

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

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

The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m. with roll call and pledge to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Finance Director Betsy Reukauf, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

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

Ms. Amy Ransley (Yardley Avenue) said she is here about the activity behind the Fallsington firehouse. Ms. Ransley said as of last week trucks are still going in and out of there. From her understanding, this should not be going on. Chairman Harvie said the business is allowed to keep storage containers but what they are doing is bringing in trucks with trash, sorting through that trash to recycle, etc. and storing it in dumpsters. They are not allowed to do that. When the company first came in, they were to be doing a landscaping business. It became obvious that they were doing more than what they should be doing. Ms. Gallagher said the storage of the dumpsters was not the problem; it was bringing them in and out. They were informed that they are allowed to leave their equipment on site. Ms. Ransley expressed further concern and asked about the zoning of this property. She said it is zoned for institutional. Chairman Harvie believes at some point they got a use variance. Because it was landscaping, the zoning code changed to institutional so chances are, if it was a pre-existing condition, then the zoning change would not affect them because it would be grandfathered in. Now that they are not doing landscaping, they would have to come before the board. The township has a meeting scheduled with them next week to try to make this better. We are not going to allow them to be dumping trash, sorting it, and that kind of thing.

**ITEM # 2 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 25 YARDLEY AVENUE
TMP # 13-020-285 – REPLACE BRICK PUBLIC SIDEWALK WITH
SAME BRICKS AND REPLACE 18” HIGH FRONT RETAINING
WALL WITH STONE**

Member Galloway moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for 25 Yardley Avenue, TMP # 13-020-285 to replace a brick public sidewalk with the same bricks and replace an 18” high front retaining wall with stone; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 PRESENTATION BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE HALLOWEEN DECORATING CONTEST

Mr. Brian Andrews presented certificates to the winners of the Halloween decorating contest. First place went to the Cramer Family (415 Alden Avenue) and second place went to the Simpson family (64 Eventide Lane). Congratulations to the winners.

ITEM # 4 DISCUSSION BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE RESULTS FOR THE YEAR

Mr. Andrews gave a recap of the year. Some highlights were:

- Summer camp program at Penn Valley Elementary School. This year they had 176 participants. They had a 1:4 ratio of counselors to children.
- Pinewood Pool – Revenue increased 3-4% this past year. Membership increased by 1%. Expenses came in under budget.
- There was an adult kickball league with 13 teams. This was held from July to August. A kickball league for children ages 6-12 was held with 16 participants. There was also a 1-day turkey kickball tournament.
- A total of 14 concerts were held for the summer concert series.
- There were 100 children who participated in the Annual Halloween Party.
- Upcoming events include:
 - o Annual Parents Night Out – Fri., Dec. 2nd. This is for ages 3-12 and will be held 6-9 p.m. Cost is \$5 for residents and \$8 for non-residents.
 - o Annual Tree Lighting at the Three Arches – Sat., Dec. 3rd. This will be held from 4-7 p.m. with the tree lighting at 6 p.m.
 - o Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sat., Dec. 17th from 9-12 at the Falls Township Senior Center. There are 149 already registered for this event.
 - o The 2nd Annual Fall Photo contest is underway. Parks and Rec will pick the winners.
- The Three Arches renovations have been completed and they are in the process of getting it decorated.
- The geese management program has been very successful this year. There are about 15-20 resident geese on site.
- A playground audit committee is making progress inspecting playgrounds and making sure they are safe and up to code.
- Community Garden expansion project – In May, the township received a grant from PECO. We have been cleaning up the garden. Most of the work will be started in the spring.
- Quaker Penn Park – The Parks and Rec Department is working on a presentation for the Open Space Program. They will include a new playground, a compost toilet, field lighting, and security cameras.
- Boat ramp revenues at the Quaker Penn Park – we are down a little with revenues. There were certain times we were waiting on direction from the manufacturer while waiting to fix the equipment.

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- In 2017, we are looking to have a Touch a Truck event. This will likely be held in April.
- We are also working on a sponsorship program at the dog park.

ITEM # 5 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ADVERTISEMENT

Mrs. Betsy Reukauf presented details for the proposed 2017 budget. The tax millage rate remains the same at 7.22 mils. Proposed capital projects include a new municipal complex, the road program, intersection improvements, miscellaneous police purchases, and Public Works purchases. The budget is scheduled to be adopted at the December 19th meeting. Member Dence moved to authorize advertising of the 2017 proposed budget; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 MINUTES – NOVEMBER 7, 2016

Member Dence said he reviewed the meeting minutes. Member Rocco moved to approve the minutes from November 7, 2016; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Sullivan said the mill and overlay of Mill Creek Parkway has been completed. The gas main relocation for Howley Drive is taking much longer than anticipated. At this time, we told the contractor to stop work until springtime. The docks at the Quaker Penn Park should be removed sometime next week. Member Rocco moved to approve the October Engineers Report dated November 16, 2016; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 8 BILL LIST

Member Galloway moved to approve the November 21, 2016 bill list in the amount of \$2,649,053.40; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 9 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Gallagher said prior to the meeting, the board had a discussion with representatives from T&M regarding the new township building. No deliberations took place and there was no official action. The board also discussed a personnel matter. At the conclusion of this meeting, the board will go back into Executive Session.

ITEM # 10 POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Chief Wilcox provided a copy of the letter from Bristol Township Police Chief Henry. The letter thanked the special emergency response team for their assistance during the election to guard the Vice President.

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- D.A.R.E. graduation ceremonies will take place next month.
- Chief Wilcox said the Citizens Police Academy graduation will take place on December 19th.
- The police department attended Career Day at Conwell Egan.
- The next Coffee with a Cop event will take place at the township building on November 29th from 6-8 p.m.
- Chief Wilcox met with representatives from the Walk for Life committee. This event will be held in the spring.
- State Representative John Galloway will sponsor Toys for the Y. His office is collecting new toys, books, clothing, and store certificates from November 14th to December 16th.

ITEM # 11 MANAGER COMMENT

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B. Manager Gray announced new businesses in the township. They are: Lenox and the Pennsbury Laundromat.

C. Member Dence moved to approve the donation of two 2010 Ford Crown Victoria police cars to the Pennsbury School District security department; Member Boraski seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 12 BOARD COMMENT

Member Rocco wished his wife a Happy Anniversary. He hopes everyone will enjoy their family, food, and football this Thanksgiving holiday.

Member Dence wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Member Boraski – no comment.

Member Galloway – no comment.

Chairman Harvie said he hopes everyone has a very Happy Thanksgiving. Chairman Harvie said the Saturday after Thanksgiving is Small Business Saturday and he encourages everyone to support small businesses in the township whenever you can. Manager Gray is in the process of setting up a meeting with PENNDOT. The purpose of this meeting is to review issues about state roads and repairs that need to be done. If there are any concerns, please give them to Manager Gray. Chairman Harvie thanked Manager Gray and Mr. Matt Markey who will work to get a link on our township website and direct the public to the Bucks County Veteran Services website. Chairman Harvie thanked the staff for their work and wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Jeffrey Rocco, Secretary