

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held March 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Amy Cherry, newspaper reporter, Cheryl Ruffner, Don Ruffner, DJ Sampson, Leon Blashock, Linda Krise, Jackie Himes, Steve Skrzypek, Marilyn Secco, Joyce Schauer, Rick Krishart, Jim Nissel, Shawn Mahoney, Lori Mahoney, Terry Krishart, Mason Catalone (TV), Chris Kline, Pauline Kline, Matt Pontzer, Tyrel Woelfel, Cody Woelfel, Mike Kamandulis, Deanna Thompson, Debby Agosti, Mike Agosti and Jon Carr.

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

Leon Blashock, Marilyn Secco and Joyce Shauer all express concerns over eliminating the park director as a full time employee.

Rick Krishart presented information on an electricity broker that may be able to save the Township some money. This will be looked into. Krishart also suggested that the Industrial Park be put on the website. Kathy Dowie thought that it already was on the site, but if not, that could easily be done. Krishart also asked why the garbage collection job was full time and not part time as he feels that would save the Township money. No one responded on the issue.

Matt Pontzer commented that he thought the Board was doing a great job with the budget over the last few years. He also asked if they would consider eliminating the ATV road designation, as it leads to a lot of damage by ATVs on private property.

Deanna Thompson asked why there were only 3 supervisors. Mike Keller responded that the question of raising it to a 5 member board has been on the ballot twice and overwhelmingly defeated each time. Thompson expressed her concern over the decision to make the park directors part-time was made without consideration of the public's opinion. Keller responded that sometimes the Board needs to make a decision that they feel is best and cutting the budget is important. He also stated that in a democracy, not everyone is going to like the decisions that public leaders make. He also pointed out that Thompson does not speak for everyone in the Township. There are people that feel the decision was a good one.

Don Ruffner reported on behalf of the Rec. Board, stating that the restrooms at the Community Park were already discussed. They were locked because typically there is no winter maintenance at the park. This year, however, with the weather being so nice, it was decided that the restrooms will be unlocked next week. Ruffner also noted that the door on the men's room did not close and with the cold weather, it was another reason to keep the doors locked. An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 20th at 2 Pm at the park, unless bad weather then it will be held at the Community Building. Ruffner asked the Board if it would be possible to have the area between the Township Building and the park graded and seeded by the road crew. Randy replied that he could do it but would have to rent a bulldozer. Don will get together with Randy to discuss the project.

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 February 3, 2016. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Landfill inspection report dated 2/02 was received and is available for review.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

An updated Water System Feasibility Report has been received from Nittany Engineers for the Toby Water System.

Dave Mattiuz suggested reviewing this report with the Toby Water customers. A special meeting will be held March 15th or 22nd at 6 PM at the Senior Center, depending on the availability of the building. Notices will be mailed to all the Toby Water customers.

NEW BUSINESS

The next item to be discussed was the process for interviewing the Park Director candidates. Mike Keller began the discussion stating that these resumes are confidential and will remain confidential even after the directors are hired. The resumes of those who are hired will be public information but personal information will be removed. Keller also suggested that the Supervisors meet with the Rec. Board to sort the resumes then interview the top 5. The decision on who will be hired will be made at the April Supervisors meeting. Terry Krishart suggested blocking the names for the selection process, similar to how the Rec Board reviews the PHEAA applications. Randy Gradizzi suggested that all members of the Rec. Board be present for the interviews, as these candidates should be comfortable with group setting. It was decided that the Rec. Board and the Supervisors will meet on March 8th at 6 PM to review the resumes. Interviews will be scheduled thereafter.

The Rec. Board recommended that the ceramic molds (approx. 500), kilns, pouring table and mixer be sold with the money from the sale being placed into the Park Program line item. A motion was made by Mike Keller, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to sell the ceramic items as requested. Debby Agosti asked why they would sell these before they hire the directors, as they may wish to continue the program. Rob Singer commented that the program could continue without these items, as they could simply purchase pieces from a ceramic shop. However, after some discussion, Mike Keller withdrew his motion, Dave Mattiuz withdrew his second and the item was tabled until the new directors were hired.

It was announced that due to weather conditions, no heavy hauling is permitted on Township Roads until further notice. Haulers may call the road master to check on the status of their particular road for the day.

The following applications have been submitted for use of park facilities:

- Deb Merritt, July 9th, Community Park, family reunion
- Relay For Life, June 11-12, Community Park
- Rich Huff, July 16th, Community Park, family reunion
- Joanne Hyatt, August 6th, Community Park, family reunion
- Carol Klaiber, August 27th, Community Park, family reunion
- Tia Meredith, July 16th, Main St. Park, family reunion
- Brenda Keech, August 13th, Main St Park, family reunion

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

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

- From the General Fund, check #26061 thru check #26100 in the amount of \$42,961.66
- From the Landfill Fund, check #1720 thru check #1721 in the amount of \$584.00
- From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1552 in the amount of \$113.28
- From the State Fund, check #3149 thru check #3150 in the amount of \$12,788.23
- From the Toby Water account, check #876 thru check #881 in the amount of \$3,621.79
- For a TOTAL of \$60,068.96

A motion was made by Mike Keller, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the bills as present. Motion carried with Keller and Mattiuz in favor. Randy Gradizzi was in favor of the motion but abstained from check #26070 and check #881 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board and check #26099 to Walmart, his wife works there.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz, to adjourn this meeting at 7:09 PM. Motion carried.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held April 6, 2016 at 6 PM at the Municipal building.