

CLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
August 15, 2012

The Supervisors of Clay Township held a special meeting on August 15, 2012, at the Clay Township Municipal Building Office, 870 Durlach Road, Stevens, Pennsylvania, at a time and place duly established to hold such a meeting, and advertised and posted in accordance with the Township Code.

Supervisors present were Tim Lausch, Chairman, Justin Harnish, Vice-Chairman, and Keith Martin, Secretary.

Clay Township employee present was Bruce Leisey, Treasurer Also present were Bob Lynn of Hanover Engineering, Inc., Township Engineer and Kenelm Shirk of Shirk and Mejia, Township Solicitor.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Lausch at 7:00 p.m.

New Business:

1. Discussion of Country Side Swale Rehabilitation

Bob Lynn, Township Engineer updated the audience on the condition of the stormwater swale running from Countryside Drive to the Charity Gardens development. Mr. Lynn reviewed a plan that showed the structures located in the easement and reviewed possible rehabilitation options.

After review a Question and Answer session followed:

John Singer, 406 Countryside Drive stated that he has lived there 25 years and the swale has never worked.

Justin Harnish stated that the current issues were brought to the Township's attention by a homeowner.

Robert Harker, 220 Woodchuck Drive stated that the water rises, gathers debris from lawn and goes down fast. He did state that the water flows over the concrete wall.

Diane Pomroy, 230 Meadowlark Drive asked if the water could be piped through?

Tim Lausch stated that the area is too flat to lay pipe.

Diane Pomroy asked what the concrete swale would look like.

Paul Good, 240 Meadowlark Drive stated that grass will not solve the problem and the same issues will happen again in a few years and stated that sump pumps flow water into the swale for days after a rain.

Marshall Smith, 230 Meadowlark Drive asked how large the easement is and who would pay for repairs to the concrete?

The property located at 224 Woodchuck Drive has a barn built 25' from the center of the swale and the easement is 50'.

Bruce Leisey stated that there is no need to move the barn.

John Singer asked if pipe could be run to manhole and then pump water.

Tim Lausch stated that with the flatness of the area laying pipe is not a solution.

Marshall Smith also stated that he has laying water in his driveway.

Diane Pomroy asked what liability HomeTowne Square has with this stormwater swale and the issues that are occurring.

Bob Lynn stated that the Township is working with HomeTowne square on controlling water.

Robert Hacker asked if the concrete would make the water run too fast and come up further on his property.

Tim Lausch asked if the members of the audience would be willing to remove fences and other obstructions. The audience members were generally in favor of the idea.

John Singer asked if the fence on his property would need to be moved?

Tim Lausch stated that we are not sure at this time.

Paul Good stated that he is willing to move obstructions but, not for a grass strip.

Iva Trout, 260 Meadowlark Drive asked if the water will run faster off the concrete?

Marshall Smith asked what will happen after improvements are done?

Diane Pomroy asked if a combination of grass and concrete would work?

Tim Lausch stated that the combination would not work. He also asked if the residents would share in the process financially.

Marshall Smith asked what does the Board of Supervisors mean by financial sharing?

Tim Lausch stated payment on swale asked if residents would participate.

Marshall Smith stated he would not participate financially because there is no problem with his property.

Scott Hackman, 251 Hackman Road stated he would not participate financially, he does not have issues with his property. He will remove obstructions if necessary. He also inquired about the standing water at Home Towne Square.

Tim Lausch stated he will check on the issue with Home Towne Square.

Iva Trout stated he would not participate financially but will fix issues on his property.

Diane Pomroy stated she would not participate financially but would maintain the improvements.

Justin Harnish stated that it is a community swale and if the community does not participate then maybe the project will not happen.

Keith Martin asked how many of the residents present at meeting felt that the improvements are worth it.

Marshall Smith stated that the Board of Supervisors do not live there and there are times that he cannot mow for 7-10 days.

Adjourn

Justin Harnish made a motion, seconded by Keith Martin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

* The motion was approved unanimously.

Clay Township Board of Supervisors

Timothy Lausch, Chairman

Justin Harnish, Vice-Chairman

Keith Martin, Secretary