

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD	Elliot Abrams, Chair Bryce Boyer, Vice-Chair George Downsborough, Jr., Supervisor Jeff Luck, Supervisor Walt Wise, Supervisor
STAFF	Doug Erickson, Township Manager Brent Brubaker, Township Engineer Lawrence Pegher, Finance Director John Petrick, Chief of Police Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor Eric Vorwald, Planner
AUDIENCE	C-NET (3) Chad Stafford, PennTerra Jeremy Hartley, CDT

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The September 23, 2015 Patton Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the Township Municipal Building was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Elliot Abrams.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Luck moved to approve the September 9, 2015 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Boyer, the motion passed 5-0.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

a. **Police Update**

Chief Petrick stated that a copy of the August 2015 Public Safety Report was enclosed with the agenda materials. He stated that there was a bank robbery along Atherton Street in which detectives made two arrest and it is now that case is going thru the court system. He stated that it was a busy month in training and that the department participated in the Aggressive Driving Campaign in which there were 112 citations were issued in the months of July and August.

b. **Grant Extension Agreements for “Buckle Up PA” and “Aggressive Driving Enforcement”**

Chief Petrick stated that the Commonwealth provides funding to the Township that allows the Police Department to staff overtime shifts to enforce the state seatbelt law and combat aggressive driving behaviors. These programs are administered on behalf of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation by the North Central Highway Safety Network, Inc. Copies of the agreements were included with the agenda materials.

The Board should consider action to approve the two Grant Extension agreements; for the period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016; and authorize the Chair to execute the agreements on behalf of the Township.

Mr. Luck moved to approve the two Grant Extension agreements; for the period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016; and authorize the Chair to execute the agreements on behalf of the Township. Seconded by Mr. Wise, the motion passed 5-0.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS**

a. **Project Updates**

Mr. Brubaker stated that the Circleville Road Bikeway project has started back up and we are hoping to be finished by the fall.

Mr. Brubaker stated that the overlay paving project is 50% done and that Oakwood Avenue milling and overlay has been completed.

Mr. Downsborough asked how late can this be done. Mr. Brubaker stated that the contractor has always been able to get it done before the end of the paving season. Mr. Erickson would like to have done by the end of October.

6. **PLANNING & ZONING**

a. **Planning Commission Report**

There was no report.

b. **Gordeauk Family Ltd. Partnership Subdivision Plan**

Mr. Brubaker stated that from the September 14th Planning Commission agenda:

“Patton Township received a subdivision plan for property owned by the Gordeuk Family Limited Partnership on December 9, 2014. This property is located at 4250 Buffalo Run Road (State Route 550) near the intersection with Stevenson Road and adjacent to Julian Pike. A small portion of the property is located on the south side of Buffalo Run Road and includes a significant wetland area, floodplain, and a portion of Buffalo Run.”

As proposed, the plan will subdivide off approximately 1.4 acres of the 303 acre parent tract which is part of the property on the south side of Buffalo Run Road. This new lot contains an existing house and will establish a dedicated lot for the property. The home is currently served by an existing well and one on-lot septic absorption field. Part of the subdivision plan requires a backup absorption field to be identified, which is shown on the plan set.

The following items were included with the agenda materials:

1. A location map for the property
2. An 11"x17" copy of the subdivision plan
3. A marked up copy of staff's comment letter for the subdivision"

Recommendation

The Planning Commission reviewed the plan at their September 14th meeting and recommends approval with the following conditions:

1. Completion of all items noted on staff's marked up comment letter.
2. Submission of a sewage planning waiver/non-building declaration.
3. Revise Note 17 regarding this is the first subdivision exemption for this parcel.

The Board should consider action on the Planning Commission recommendation.

Mr. Downsborough stated he would feel a lot more comfortable if note 17 was revised regarding the first exemption for subdivision.

Mr. Boyer moved to approve the Gordeauk Family Ltd. Partnership Subdivision Plan. Seconded by Mr. Luck, the motion passed 5-0.

6. **PLANNING & ZONING (CONTINUED)**

c. **Benner Township Rezoning – Village of Nittany Glen**

Mr. Erickson stated that Benner Township has notified Patton Township they will consider action on a rezoning request for a portion of Tax Parcel 12-004,034A located at 344 Fulton's Run Road / Village of Nittany Glen (East side of Fillmore Road at Redspire Blvd.) and immediately east of the Kristina Circle neighborhood in Patton. The request is to change the zoning from on 35.5 acres of the parcel from Mobile Home Park (MHP) to Mutli-Family Residential (R-2). A copy of the notice from Benner Township was included with the agenda materials, along with an excerpt from their zoning ordinance covering the MHP and R-2 zones. Correspondence from Patton's Planner, the Benner Township Zoning Officer and the County Office of Planning and Community Development were also enclosed.

The Benner Township R-2 Zone permits the following residence types and densities:

Single Family dwellings	4 units per acre
Duplexes	5 units per acre
Townhomes & Multi-family dwellings	6 units per acre

The Patton Township Planning Commission reviewed the rezoning request at their September 14th meeting and had no adverse comments.

The Board members should review the enclosed materials and may offer comments to Benner Township on the proposed rezoning.

Mr. Stafford stated that the Village of Nittany Glen is full age range now because it was not a seller in that particular area. He stated that his client would like to get projected started next spring.

Mr. Boyer asked if this has been reviewed by the sewer and water authority. Mr. Stafford answered yes they are aware and that they will need a pumping station for sewer but the water service is ok.

Mr. Wise asked about fire hydrant locations. Mr. Stafford stated that they have not gotten that far in the design yet.

Mr. Wise asked if the townhouses will have sprinklers. Mr. Stafford answered yes they will have sprinklers.

Mr. Abrams stated that the Board will forward their comments to Benner Township.

7. **ADMINISTRATION**

a. **Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for Pension Plans**

Mr. Pegher stated that the Act 205 requires that the Board receive an initial certification of the municipality's minimum [financial] obligation (MMO) to its employee pension plans no later than September 30, 2015 for the 2015 budget year. A copy of the Finance Director's report on the contribution calculations was enclosed. No Board action is required.

Mr. Pegher stated that there was an 8% decrease from last year. He stated that the funding is at 99%. He stated that it includes a 1.7% COLA Increase and 1.25% Merit Increase was factored in for non-uniform employees.

7. **ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)**

b. **Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Strategic Plan**

Mr. Erickson stated that the CATA Board of Directors have requested comments from the Board on their draft Strategic Plan. The Executive Summary of the Plan is included with the agenda materials. The full plan is available on CATA's website at:

<http://www.catabus.com/AboutCATA/Budget/index.html>

The Board members should review the plan and provide as requested.

Ms. Oliva stated that the Strategic Plan is a draft as of now and is in the public comment period. She stated that want to recognize the growth in the community and wants to make sure they can service committees in the future. She stated that CATA is looking at advancing technology for their internal processes. She stated that they are having a difficulty filling the front line employee positions and they want to look into internships and apprenticeship programs.

Mr. Downsborough stated he is interested in the financial impact of the growth. Ms. Oliva stated that they are concerned about funding levels at the state level.

Mr. Luck stated that CATA's local funding is important and it is required for state/federal funding. He stated that he feels that CATA is planning for worse-case scenario.

Mr. Luck asked that with the training in the maintenance side, can CATA do it locally or is there an opportunity to develop training at CPI. Ms. Oliva stated that she is talking to PennDot about holding training at the facilities in their new building.

Mr. Luck stated that CATA has a lot of accessory vehicles and asked about replacing those vehicles with electric or hybrid vehicles. Ms. Oliva stated that is something they can look into especially if there is some grant money to help out.

Mr. Luck suggested looking into grant funding for specific projects.

c. **Township Strategic Planning: Initial Discussions**

Mr. Erickson stated at the May 27th meeting (see excerpt from Minutes included with agenda materials), the Board had an initial discussion regarding the potential for undertaking some form of strategic planning for the Township. The Manager provided background information on:

- The fundamental elements and expected outcome of strategic planning
- Example plans created by communities in the Region and across the country
- Current multi-year plans Patton Township produces
- A brief review of the 2002 "Vision 2020 Living with I-99 Land Use & Sustainability Plan."

The Manager suggested that a good point for beginning discussion is for the Board members to talk about why they believe a strategic planning exercise would be helpful in continuing to provide "good governance" or improving our community.

After discussion on the value of strategic planning and the potential time and effort that may be involved, the Board directed that the matter be revisited at this meeting, with an emphasis on again discussing why, or why not, a strategic planning exercise would have value for the Township.

Mr. Luck asked if the Township put all the various plans together, what is the common theme of the plans, and are we pursuing what we have said in the past that is important to us, and if there are

7. **ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)**

c. **Township Strategic Planning; Initial Discussions (CONTINUED)**

things that should be on the plan that are not. He stated he does not want to start a strategic plan but maybe have a table of the goals of strategic plans.

Mr. Downsborough that he agrees with that approach.

Mr. Abrams suggested including the Township's ABC Volunteers.

Mr. Erickson showed the Board a checklist that he uses internally to track new capital projects and will look into making a chart. Mr. Luck stated that he would be happy to help out.

8. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

a. **Development Update**

Mr. Erickson stated that the Development Update was included with the agenda materials. He stated that the former A&P site has asked for a demolition permit and back in June there was discussion regarding some traffic issues. PennDot was looking at the Park Forest intersection delays and are insisting that we make it a no left hand turn. He stated that there was a change in the crash history since the traffic light was placed at Patriot Lane. He stated that the staff believe that the crash history does not justify a left hand restriction but PennDot feels very strongly about left hand prohibition.

Mr. Erickson stated that staff looked at doing a survey to Park Forest Residents.

Mr. Abrams asked if PennDot is willing to fund this. Mr. Erickson answered no.

Mr. Erickson stated he would like to contact the district executive one more time and if that does not work then we might take a political action.

Mr. Downsborough asked if there is a warrant for a signal. Mr. Erickson answered no there is not enough spacing between the lights.

Mr. Abrams suggested having an open house for residents to express their feelings about this.

The Board agrees that Mr. Erickson should continue contact with PennDot and that he will give an update at the next meeting.

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Wise stated that Finance Committee met and discussed the 2014 COG Audit, the Senior Center Budget Amendment, Schlow Library Capital Request and the 2016 COG Program Plan.

Mr. Luck stated that Parks Capital met and discussed moving forward with the Whitehall Road Sports Facility and there was a discussion that the parks maintenance facility be suspended indefinitely.

Mr. Luck stated that the Transportation and Land Use Committee met and discussed the Regional Bike Plan update.

Mr. Abrams stated that the Executive Committee met and discussed the money being used to bring the Senior Center to full standards and not sure why paying interest on the loan. Mr. Downsborough asked is there is any legal documents for back up.

Mr. Luck stated at the MPO meeting the 2044 Long Range Plan was adopted.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, by Mr. Luck's motion and Mr. Boyer's second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 PM.

Douglas J. Erickson, Township Secretary