

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held August 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Amy Cherry, newspaper reporter, Sandra Truchan, Anin Truchan, Danielle Krise-Himes, Cindy O'Leary, Mike Kamandulis, Jocelyn Bash, Jim Nissel, Judy Woelfel, Cody Woelfel, and Matt Pontzer.

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

Sandra Truchan and Danielle Krise-Himes were present to discuss an incident at the park. Mrs. Himes claimed that her children were told that they could not participate in park activities because they were late and that they were made to sit on a bench instead. Mrs. Truchan claimed that her daughter was told not to return to the park after an incident last year with the same park director. Mike Keller stated that he interviewed the park staff members individually and they stated that the Himes children were asked to participate but declined to do so and went off to play elsewhere. When it came time to hand out awards, the 5-year-old cried because he did not receive any ribbons. As for the Truchan incident, the supervisors, at the time it happened, also interviewed the park staff and were told that the girl was acting out-of-line at the time and that her language was not appropriate. The daughter, also present, did admit to that. Both mothers felt that the director was bullying the children. Mike Keller replied that the park programs are done for the year and that the Board will try to make changes to see that these incidents do not happen in the future.

Cindy O'Leary was present to discuss a stormwater issue on Lauer Lane. She stated that the catch basins are not able to collect the stormwater properly and as a result, their basement is continually flooding. Randy Gradizzi responded that there is a right-of-way between Laurel and Fern Lanes designated for drainage. However, that right-of-way was never deeded to the Township and the current owner is unknown. He felt that the pipe running through this right-of-way is likely too small to handle the current volumes of water. He suggested that perhaps the Township could take ownership of that right-of-way and then they would be able to make improvements as needed. Kathy Dowie will contact the Township solicitor to see what must be done to obtain the right-of-way.

Jocelyn Bash presented information on the Northern PA Regional College.

There were no other visitor comments.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 2, 2019. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Landfill inspection report dated 7/24 was received and is available for review.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A revised franchise agreement with Zito media was received with changes made according to the Board's request. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to accept this agreement. Motion carried.

Fox Township will begin to offer its residents limited collection compost site, available during garbage collection hours. Grass clippings, leaves and garden debris will be accepted.

Several barrels, the contents of which are unknown, have appeared behind the old Laurel Run Texaco. Mike Keller felt that DEP should be contacted to investigate this. Rob Singer stated that the 60-day time period the Township gave the property owners to clean up that site is well past, with no sign of clean up being done. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi, to send a letter to DEP concerning these barrels of material. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to allow the front-end loader to be used at the Elk County Fair on August 9<sup>th</sup>, with a Township operator. Motion carried.

The greenhouse at the Senior Center is in need of repair. Randy Gradizzi obtained a quote from Glass Erectors, the company that originally installed it, to do the repairs for \$4,353. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to accept this quote and have the repairs done to the greenhouse at the Senior Center. Motion carried.

Municipal Benefits Services will be holding a PA Health Care Summit for Local Government, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 9 AM – 3 Pm in Curwensville. Kathy Dowie would like to attend. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to allow Kathy to attend. Motion carried.

**The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:**

- From the General Fund, check #27730 thru check #27795 in the amount of \$104,788.26
- From the Landfill Fund, check #1911 thru check #1913 in the amount of \$1,056.95
- From the Fire Protection fund, check #1631 in the amount of \$58.97
- From the Toby Water account, check #1177 thru check #1186 in the amount of \$5,680.58
- For a TOTAL of \$111,584.76

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller 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 #27734, #27742 and #1184 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Fox Township and Advanced Disposal Greentree Landfill is offering five \$1,000 scholarships to qualified college students residing in Fox Township. The deadline to submit an application has been extended to August 16<sup>th</sup>. Details and application can be found online at [foxtownship.com](http://foxtownship.com)

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi, to adjourn this meeting at 6:37 PM. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be September 4, 2019 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building.