

Ligonier Township Supervisors  
Minutes  
10 May 2011

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in regular session with all three Supervisors present: Chairman William C Penrod Jr, Keith A Whipkey, and Timothy R Komar.

From the audience, Ron Nordstrom, Jan Milburn, Jack Milburn, Amy Arendas, Dennis Robitaille, Rosalyn Robitaille, and Dave Roberts spoke against drilling of the Marcellus Shale in Ligonier Township. They spoke of pollution of the air and water; increase in noise pollution; and general deterioration of life in the Valley that will result from drilling here.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve minutes of the 12 April regular meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve minutes of the 27 April special meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to approve the Treasurer's report for April. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to approve payment of the current bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to accept the Police Incident report for April. Motion carried.

Zoning Office – Cynthia J Turley

1. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve a change to a site plan for Ligonier Construction. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to table a site plan for Watson Concrete as no one was present to represent the applicant, subject to receipt of a time waiver within 10 days. Otherwise the application will be denied. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to deny the request for a waiver of the 20 foot spacing requirement for some of the Bethlen Community's units. Motion carried.
4. Attorney Peggy Hooker, representing Bethlen Communities, made a statement to the effect that, because the Supervisors did not act on the Bethlen Communities preliminary PRD within 60 days of the last hearing date, the PRD should be considered as a deemed approval. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to approve a subdivision for Phases 1 and 2 of the Bethlen Communities. Motion carried.
5. There being no comment from the audience to this item not on the agenda, a motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to approve Resolution 2011-R-05, to approve the preliminary Planned Residential Development for Bethlen Communities. Motion carried.

Old business:

1. Komar reported that a considerable amount of junk was collected on dumpster day. Because some of the junk was sold for its recycling value and assistance by PA Cleanways, McInchok Sanitation, Waste Management, Loyalhanna Watershed, and contributions from participants, the event was deemed to have paid for itself

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New business:

1. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to table consideration of reimbursement of \$1,093 paid the Township in transfer fees for the sale of a Brian McKelvey property. The sale was subsequently voided by the court, but all documentation has not be received yet. The request will be reconsidered in June. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to award the gas and fuel bid for 2011 to Glassmere. The bid was placed through the Indiana/Westmoreland Council of Governments on behalf of the Supervisors. Glassmere offered the low bid. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to approve the closing of Idlewild Hill Road briefly on Monday, 30 May, to accommodate the annual YMCA 5K race, while also providing police assistance to protect the safety of the participants. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve Resolution 2011-R-06, which adopts a settlement for future real estate taxes for the Ligonier Camp and Conference Center. The property under consideration is near the Ice Pond, on Route 30 just west of Ligonier Borough. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A Whipkey  
Secretary