

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held September 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Amy Cherry, newspaper reporter, Jim Nissel, Rick Krishart, Eric Leathers, Steve Denio, Mary Beth Denio, Melissa Leathers, Terry Krishart, Jason Forester, Dawn Doverspike, Charles Doverspike, and Robert Bennet.

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

Eric and Melissa Leathers requested permission to daylight the footer drains for their home, located on Boone Mt. Road, onto neighboring property owned by the Township. They are having issues with water in their basement, and need at least 2-foot more drop for the drains to work properly. Randy Gradizzi stated that should not be a problem with the proposed area where the drains will discharge. To get to the Township property though, the Leathers must cross a DCNR right-of-way. They stated that they have already obtained permission from DCNR. Dave Mattiuz suggested that an agreement be signed so that it is in writing for the future. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz, to approve the Leathers discharging their footer drains onto Township property as proposed and to have an agreement signed for such. Motion carried. Kathy Dowie will write an agreement.

Mary Beth Denio stated that they live at the end of Hemlock Road and asked if the Township can dredge the ditch the runs there. Randy Gradizzi replied that he can remove obstructions only and plans to do that, but cannot dredge the water course. The Doverspikes, also living by this water course, expressed their concern for keeping the water flowing, as it backs-up nearly to their house. Dawn Doverspike talked to PennDOT about cleaning their 50 feet from Skyline Drive but she also stated that she talked to DEP and they told her that the Township had the responsibility to keep the water flowing. Kathy Dowie responded that she talked to very same person as Dawn, and that was not at all what he said. In order to do any work in the stream, proper permits must be obtained and, even with permits, DEP will not allow a stream bed to be dredged. Ron Lybrook, the person at DEP they both spoke to, clearly stated that it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain the water course if it runs on their property. Randy Gradizzi stated that he spoke with Steve Putt at the Conservation District. Randy feels that we need to find a long-term solution for this, as it poses a problem every time there are flood waters. Randy felt that a possible solution would be to construct a couple of stormwater ponds along the water course route, to take on the overflow. The Conservation District would definitely support this. The Township will need to have an engineer look at the possibilities of this.

Jason Forester was present on behalf of Little League. They requested to rototill all the baseball fields' infields to get them ready for next year's season. Randy Gradizzi commented that they need to be careful not to get too deep. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Mike Keller, to allow Little League to rototill the infields on the baseball fields. Motion carried. Jason also asked about using the conference table in the park office for their meetings. The key he had does not work anymore. This will be looked into and he will get a key that works.

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 August 1, 2018. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Landfill inspection reports dated 8/7 and 8/23 were received and are available for review.

Notice was received that RES Coal has filed an application to renew their surface mining permit for their Kyler Run site.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Sis Klaiber expressed an interest in filling the vacancy on the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to appoint Sis Klaiber to fill the unexpired term on the Planning Commission. Motion carried. This term will end December, 2019.

The following subdivision were reviewed by the Fox Twp. Planning Commission and recommended for approval:

Tim and Gerry Wehler are subdividing their property located off of Oak Street. They intend to extend the public sewer line and water to serve the building lots (lots 1 - 7). Lot 8 is the residual lot. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Mike Keller to approve this subdivision as presented. Motion carried.

Brian and Renee Wilson are subdividing a 2.916-acre parcel from their property located off of Squab Hollow Road. This parcel will be a building lot, served by public water and on-lot sewage. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Mike Keller to approve this subdivision as presented. Motion carried.

The Fox Township Sportsmen's Club asked if the bank along their entrance road could be mowed. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to have the bank mowed off Township time, by an employee. Motion carried.

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

From the General Fund, check #27287 thru check #27337 in the amount of \$107,961.01  
From the Landfill Fund, check #1859 in the amount of \$234.00  
From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1611 in the amount of \$108.46  
From the Toby Water account, check #1098 thru check #1104 in the amount of \$5,707.50  
For a TOTAL of \$114,010.97

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 #27329 and #1102 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz, to adjourn this meeting at 6:30 PM. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be October 3, 2018 at 6 PM at the Municipal Building.