

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JONATHAN SNIPES, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFRY DENCE, SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESENT
JEFFREY ROCCO, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
BRIAN GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

ITEM # 1 CONSIDER RESOLUTION FOR THE PCTI GRANT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Chairman Harvie introduced this item. He said several years ago there were issues brought forth concerning traffic on West Trenton Avenue. The municipalities of Falls Township, Lower Makefield, and Morrisville Borough were willing to put in some money for a study to try to obtain a grant from PENNDOT. The grant would allow them to take a look at trying to find a solution to the bottlenecking traffic and the issues that cause unpleasant traffic problems in Falls Township, Morrisville, and Lower Makefield. Mr. Joe Jones from T&M Associates spoke about this item. In order to administer the fund and in order to select a consultant for this project, they need to follow certain Federal and State guidelines. These guidelines mirror PENNDOT's guidelines. In this case, they have to advertise for statements of interest and set up a committee to rank those statements of interest. They would end up with three firms and then from those three, they would ask for technical proposals and cost proposals. It is a process that the state follows and we are obligated to follow as well. The committee would consist of a representative from the Board of Supervisors, the Township Manager, a representative from the township engineer's office, and the solicitor. They would rank the firms and then from the top three, select the firm they would go with. Member Snipes asked if this is a grant through the state. Mr. Jones said that is correct and it is ultimately funded by the Federal government. Member Snipes asked Mr. Jones what kind of things might come out of this that might be helpful to the residents of the township. Mr. Jones said there are many things, and some of these would be intersection improvements, some timing changes, improved level of services at intersections, improvement of safety at intersections, recommendations for better pedestrian connection and bicycle connection. It might also include long-term planning in terms of zoning and land use. There is a lot of haphazard access in that area. Member Dence said another problem with cut-through access is Burgess Avenue. Member Snipes moved to approve Resolution # 12-08 for the PCTI Grant Policies and Procedures; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

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see an improvement. Mr. Arnao said the soil at the township park is not that great. At other parks the grass looks much better. Mr. Robert Poorman asked if they put any lime or dog chips in the dog park area, as it is getting acidic. Mr. Arnao said he does not believe they do this at the dog park, but that is certainly something they can do on their own. They can take a look at this. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Dence moved to award the award the 2012 fertilizer contract for township facilities to TruGreen in the amount of \$14,360; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 5 CONSIDER ENGINEERING PROPOSAL FROM T&M FOR PENNS GRANT TENNIS COURTS

Manager Gray said the township received a letter dated March 1, 2012 from Mr. Sullivan of T&M Associates concerning two tennis courts at the small park on Penns Grant Drive. The proposal for engineering services is in the amount of \$26,200. The board is asked to consider this proposal. Mr. Sullivan reviewed the scope of the work for this engineering proposal for replacement of the two tennis courts. Member Snipes asked if the courts were originally built by the township or the developer. He asked how much was put into the budget. Manager Gray said \$150,000 was budgeted for this item. Member Rocco asked if this includes a new fence and if they have had any problems with kids hanging out in this area. Mr. Sullivan said a new fence is included. The courts are closed right now due to poor conditions. Member Galloway asked if there is parking available. Member Dence said there is parking on the street. Mr. Arnao said they have previously filled the cracks, painted it, replaced the net, and fixed the fence. Last year it got out of hand so they decided to close the courts before someone got hurt. Member Snipes asked who uses these courts. Member Dence said they are well used. Mr. Arnao said residents use it and there was a class taught there as well. Member Galloway moved to award the engineering proposal for the Penns Grant tennis courts to T&M Associates in the amount of \$29,300; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM

Mr. Roland Kenney said today is the 100th anniversary of the Oreo cookie. Mr. Kenney also reported that starting tomorrow, it is against the law to text and drive in Pennsylvania. Mr. Kenney said a couple of years ago, he was complaining about the condition of the old Pathmark building. Mr. Kenney said there was a gentleman from Texas who was going to put in a storage facility. The first time he came you turned him down because Mrs. Vislosky didn't want him in there. She told the board not to accept it the second time. When you accepted him the third time it was too late. There was supposed to be a storage facility going in there, but it did not happen. He was going to put a drive-through in the middle with a walkway and trees around the building. We were supposed to have the flower shop go in there. Mr. Kenney said he sees tractor trailers and a lot of pallets now along with rodents. It is starting to look shabby again. Mr. Kenney said it is an eyesore to see that every day. Chairman Harvie asked Manager Gray to have code enforcement to take a look at this and see if there are any violations. Chairman Harvie said his recollection of events

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4. Manager Gray said the township is accepting applications for the Summer Camp Program. Also being accepted are Pinewood Pool registrations. April 15th is the deadline for early-bird discounts. The township is accepting Pinewood Pool lifeguard employment applications. The Annual March Madness Foul Shooting Contest will be held at Quarry Hill Elementary School on March 20th at 7 p.m. This is for children ages 8-17. The Annual Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 24th at 1 p.m. at the Falls Township Community Park, Phase 1 pavilion. The Annual Breakfast with the Bunny will be held on Saturday, March 31st from 10 a.m. – noon at the Three Arches.
5. Manager Gray said A.E. Polysilicon mylars are available for signature.

ITEM # 10 BOARD COMMENT

Member Galloway said the 24th Annual Bucks County St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Saturday, March 10th starting at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Church. Lieutenant Governor James Cawley will be the Grand Marshal of the parade. Member Galloway read a proclamation that the month of March, 2012 will be known as Irish-American History Month. Member Galloway moved to accept the proclamation; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

Member Snipes announced an event being held on Thursday, March 8th at the Quaker Meetinghouse in Fallsington. The "History of Chocolate in Pennsylvania" event will start at 7:30 p.m. On May 19th there will be self-guided tours in Historic Fallsington from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The same night there will be an event called "Twilight in Fallsington" from 5-8 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$35 per person. For information on any of these events, please call 215-295-6567.

Member Dence announced the 2nd Annual Que for the Troops event to be held at the Falls Township Community Park. The dates are May 19th and 20th. There will be a craft fair both days, a motorcycle and car show, rides for the kids, food vendors, and a barbeque competition. This event raises money for the Liberty USO.

Member Rocco said that on Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., students from Charles Boehm Middle School will be performing the musical comedy, Curtains. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

Chairman Harvie thanked Mr. Kenney for reminding them about the No-Texting Law. Many times people ask why the township couldn't enact such a law. Chairman Harvie said he is glad the state finally acted on this. Following up at the last meeting he made some comments about the senior center. We have been working for a while on the addition for that building. We have done everything we needed to do at the township and submitted the information to the county. The county is now starting to work on this. We are now working closely with Diane Marseglia and credit also goes out to the Bucks County Courier Times as they have been asking a lot of questions. We have been told the money for the project has been approved from the county. There are a couple more hoops to go through, but we hope to break ground soon in a few more months. This is good news and we are looking forward to the project. Chairman Harvie wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day.