & Recreation Fund that was allocated for benches. He reported that five new benches were recently installed in the park. He will research purchasing and installing additional benches.
- b. Chairman Herzog asked how many trees Township Manager Swichar is planning to get. Township Manager Swichar stated that the trees are \$300 each installed. He will request the full \$10,000 which would allow 30 trees to be purchased. The trees are a variety of two-inch caliber deciduous trees.

VOTE: 4-0

3. 2020 Budget Update.

Township Manager Swichar stated he is anticipating advertising the budget on November 26, 2019. The formal 2020 budget adoption will be at the December 17, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting.

B. New Business.

Township Manager Swichar announced that he was notified today that the Township will be receiving \$730,000 from the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for Mortonville Road repairs. This is in addition to the \$1,000,000 from the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant that was awarded earlier this year. There is no match requirement for the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant. The Township is not permitted to use the DCED Grant funding as the fund match requirement for the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant. Ideally, the Township will use the DCED Grant funding first because there is no match requirement. Any repair costs over the \$730,00 DCED Grant will be covered by the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund. Township Manager Swichar said the job will need to be put out for formal bid. He will verify there is no match requirement for the DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant. The Township will be moving forward with the Mortonville Road repair project.

C. Public Participation.

- a. Township Resident Mary Pflueger asked if the Mortonville Road project costs are higher than the \$730,000 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant award, can the additional costs be taken from the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant or does the Township need to take the entire \$1,000,000 award. Chairman Herzog stated the grant is awarded at up to \$1,000,000. If the Township needed \$100,000 from the Multimodal Transportation Fund, the required match would be \$30,000.
- b. Planning Commission Vice Chairman John Nielsen asked the Board of Supervisors if any consideration has been given to the People's Hall presentation conducted at the previous Board of Supervisors meeting. He said the People's Hall Board of Trustees is asking for money and he knows it is unusual for the Township to give money to this type of organization. He asked if the Board of Supervisors got a chance to look at the property deed yet. Supervisor Heffern stated the first step is to set up a tour of People's Hall. Township Manager Swichar reported that he has not heard back

from People's Hall regarding a tour date. Township Manager Swichar reported that he reached out to Scott Nelson with United States Representative Chrissy Houlahan's office about possible funding for People's Hall. Scott Nelson will be connecting with People's Hall Board of Trustee Member Joe McCormick regarding possible funding. Planning Commission Vice Chairman Nielsen announced the People's Hall is holding an open house holiday event on December 7 & 8. Planning Commission Vice Chairman Nielsen said that from a planning prospective, the Ercildoun area (which includes People's Hall) is a Village Commercial Zoning District with potential growth. Planning Commission Vice Chairman Nielsen stated that People's Hall is an important part of Ercildoun, and it would be to the Township's advantage to promote People's Hall to give them more exposure. He suggested the Township post information about People's Hall on the website. Township Manager Swichar agreed to post about People's Hall on the website if information is provided to the Township.

3. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Chairman Herzog made a motion to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 6:44 p.m. Supervisor Lambert seconded. VOTE: 4-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Valaitis,
Township Secretary