

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held August 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Amy Cherry, newspaper reporter, Rick Krishart, Terry Krishart, Harriet Moyer, Judy Woelfel, Andy Dornish, Shawn Mahoney, Jill Pritt, Tyrel Woelfel, Mike Kamandulis, TJ Weaver, and Matt Pontzer.

Chairman Mike Keller called the meeting to order and began by acknowledging the visitors.

Rick Krishart had concerns about the pending rubber surface project at the park. He spoke with the company that gave him a price quote to replace the rubber and they feel that top coating the existing will fail, as the base is deteriorating. Mike Keller responded that the Board made their decision and awarded the bid. They will have to wait and see how the end product holds up over the next few years.

Harriet Moyer asked the status of Toby Water and commented that she feels the system needs to be saved. Mike Keller responded that the Township had submitted the requested information to DEP several months ago. They are now waiting for a response from DEP.

Andy Dornish was present on behalf of St. Marys Soccer Assoc. to request the use of the Huey and SinterFire fields. The field that St. Marys Soccer now uses will not be available this season. While they have also made a request to the St. Marys Rec Board for use of their fields, they want the Fox Township fields as a backup plan, should they be denied by St. Marys or have so many teams that they need additional fields. TJ Weaver (ECC soccer) and Shawn Mahoney (Fox Twp. Soccer) felt that they could all work together and schedule the fields to suit all three leagues' needs. The Supervisors were fine with St. Marys Soccer using the fields but they would have to have an agreement similar to ECC's. TJ felt that the fees should be pro-rated, as the rec soccer games were much shorter. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to allow St. Marys Soccer to use the fields, with a \$50 fee per day for use of the Huey field and no fee for the use of the SinterFire field. Motion carried. Kathy Dowie will send Andy a use of facilities agreement that includes these fees.

TJ Weaver asked if the board would consider purchasing protection pads for the light poles on the Huey field. They will ask the Rec Board to get prices on that.

There were no other visitor comments.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz, to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 5, 2017. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Landfill inspection reports dated 7/13 and 7/18 were received and are available for review.

Cheryl Ruffner submitted her resignation from the Fox Township Sewer Authority. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Mike Keller to send a letter to Cheryl, thanking her for her services to the Authority and to advertise for the vacancy. Motion carried. Dave Mattiuz suggested that we send out a newsletter to the residents describing each board and authority – what they do, when they meet, etc. He feels that many do not know what these boards even do and that perhaps the newsletter would help get people involved. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to send out a newsletter describing the Board and Authorities. Motion carried.

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

The following requests have been submitted for Fire Police assistance: City of St Marys, September 16, traffic control for parade. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve this request. Motion carried.

The following subdivision was reviewed by the Fox Township Planning Commission and recommended for approval:

Edward and Alice Benevich are subdividing a 4.567-acre parcel from their property off of Byrnedale Road, to be conveyed to their son Jesse. The lot will be served by on-lot sewage and water. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve this subdivision as presented. Motion carried.

A request was submitted to use the roller and front-end loader for the Elk County Fair. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to approve this request. Motion carried. The equipment will be operated by Kathy Dowie, as a volunteer.

The following applications have been received for use of facilities:

ECC Boys soccer, Huey and Sinterfire fields for their fall soccer season

Melanie Blessel, Main St. Park, August 27th, Birthday party

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve these requests. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Keller, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to allow any interested employee to attend the Elk County Association of Township Officials convention, August 16th. Cost \$10 each. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #26781 thru check #26817 in the amount of \$51,260.14

From the Landfill Fund, check #1810 and check #1811 in the amount of \$23,827.50

From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1586 and check #1587 in the amount of \$1,599.56

From the Toby Water account, check #1007 thru check #1013 in the amount of \$3,914.87

For a TOTAL of \$80,538.07

A motion was made by Mike Keller, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with Keller and Mattiuz in favor. Randy Gradizzi was in favor of the motion but abstained from check #2626788 and #1012 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board and check #26813 to Walmart, his wife works there. Dave Mattiuz also abstained from check #26812, as it is a library membership for his daughter.

OTHER BUSINESS

The board announced that "Messengers Supporting Recovery" will be hosting an event at the Elk County Fairgrounds on August 19th, 11 AM – 9 PM for support and information to addicts and their families.

Randy Gradizzi suggested that the gate for the dumpster be moved to the end of the access road, as there has been several issues with after-hours dumping. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to have Kessler fencing move the gate for the dumpster to the end of the access road. In additional discussion, it was also suggested that the gate for the new practice field area also be moved. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to amend the motion to include moving the access gate to the new practice field. Motion carried.

Matt Pontzer announced that West Penn Power will have a demonstration trailer at the Elk County fairgrounds on September 21 and 22. All public employees and first responders will be invited to attend.

TJ Weaver asked if the Board would consider placing a nice concession stand on the Huey field in the area of the scoreboard. It would be off the playing field adequately, and could use power from the scoreboard. He feels that it would be a benefit for both ECC and rec soccer. The Board will ask the Rec Board to look into this.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi, to adjourn this meeting at 6:39 PM. Motion carried

The next meeting will be held September 6, 2017 at 6 PM at the Municipal building.