

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JEFFRY DENCE, VICE-CHAIRMAN</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JEFFREY ROCCO, SECRETARY</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>JONATHAN SNIPES, SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>
<b>BRIAN M. GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present with the exception of Member Snipes. Member Snipes joined the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

**ITEM # 1 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON  
FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM**

Mr. Roland Kenney apologized for a comment at the last meeting when he said that he told Mr. Wilson that ‘I’ will get him off of the board. What he meant to say is that ‘we’ will have to get Mr. Wilson off of the board. Mr. Kenney said a few meetings ago he asked if the January 7, 2013 meeting could be aired and he was told they would look into it. Manager Gray said they were going to add that meeting to the end of one of the more recent meetings. Mr. Kenney spoke about possible survivors in Bengazi and thinks something should have been done to help them. Mr. Kenney said Representative Galloway and his staff will be at the senior center this Thursday to help seniors with their tax rebate forms. Mr. Kenney said Pennsbury Manor will be opening very soon.

Mr. Bill Reese announced the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 1 p.m., at the Falls Township Community Park, phase 1 pavilion. This is a free event for children ages ten and under. The Annual Breakfast with the Bunny will be held on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. until noon, at the Falls Township Senior Center. This is a free event for children ages ten and under. The township is now accepting summer camp registrations. This year’s summer camp will be held from July 1<sup>st</sup> until August 9<sup>th</sup>. It is for children and teens ages five through fourteen and will be held at Walt Disney Elementary School. The camp hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with extended hours, starting at 8 a.m. and ending at 5 p.m. For any questions, please go to [www.fallstwp.com](http://www.fallstwp.com) and click on Parks and Recreation or call the Parks and Recreation office at 215-949-9000, x220 or x 221.

Mr. Gallus Obert said he was happy to see the handouts of the agenda items and that it helps to know what is going on. Mr. Obert displayed the Pennsbury School District’s handout



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which is much larger. Mr. Obert asked if they ever print out the Engineer's report for the public to see. Chairman Harvie said a lot of it is very repetitive each month and Mr. Sullivan does give an update on highlights of the report. Mr. Obert asked if any money has been spent for handicap access at the boat ramp. He sees there is an agenda item about a fishing pier and asked why people can't fish off of the boat ramp. He does not know why money needs to be spent on a fishing pier. In regard to Biles Island, Mr. Obert asked Member Dence and Member Rocco about changing their votes from voting against it, to voting for it. Member Dence said he was always in support of the smaller portion of the northern tip of Biles Island. Member Rocco said as he recalls, he doesn't think he was very happy with the presentation. Mr. Obert said if you look at this area on Google Earth, you will see that there are eleven lakes. He doesn't think that island will serve that many people and he thinks it may be a big liability. Mr. Obert asked about the Fuddrucker's intersection. Chairman Harvie said it is something that PENNDOT had on their project list several years ago. There was a disagreement over some of the property and by the time that was disputed, they money went away and PENNDOT removed it from their list. Chairman Harvie said they periodically ask about this, but the township does not receive a straight answer.

### **ITEM # 2 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 26 YARDLEY AVENUE – TPN # 13-020-322 – REPLACEMENT OF WINDOWS**

Manager Gray said this is a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 26 Yardley Avenue to replace seventeen windows of the same size that currently exist on the home. This request has been reviewed and approved by the HARB Board. Member Snipes moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 26 Yardley Avenue; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 3 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR CONCESSION SERVICES AT THE PINWOOD POOL**

Manager Gray said this is a Request for Proposals (RFP) for concession stand services at the Pinewood Pool from May 25, 2013 until September 2, 2013. The RFPs are required back to the township by 11 a.m. on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a listing of different items that is requested on the RFP. The board is asked to consider this at this time. Member Dence said over the past few years, they have not lost money at the Pinewood Pool, but they do not make out very well. He said one way to try to save some money is rather than pay to have someone sitting at the concession stand to sell food, we will have a vendor selling the food. Chairman Harvie said the township will have the final say over what is sold. Anyone who comes in would need to have background clearances and police clearances. Member Dence said if someone comes in and they have a vendor cart that has already been approved by the Bucks County Department of Health, then they could sell hot dogs or something similar on that cart. Member Dence said there are some utilities down there. Member Snipes moved to authorize Requests for Proposals for concession services at the Pinewood Pool; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)



**ITEM # 4 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF BID FOR AN ASPHALT MILLING MACHINE FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Manager Gray said the Public Works Department is requesting an asphalt milling machine for repair of the township roads. Mr. Joe Arnao said they did a demo of the unit last spring and it worked very well. This will be much more efficient than their current process. Mr. Arnao said when they currently pave, they have to rent a machine to mill the whole road. The asphalt milling machine is in this year's budget for \$65,000. Mr. Arnao expects it to have a life-time of up to 20 years. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement of bid for an asphalt milling machine for the Public Works Department; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 5 CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF BID FOR A SAFETY ATTENUATOR WITH AN ARROW PANEL FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Joe Arnao said the attenuator would hook onto the back of their trailer. It is a safety device and can be hooked up to six different vehicles. It will withstand a vehicle impact and will have an arrow board. The amount of \$25,000 is budgeted for this item. Member Galloway moved to authorize advertisement of bid for a safety attenuator with an arrow panel for the Public Works Department; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 6 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A DUMP TRUCK CAB WITH CHASSIS FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Manager Gray said the township has secured pricing on a 2013 dump truck to be used for a variety of purposes in the Public Works fleet. The funding allocated in the 2013 budget is \$150,000. The cost of the cab and chassis is \$84,303 and the cost for all body items, plow/spreader, etc. is \$74,320 for a total price of \$158,623. Member Galloway moved to approve the purchase of the dump truck as well as all body items, including the plow/spreader in the total amount of \$158,623; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 7 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM GEESE MANAGEMENT FOR GEESE CONTROL AT FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK**

Manager Gray said the township is looking into the use of border collies to help control the geese at the Falls Township Community Park. They would be utilized for twenty weeks, two times a day, seven days a week. This will begin in March. Mr. Bill Reese and Mr. John Gillis were present to answer questions. Mr. Gillis said he encourages the consistent use of border collies. Mr. Reese said he thinks the hazing efforts they are doing will help if they decide to do a round up next year. Member Rocco said the person who has the dogs would also like someone to call him if the geese show up on the fields. Member Dence said the



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person with the border collies is someone different from who is doing the egg adding. This is something that the state requires us to do to non-lethally harass the geese before we will be allowed to do a round up. Member Galloway said he is glad that they are doing something to show the state that we are taking steps to harass the geese. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Guido Mariani said the Bucks County Technical High School also has a problem with geese. Mr. Mariani said none of these methods will get rid of the geese. He said every year we do these things and every year we get more geese. In addition to the use of border collies, Mr. Mariani would like the township to use a product on the grass or the product that causes a fog-like condition in the air. Mr. Andy Dell said the next agenda item is for possible purchase of a gator for the Falls Township Community Park. Mr. Dell thinks someone should ride around on the gator to also disturb the geese with the hope that they will eventually leave the area. Mr. Dell also spoke about using a device that makes a loud explosion to scare the geese away. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Galloway moved to approve the geese management in the sum NTE \$4,000 for the twenty-week period, seven days a week, two times per day; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 8 CONSIDER PURCHASE OF A GATOR FOR THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK SECURITY STAFF**

Manager Gray said the Parks and Rec Department is looking to purchase a gator for use at the Falls Township Community Park. The quote is from Robert E. Little, Inc. in the amount of \$13,079.62. This item is included in the 2013 budget and came in just under budget. Mr. Bill Reese and Mr. Doug Miller said they plan to use the gator year-round. Member Galloway moved to purchase the gator from Robert E. Little, Inc. in the amount of \$13,079.62; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 9 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM T&M ASSOCIATES FOR A FISHING PIER AT THE FALLS TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK**

Manager Gray said the township received a proposal from T&M Associates for professional engineering services for a fishing pier at the Falls Township Community Park. The estimated cost of the fishing pier and floating dock system is \$60,000. The T&M Associates proposal is in the amount of \$28,040. Mr. Sullivan said this will be a T-shaped fishing pier and it will go out at least fifty feet. The 'T' will be between 24 and 28 feet. It is near the skate park; right next to the boat ramp. Member Rocco asked if the pier would have railings. Mr. Sullivan said he did not think so, but if it is handicap usable, it will have to have some type of configuration. Member Dence said there is a ledge about fifty feet out and they want to get out past the ledge. Member Rocco asked if the cost would change if they make it handicapped accessible. Mr. Sullivan said they would have to install rails. Member Snipes asked about the cost, if this would be open year round, and if this were something permanent. Mr. Sullivan said he doesn't see any reason why we have to pull it out of the water since the lake is not like the Delaware River with tidal changes and debris



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floating in the water. Member Snipes asked if this will add anything to their liability. Mr. Clarke said it would not change their liability. Member Galloway spoke about the use of rails if they did something for handicap accessibility. Mr. Sullivan said they would do something curbed and something low. For the access, you would have to have guard rails. Member Dence said the purpose of a floating dock near the boat ramp is so that boaters have a place to tie their boat while they get their vehicle. Member Rocco asked how long a project like this would take. Mr. Sullivan said it shouldn't take more than thirty days. If the process were to get held up, it would be due to a delay from the state agencies. Mr. Sullivan said he hopes to have this out there at the beginning of the summer. If the review period is ninety days, that would go toward the end of summer. Member Snipes moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Andy Dell said he doesn't know if any of the board members have been down to the dock at Penn Warner Club, but he believes it will be a full-time job to try to keep the dock clean because of the birds. He said unless this is a graded material where things can fall through, it will be hard to keep clean. Mr. Dell asked about the depth of the lake. Mr. Sullivan said it is shallow to about forty feet out and the dock will go out past that. Mr. Dell also expressed concern about someone in a wheelchair falling over the edge of the pier. Mr. Guido Mariani said this project could end up costing over \$100,000. He wonders how many Falls Township residents are estimated to use the fishing pier. Mr. Mariani asked why they would spend money without a documented need for this pier. He said Biles Island already calls for a fishing pier on phase 1 and beyond phase 1, another boat ramp, fishing pier, and a marina. Mr. Mariani said he searched and found about thirty other locations within our immediate area where people can go to fish. Mr. Mariani said this reminds him of spending money for the boat ramp which came in \$208,000 over budget. He said despite our availability for boat access, we still went ahead and built a boat ramp that he doesn't think we needed. He doesn't think the expenditure is proportionate to the need for this. Mr. Mariani said we cannot continue to do the kind of spending we are doing on un-necessary amenities. He would like this board consider establishing a version of the Federal Grace Commission that was established by Ronald Reagan in 1982. This would consist of a panel of business and private volunteers that would be tasked with analyzing our township budget, pinpointing waste, and identifying any opportunities for savings. He would also like to see a fund created that would give the residents a refund each year. Mr. Mariani said he would rather see money spent on a leaf truck so that residents do not have to put out forty bags of leaves every year. Member Galloway moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Chairman Harvie said he does not ever recall being at the township park and not seeing people fish. He said they are constantly being asked about putting in a fishing pier. It is not necessarily a new idea; it has been mentioned before. Member Rocco said he thinks this will get used. Chairman Harvie said one thing Member Dence spoke about was putting a boat in the water and taking it out, and there really isn't a way to do this while you go park or pick up your car. This pier will allow someone the ability to do that. Member Snipes said he wonders about the design of the piers and said he has been on some piers that are a real mess and other piers that were cleaner than others. Chairman Harvie said he doesn't know if there is one surface that would make it easier to clean than some other surface. Member Snipes asked if they would clean the pier with a pressure washer. Mr. Sullivan said that is probably the way to go.



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Member Dence moved to approve the engineering proposal for fishing pier at the Falls Township Community Park from T&M Associates in the amount NTE \$28,040; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 10 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM T&M ASSOCIATES FOR NPDES YEAR TEN**

Mr. Sullivan said this is year ten of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). This is something every municipality in the Commonwealth has to do every year. They deal with public education, public participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site run off, post-construction site run off and pollution prevention and good housekeeping. Mr. Sullivan explained the work that is involved with this program. This is something that the state requires us to do. Member Galloway moved to approve the proposal from T&M Associates for the NPDES, year ten, in the amount NTE \$8,200; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 11 MINUTES – FEBRUARY 5, 2013 AND FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

Member Snipes moved to approve the minutes from February 5, 2013 and February 19, 2013; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

### **ITEM # 12 EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session held.**

### **ITEM # 13 MANAGER COMMENT**

1. Manager Gray asked the board to consider a donation to Towns Against Graffiti (T.A.G.). Member Snipes moved to open public comment; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Roland Kenney said T.A.G. is a good group to support; he is in favor of the donation. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes moved to approve the donation of \$5,000 to Towns Against Graffiti (T.A.G.); Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
2. Manager Gray said Hurricane Sandy permit waivers are due to the township by Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Damage assessment forms are available from Code Enforcement at the Falls Township window and can also be found on the Falls Township website.
3. Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year curbside pickup of items known as e-waste is no longer available. E-waste includes old televisions, computer monitors, printers, etc. The township has a e-waste program through Waste Management. Residents are asked to take their e-waste to the Waste Management site at Old Rodgers Road in Bristol on Wednesdays. Please check the Falls Township website for more information. Mr. Kenney said there is a place near the WAWA on Old Rt. 13 that will pick up electronics and will pay \$20 for these items. Mr. Kenney said he has been told that the cords are worth money.

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**ITEM # 14 BOARD COMMENT**

Member Snipes – no comment

Member Dence said they did some great things tonight for the Parks and Rec Department. He spoke about the fishing pier, the gator, and keeping the geese off of the soccer fields.

Member Rocco – no comment

Member Galloway reminded everyone about the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Parade which will be held on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., traveling from St. Joseph The Worker Church down New Falls Road to the Tech School.

Chairman Harvie thanked Member Galloway and his family who are an integral part in organizing the parade. It is always a great parade. Over the next couple of days there may be some snow. It may be a heavy snow so people should take into account any health concerns. Chairman Harvie thanked the Boy Scouts who attended tonight's meeting and were working on a communications badge. Chairman Harvie thanked board members, members of the township staff and the rest of the professionals.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

  
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Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary