

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD	Bryce Boyer, Vice-Chair Jeff Luck, Supervisor Josh Troxell, Supervisor Walt Wise, Supervisor
STAFF	Doug Erickson, Township Manager Brent Brubaker, Township Engineer John Petrick, Chief of Police Kim Wyatt, Finance Director Kimberly Fragola, Township Secretary Joe Price, CRPA Senior Planner Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor
ABSENT	Elliot Abrams, Chair Pat Hubert, Assistant Township Engineer
AUDIENCE	2 CNET Volunteers 1 Centre Daily Times Reporter Jeff Kokoskie – Patton Township Planning Commission Laura & Jay Young – North Atherton Farmers Market

1. CALL TO ORDER

The June 16, 2010 Patton Township Board of Supervisors meeting held at the Patton Township Municipal Building, 100 Patton Plaza, State College, PA, was called to order at 7:02 PM by Vice-Chair Bryce Boyer.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 28 and May 12, 2010 meetings were approved 4-0 on a motion by Mr. Luck, seconded by Mr. Troxell.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at this point in the meeting.

4. PUBLIC SAFETY

a. Police Update

Copies of the May 2010 Public Safety Report were distributed with the agenda. Chief Petrick noted recent training events and K-9 Unit activity, as well as the first Taser deployment.

5. PUBLIC WORKS

a. Valley Vista Drive Signal Coordination - Agreement with Trans Associates

The 2010 Budget allocated funds for engineering towards three roadway projects, Mr. Erickson recalled. At this time staff recommends proceeding with the work on evaluating the existing traffic signals along Valley Vista Drive (i.e. at Ghaner Drive, Lowe's driveway, Atherton Street, and Green Tech Drive) towards recommending a revised operational plan that may include revised timings, changes to left-turn phasing, and/or coordinated operations, he said. Distributed with the agenda were copies of a proposed agreement with Trans Associates, the Township's designated traffic engineering consultant, to complete the above work at a price not to exceed \$9,400, Mr. Erickson stated, and while the Trans Associate proposal includes additional work on Valley Vista Drive, the Township Manager recommends delaying consideration of this work until after the Finance Director presents the mid-year financial report in July.

Mr. Luck pointed out that the sensor field of detection is misaligned at the Valley Vista/North Atherton intersection, and improved turn light priority timing is needed at the Valley Vista/Green Tech intersection. Mr. Brubaker indicated that both of those situations are being addressed.

Mr. Luck moved to approve the agreement with Trans Associates without the additional work on Valley Vista Drive. Seconded by Mr. Troxell, the motion passed 4-0.

6. PLANNING AND ZONING

a. Planning Commission Report

Planning Commission member Jeff Kokoskie reported that the Commission has been working on ridge overlay district regulations.

b. Recommendations from June 14 Planning Commission Meeting

Copies of the Planning Commission's meeting agenda packet were distributed with the agenda.

i. Temporary Use Permit – North Atherton Farmers' Market at Home Depot

The applicant is proposing to operate the "North Atherton Farmers' Market" every Saturday, June 12 - November 12, 2010, from 10 AM - 2 PM in the Home Depot parking lot, Mr. Erickson told the Board. This a "producers only" farmers' market, he explained, meaning that all products sold at the farmers' market are locally grown or produced by the vendors that sell them, not by third parties. The market will be situated in the southeasterly corner of the Home Depot parking lot, he continued, and there will be no disruption in the normal traffic flow patterns of the site. The market and vendors will be

6. PLANNING AND ZONING (CONT'D)

b. Recommendations from June 14 Planning Commission Meeting (Cont'd)

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required to comply with Chapter 83, Food Handling, which is administered by State College Borough, he added. Copies of an 11 x 17 map showing the site and proposed location of the farmer's market. Mr. Erickson reported that the Planning Commission recommends approval.

Mr. Luck moved to approve the Temporary Use Permit, and Mr. Wise seconded the motion. The vote in favor was 4-0.

7. ADMINISTRATION

a. Waddle Road Interchange Project – Ordinance Authorizing Debt

In 2009 the Board designated the upgrade of the Waddle Road Interchange as the Township's top priority project, Mr. Erickson reminded the Board. Together with the developer of the Toftrees Planned Community, he reviewed, the Township has begun seeking funding through Congressional delegates, and Patton Township and the Toftrees Partners have each agreed to fund 10 percent of the project to match the expected 80 percent to be received through federal earmarks and state grants. To finance the pre-construction costs for the project the Township has secured a \$3,000,000 Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) loan with an interest rate of 1.625 percent, he reported. Through an agreement approved by the Board in May, Mr. Erickson noted, the Toftrees Partners have agreed to provide one-half the debt service on the loan and will pledge appropriate collateral.

As required by Commonwealth law (the Local Government Unit Debt Act), Mr. Erickson explained, the Board must approve an ordinance authorizing the debt. This ordinance has been advertised as required, and the ordinance is available for review, he said. Copies of the advertisement submitted to the CDT were distributed with the agenda. Following enactment of the ordinance, Mr. Erickson went on, the Township must advertise locally again and file the required proceedings with the Commonwealth for review and approval prior to obtaining the funds.

Mr. Troxell moved to enact Ordinance No. 2010-520 authorizing debt in the amount of \$3,000,000. Seconded by Mr. Luck, the motion passed 4-0.

b. Regional Parks

Copies of a summary of the last Centre Region Council of Governments Parks Capital Committee meeting were distributed with the agenda. Mr. Luck updated

7. ADMINISTRATION (CONT'D)

b. Regional Parks (Cont'd)

his fellow Board Members on recent happenings at meetings of the Committee. He requested input on these three specific issues:

- i. Harris Township has asserted removing themselves from the Regional Parks Program if Hess Field is not purchased by early September. Meanwhile, Ferguson Township has taken a position of not approving the purchase of Hess Field until a Master Plan for the Whitehall Road Park is approved.

Board consensus was for Patton Township to maintain its prior position of purchasing Hess Field being required for continued participation in the Regional Parks Program.

- ii. It has been proposed that municipal contribution levels be increased for the coming budget year to demonstrate commitment to the Regional Parks Program.

Board consensus was for not supporting this proposal.

- iii. The Master Plan proposed for Whitehall Road Park includes an indoor tennis facility with oversight by the Tennis Association, and concerns exist that other sports organizations will begin to desire similar accommodations.

Board consensus was in support of the concept with the caveat that many issues must be thoroughly reviewed and resolved prior to committing property to any particular organizations, so therefore the proposed buildings should be removed from the plan with the land designated as for future development.

- iv. While Patton Township suggested a borrowing total, other municipalities suggested a total project cost; thus, Patton Township's input should be adjusted for comparison reasons. Mr. Troxell distributed and reviewed his analysis of park features necessary through municipal funding and other optional park features that could be pursued through private funding.

Board consensus was for forwarding Mr. Troxell's \$8.8 million total project cost proposal to the Parks Capital Committee for consideration, with the \$8.8 million to be comprised of a \$7.1 million borrowing and the \$1.7 million currently saved, and the borrowing amount to be adjusted to reflect the amount in the bank at the actual time of the borrowing; with a 20-25 year term on the loan; with a requirement to break ground by April 2012; with the suggestion that any capital

7. **ADMINISTRATION** (CONT'D)

b. **Regional Parks** (Cont'd)

campaign undertaken should include all regional parks; and with reiteration of the stance that Patton Township suggests the \$8.8 million project cost as a maximum for consideration but makes no commitment until the Patton Township Capital Improvement Plan process is completed.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

The items included below are routine in nature, and it is not anticipated that any will generate discussion or questions, Mr. Erickson stated. Copies of the actual Consent Agenda that included the italicized text below and supporting materials were distributed with the agenda. At the request of a Board member any single item or all items on the Consent Agenda can be discussed and voted on separately, Mr. Erickson stated. If no items are “pulled,” he explained, the Board should consider a motion for *“approval of the Consent Agenda items as shown on the agenda.”*

a. **ADMINISTRATION**

1) ***2010/2011 Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) Budget***

The COG General Forum has referred the 2010/2011 CATA Budget to the participating municipalities for adoption.

The Board should consider action to adopt the 2010/2011 CATA Budget as recommended by the COG General Forum. Copies of the proposed CATA budget were previously distributed to Board members by the COG staff.

It is recommended that the Board adopt the 2010/2011 Centre Area Transportation Authority Budget with Patton Township contributions of \$70,373 for the operating fund and \$9,962 for the capital fund.

2) ***Fee Schedule for Well and Borehole Inspections***

During the last several months four Centre Region municipalities (College, Ferguson, Patton Townships & State College Borough) adopted standards for “construction, modification, alteration, termination, and abandonment of all wells and boreholes that penetrate more than 20 feet (below grade, including but not limited to domestic water supply wells, geothermal heat system wells and/or boreholes, geotechnical borings, test borings, agricultural wells, irrigation wells, commercial wells, industrial wells, etc.”

8. CONSENT AGENDA (CONT'D)

To reimburse the Agency for the expenses it incurs in conducting an inspection, the following fee schedule was developed by the Centre Region Code Administration and reviewed by the General Forum:

Well and Borehole Permit Fee	
1. Potable drinking water well	\$56.00
2. Base fee for all wells and boreholes subject to the Centre Region Building Safety and Property Maintenance Code with the exception of potable drinking water wells including up to five (5) ground penetrations	\$150.00
3. Additional penetrations beyond the five (5) penetrations covered in the base fee for up to and including an additional five (5) penetrations	\$75.00

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve a resolution amending the Patton Township Fee Schedule to include the above fees for Well and Borehole Permits.

3) Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan

An updated Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) has been prepared and requires adoption by the municipalities in Centre County. The Centre County 2010 HMP has been prepared to meet requirements set forth by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) in order for the County to be eligible for funding and technical assistance from state and federal hazard mitigation programs. (The approved resolution from PEMA is expected to arrive prior to the meeting.)

8. CONSENT AGENDA (CONT'D)

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve a Resolution adopting the 2010 Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan as endorsed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

4) Trick-or-Treat Night

The COG General Forum has recommended that the Centre Region municipalities designate Thursday, October 28, 2010 between the hours of 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM as Trick-or-Treat Night.

It is recommended that the Board schedule Trick-or-Treat Night as recommended.

5) Records Disposition Resolution

Various Township departments have identified records for destruction in accordance with Township Resolution 2004-005, our policy for records disposition. Enclosed is a copy of the proposed resolution, including a list of the records identified for destruction.

It is recommended that the Board adopt a resolution authorizing destruction of these records.

6) Voucher Report

A copy of the May 2010 Voucher Report is enclosed. Board members having questions should contact the Township office prior to the meeting so the necessary information can be obtained.

It is recommended that the Board approve the May 2010 Voucher Report.

Mr. Erickson reported that PEMA approval is not yet available for the Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan, so this item should be removed from consideration.

Mr. Wise moved for approval of the Consent Agenda items as shown on the agenda, with the exception of the Centre County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and to include approving Resolution No. 2010-004 adopting the 2010/11 CATA Budget, Resolution No. 2010-005 amending the Patton Township Fee Schedule to include the Well and Borehole Permit Fees, and Resolution No. 2010-006 authorizing the destruction of records. Mr. Troxell seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 4-0.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT

Copies of the Development Update were distributed with the agenda. Mr. Erickson noted an invitation to the Pennsylvania Air National Guard's building dedication ceremony, copies of which were distributed prior to the meeting.

Also distributed prior to the meeting were copies of a letter from the Centre County Affordable Housing Coalition requesting financial support for their Annual Housing Summit. Consensus was for donating \$250.

Mr. Erickson told the Board that the Zoning Hearing Board will meet on June 28 to consider two variance requests.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation and Land Use Committee

Mr. Luck reported that the Committee is forwarding a recommendation to the General Forum on the consultant to contract with for the Centre Region Economic Development Assessment.

Centre County Metropolitan Planning Organization

Mr. Erickson stated that COG staff members have traveled to Harrisburg to speak with legislators on options for increasing revenues. He said that the MPO also received an update on the fiber optic installation project.

Public Services and Environmental Committee

Mr. Boyer reported that the Committee received a report by Allegheny Power on the coming required reduction of electricity consumption.

Public Safety Committee

Mr. Boyer stated that a report on Pre-Hospital Care Service Providers will be forwarded to the General Forum.

Finance Committee

Mr. Wise stated that the Committee talked about the COG Program Plan and the Finance Officer hiring process.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Luck inquired as to the situation with the Village at Penn State tax appeal. Ms. Wyatt answered that the Township is required to give approximately \$108,000 in credit toward the Village at Penn State's unpaid 2009 tax bill and coming amounts due.

Recalling that the Board, staff, and Clearwater Conservancy representatives walked the Gray's Woods parkland last summer, Mr. Boyer asked about the status of this topic. Mr. Erickson stated that the consultant is doing a plant and animal species study through October of this year, after which a report will be made to both the

11. OTHER BUSINESS (CONT'D)

Recreation Advisory Committee and the Board. Mr. Boyer stated that money beyond the \$7,500 already approved for the consultant's study should not be spent until there is again Board discussion.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, by Mr. Luck's motion and Mr. Troxell's second, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Kimberly Fragola, Township Secretary