

The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held July 5, 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, Jim Nissel., Terry Krishart, JoAnn Grazioli, Lawrence Smith, Jacob Mosier, Colette Mosier, Andy Mosier, Don Ruffner, Cheryl Ruffner, Robin Singer, Anujit Singh, and Adam Brem.

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

Lawrence Smith stated that a new home is being built on Nancy Lane, behind his house. It appears as though the rainspout drains have been ran to the back of the Nancy Lane property. Smith feels that the water from these drains will run onto his property. Rob Singer will talk to the contractors if he feels there will be a problem.

Jacob Mosier completed his Eagle Scout project at the Community Park and was present to thank the Supervisors and Rec Board for letting him do the project. Jacob had a set of stairs installed in front of the stage and purchased sound equipment for use by performers at the stage. He had pictures of the project to share with the Board. The Supervisors thanked Jacob and his parents for completed the project and congratulated him on obtaining his Eagle award.

Dr. Anujit Singh stated that her neighbor, Robert Harvey, is causing health problems to her family by burning debris daily across from her house. The smoke from this fire has caused chemical-induced asthma in her children and her family no longer can go outside because of the smoke. Dave Mattiuz replied that the Board has no authority to act on this, as there are no ordinances that prohibit the burning of debris. Mike Keller agreed, stating that they would have to create an ordinance to prohibit burning in order to have any authority to make him stop. Dave Mattiuz stated that he would not support such an ordinance because many people have camp fires at their homes. Singh understood that and felt that a camp fire would be fine if he had more property but the homes are very closely situated in her neighborhood. Randy Gradizzi said that he would informally talk with Mr. Harvey and see if he could reason with him to limit the burning.

There were no other visitor comments at this time.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 7, 2017. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Landfill inspection report dated 6/15 was received and is available for review.

A copy of the audited financial statement of the Fox Township Sewer Authority for 2016 was received and is available for review.

Ken Nero would like to pipe in the ditch in front of his house along Dagus Mines Road. Under PennDOT's new policy, they will not issue the permit to do so unless the Township assumes responsibility for the maintenance of such. There has been several request from residents since this new policy was enacted and the Board has not assumed responsibility for any of them. As such, no action was taken on this request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The next item to be discussed was the re-surfacing of the rubber matting at the playground. Bids were opened at last month's meeting, with Rhino Floors of St. Marys being the only bidder. At that time, Rick Krishart felt that he could get rubber tiles at \$2/square foot which would be much cheaper. The bid was tabled while this option was investigated. Mike Keller asked Krishart if he found a \$2/square foot alternative. Krishart had obtained prices from two other companies but it was to have the existing rubber surface removed completed and a new surface installed.

He had a price of \$68,850 from Park Pet & Play of Ohio, which he said was a COSTARS approved company. Rob Singer replied that he had seen this quote and the specs that were used to obtain that price were inaccurate. Being that it is a public playground, the minimum fall-height allowed for this type of surface is 6 feet. Krishart's price had areas with no fall height ("crawl height"). Rob felt that if the specs were adjusted for accuracy, the price would be higher than the bid price to re-surface, which he knew because he had received a quote from General Recreation for full replacement and it was \$87,000. Don Ruffner also added that if we remove the existing surface, we would no longer be grandfathered and would have to comply with the current Federal Standards for playground safety, which is what General Recreation used to determine their quote. Rob singer also noted that that company is not listed as a COSTARS company for Pennsylvania. Adam Brem, owner of Rhino Floors, explained his bid and the process he will use to re-surface the playground. Adam explained that binders used when the original product was poured, probably were no correct and they likely broke down being exposed to UV light over time. He intends to use a higher grade of rubber for the re-surfacing and the proper binder. He stated that there is nothing wrong with the existing base. He would use the rubber that the Township already has to fill in the gap that has formed around the perimeter. He will pressure wash the surface to remove the loose material, then flood the entire area with a primer and top with 3/8-inch of new rubber. The life expectancy will be 15 years. He also plans to do an extra layer of sealer in the high traffic areas and coat the area of concrete that is deteriorating with rubber to make it look pleasing. Adam's bid also included a maintenance package in which he would apply a sealer to the surface as needed at only the cost of the products. Adam clarified that he would only bill for the actual cost of the project. His bid was high because he does not know how much product will lift off when he washed the surface. This will affect how much product he will need to re-surface and make it smooth. With this information, a motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller, to accept the bid from Rhino Floors to re-surface the playground. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The following requests were submitted for Fire Police assistance with traffic control:

Ridgway Fire Department, July 22nd – parade

Jay Twp. Fire Department, September 4th – Labor Day parade

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

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

Robert and Delores Keech are subdividing their property located along Thompson Road. Lot 1 (5.970 acres) will be a non-building lot for forestland/field use (Form B waiver submitted). The residual lot (6.816 acres) contains the Keech's home, served by on-lot water and sewage.

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve this subdivision as presented. Motion carried.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #26729 thru check #26780 in the amount of \$32,325.41

From the Landfill Fund, check #1805 and check #1809 in the amount of \$44,579.50

From the Toby Water account, check #997 thru check #1006 in the amount of \$6,165.12

From the State Fund, check #3168 in the amount of \$18,771.73

For a TOTAL of \$101,841.76

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 #26771, #1004 and #1006 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board and check # 26775 to Walmart, his wife works there.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dave Mattiuz stated that he feels that the policy for having dogs at the park needs to be reviewed. He noticed several people had their dogs at the July 3rd Celebration, which is prohibited under the current policy.

Andy Mosier asked if the water fountains at the park could be fixed. Rob Singer replied that he has a plumber coming to look at them.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi, to adjourn this meeting at 6:57 PM. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held August 2, 2017 at 6 PM at the Municipal building.