

**BUFFALO TWP. SUPERVISORS – REG. MONTHLY MEETING – FEB. 22, 2017**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors was held Wednesday, February 22, 2017, in the Buffalo Township Municipal Building and convened at 7:30 p.m.

The Meeting was called to order by the Chairman, John K. Haven. This Meeting is being recorded. If anyone is taping this Meeting, please state your name and address.

**ROLL CALL**

John K. Haven	Present
Ron Zampogna III	Present
Matthew J. Sweeny	Present
Albert T. Roenigk	Present
Gary L. Risch, Sr.	Present

A majority of the Board of Supervisors being present, the Chairman declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS; PERSONNEL; AND/OR INFO-GATHERING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

- (a) The Board of Supervisors met with their Solicitor this evening in the Township Municipal Bldg.
- (b) John Haven met with the Freeport Mayor, Engineer, and Street Superintendent, and the MABT Manager and Engineer on Feb. 9.
- (c) John Haven attended the BCCD Board Meeting on Feb. 9.
- (d) John Haven and Ken Howard attended the SPC MS4 Seminar in Bethel Park on Feb. 14.
- (e) John Haven attended the MABT Board Meeting on Feb. 16.
- (f) John Haven and John Gaydos met with Ian Harrell, BCCD, to discuss and survey areas for Low Volume Road Grants on Feb. 17.

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Gary Risch asked John Haven what the meeting in Freeport was about? John Haven answered they were comparing the cost of sewage. It is more economical for Freeport to not come into the Buffalo Township sewage. Gary Risch asked what is "c"? John Haven answered the Butler County Conservation District. Gary Risch asked what is "f"? John Haven answered a grant for low volume roads. Gary Risch asked do we qualify for that? John Haven answered I have to do a count.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the February 8, 2017, Regular Monthly Meeting of the Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors, as recorded, was on motion of Ron Zampogna, seconded by Matt Sweeny. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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**SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS** to the Freeport High School Boys and Girls Basketball Teams. The Boys play tonight at CWNC—Good Luck! The Girls had their first game last Saturday at Fox Chapel and will play Blackhawk on Thursday night—Good Luck!

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ISSUE AT SARVER’S MILL PRD** – no one attended the meeting

**APPROVAL FOR TOWNSHIP TO PETITION THE COURT TO BE CONSERVATOR OF THE BUFFALO EMS PROPERTY ON EKASTOWN ROAD**

Atty. Lutz stated this concerns the Buffalo Township EMS Building on Ekastown Road. The EMS is not functioning. It has been pretty much abandoned. We have been investigating ways we can get that sold to get it back on the tax rolls. It is a nonprofit corporation that owns it and everything is pretty much defunct. The township has a key for it. Somebody has to step up to be a conservator of a nonprofit corporation so that we can solicit bids on the property to see if it can be sold and then it has to be funneled into another nonprofit entity. In order to do that we have to file a petition for a conservatorship and I have prepared the documents. I need somebody to make a motion to approve having the township petition the Court to be appointed Conservator of that property so that we can go forward with the sale.

On motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny, to approve having the township petition the Court to be appointed Conservator of the Buffalo EMS Property on Ekastown Road so that we can go forward with the sale. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL TO HIRE ONE FULL TIME OFFICER**

Gary Risch explained that one of our Officers will be retiring soon and we have one Officer off right now with a medical problem. I would like to have Steve Freiberg hired as a full time officer to fill in now for the Officer that is off and then to take the place of the Officer that will be retiring. Lt. Tim Derringer stated we have one Officer who is hurt and one will be retiring.

On motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Matt Sweeny, to approve hiring Steve Freiberg as a full-time officer. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE FOR PART TIME OFFICER**

On motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Ron Zampogna, to approve advertising for a part time officer. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

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**RESOLUTION FOR BUTLER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION GRANT – TABLED**

On motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Albert Roenigk, to table the Resolution for the Butler County Parks & Recreation Grant. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**JIM BONNER PRESENTATION – FUNDING FOR NATURE PARK**

Jim Bonner, Audubon Society, stated I am here to give an update on the new park and nature center. I am happy to report that we received the executed contracts from the State for the DCNR Grant and the DCED Grant. We can now proceed to the next step. Our overall fundraising goal was a million dollars. Right now we are at \$955,000. We are estimating our operating budget to be between \$200,000 and \$225,000. One of the most interesting things that we realized is that Little Buffalo Creek has been designated a high quality stream. That will be a little extra work and will add a few months. John Haven asked what can the Supervisors do to help move this along? When do we need to get our Engineer involved with your Engineer? Jim Bonner answered we already started that ; we sent paperwork to Ken last week to look at. We will probably be back in the next month or month and a half with the next design plan. We have a steering committee. We are working full speed ahead. My timeline is to be doing work this summer and commented on getting the required permits. If anyone would like to have any information, see me after the meeting.

**RYAN HARR, BUTLER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT – PRESENTATION**

Ryan Harr from the Butler County Conservation District stated I have two topics. The first is we want to do a labeling program. It is a stainless steel marker. I haven't applied for the Grant yet; I would like to know if you are interested and explained. On motion of Matt Sweeny, seconded by Albert Roenigk, to participate in the stenciling program that Ryan Harr from the Butler County Conservation District explained. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

Ryan Harr stated the second topic was a Growing Greener Grant. That is state funded grant money. Being that you are MS4 and your structures were done before you could retrofit those. It is not a sure thing but a possibility. The District or the Township can apply for the Grant. It is a possibility to get state funds to do your project. John Haven stated DEP doesn't have any money. It is a mandate and we are stuck with it. Ryan Harr stated the applications are due around August.

**KEN HOWARD AND DAVID IVANEK, BANKSON ENGINEERS, INC. PRESENTATION ON MS4 STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS AND IMPACTS ON**

Ken Howard stated the purpose of this presentation is to comply with DEP requirements for a MS4 Permit. This township has been required to be under a permit to comply with DEP and EPA regulations to meet their criteria in stormwater management. There is a Power Point Presentation. This is to prevent pollution and to have public involvement.

David Ivanek explained why Buffalo Township is mandated to comply with permit requirements. He explained the urbanized area within Buffalo Township. He explained what storm water is and why it can be a problem and showed 9 slides of actual Stormwater Management Systems in Buffalo Township. He gave examples of storm water pollutants. We know the impacts of storm water on our community and explained what we are doing about it. He explained our storm water permit requirements and the public education and outreach (PEOP). Educational materials are available in the Buffalo Township Building Lobby. He explained public participation and involvement (PIPP). Volunteers from Evangel Heights Christian Academy volunteered to do storm drain stenciling on Nov. 1, 2016, in the Woodbury Plan of Lots. He explained illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDD&E). He explained construction site storm water runoff control, post-construction storm water management (PCSM), and pollution prevention/good housekeeping. Employee Training for the Buffalo Township Supervisors, Zoning Officer, Road Crew, and Administrative Staff was held on Feb. 8, 2017. Expected benefits of our storm water program are enhanced fishing, enhanced opportunities for recreation, reduced flood damage, drinking water benefits, navigational benefits, reduced illness, and enhanced aesthetic value. There are ways you can get involved. These include volunteer to implement stormwater management program, follow pollution prevention tips, pass on information about the storm water program to other community residents, and report any storm water issues to Buffalo Township.

Rich Jarmel, Bear Creek Road, stated I have gone through this process; it is expensive. I wasn't prepared to do the additional things to my property when I built my house. I appreciate the information. My concern is the expense. What about additional things that I want to do to my property? David Ivanek stated I appreciate your concern; there is money involved. Smaller structures such as sheds and carports may be exempt. Gary Risch stated we don't have a choice. David Ivanek stated the federal EPA regulations have been passed onto the PA DEP. The mandates affect the township. Mr. Beatty, Ekastown Road, commented on Penn Dot having three drains on his property and his concern about trench water and about accidents. Peggy Bonfiglio, Julia Road, stated my development is not finished; the roads are private. She asked about landscaping the bank. Ken Howard answered it needs to be aesthetically pleasing to the HOA and not cause any problems with the ditch line. David Ivanek stated landscaping is exempt; you can't cause additional runoff problems. A representative from Sarver Methodist Church stated the church parking has a gravel section. Is it okay the way it is? David Ivanek answered you wouldn't necessarily have to do anything to meet the Ordinance unless there is a problem. If you do any type of building expansion or paving then you would have to comply with the Ordinance. Ken Howard stated there are recommendations from DEP and EPA that they do not want people washing cars in their driveways. The township will not be able to wash their vehicles. If you wash your car, you should make sure that the water runs into the sanitary sewer if possible or that you go to the commercial car wash or wash your car in the grass. These are unfunded mandates. As part of the Township Permit MS4 System they are going to be required to install sediment control installations over the next few years to meet the requirements in the DEP Permit. The township is going to be forced to build pollution reduction installations that reduce sediment out of the streams. This is going to cost the township money. Some of the seminars are promoting the township go to Penn

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Vest to borrow money. The DEP and EPA are promoting that every municipality adopt an Impact Fee for every landowner that would be added to your taxes to help pay for these improvements.

### **SHUSTER PRIMITIVE CAMPING PROJECT – PRESENTATION**

Terry Tague, Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, did a presentation of the Shuster Primitive Camping Project. He explained it is 5 acres of property along Buffalo Creek and the Trail which we would like to develop for primitive camping. We would like to keep this as eco-friendly as possible. This will be a three phase project. The first phase will be to prepare the site, put down gravel, and a rudimentary fire pit. The area could be used for camping. The second phase will be for basic accommodations—porta potty, trash disposal system, and recycling program. The third phase will include two 3 sided shelters which would accommodate 6 adults or 8 kids. We would like to do all of this without any public money. We could lock up the sheds every winter.

### **FREEPORT STREET SWEEPER – DISCUSSION**

John Haven stated they are no longer able to comply with the terms of the 2012 amendment to the 2004 lease agreement. When the Trail was first built, there was an agreement between Freeport and Buffalo Township. Buffalo Township would mow the Trail. They have purchased a sickle bar so they will be able to mow the Trail. We mowed the Trail and they swept the streets in our housing plans. That will no longer be in effect. Bob Fletcher commented. John Haven stated we will have to look at this.

### **LAND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **BEVERLY J. DOERR – LOT LINE REVISION – BEAR CREEK ROAD – REAPPROVED**

This Plan was approved on Nov. 9, 2016. The Doerr Family ran into some delays and is requesting that the township reapprove and sign the Plan. Atty. Lutz stated we have done this before for others. Apparently they didn't record the plan within the 90 days. We do need a motion to reapprove the plan.

On motion of Albert Roenigk, seconded by Matt Sweeny, to reapprove the Beverly J. Doerr Lot Line Revision on Bear Creek Road. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

### **REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR**

Mr. Beatty, Ekastown Road, asked about lowering the speed limit on Ekastown Road? Albert Roenigk stated we didn't agree when Penn Dot raised it. Gary Risch stated someone from Penn Dot came and did a study but they raised it. Atty. Lutz stated we can write a letter to Penn Dot. Bob Fletcher commented on the township maintaining the 35 mph signs. John Haven stated Janice will write a letter to Penn Dot about lowering the speed limit to 35 miles per hour.

Mr. Beatty asked if there is any chance of getting public transportation in Buffalo Township? John Haven answered it is unlikely.

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**ADJOURNMENT** was on motion of Gary Risch, seconded by Ron Zampogna, at 9:15 p.m. Motion Carried. Un. Approval.

**APPROVED:**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**SECRETARY**