

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
7171 ALLENTOWN BOULEVARD, HARRISBURG, PA 17112
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010**

JOINT WORKSHOP SESSION - EAC

CALL TO ORDER – 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Turns called the workshop to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

Linda Turns, Chairman
Chris Scott, Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Ostermayer, Supervisor

Jay Megonnell, Vice Chairman
Adam Klein, Supervisor

EAC MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patti Estheimer
Evelyn Burton
Carol Buskirk

John Acri
John Miele
Tim Albright

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD TOPICS: None.

NEW TOPICS

Motion – Authorize Supplemental Scope of Work, Act 537 Special Study- The Township's Act 537 Special Study must be adjusted due to the following: The sale of the capacity at Swatara which was completed in December of 2009, the adjustment the standard figure used for flow calculations from 235 to 175 gpd/EDU, the organic overload situation, and a phased approach to the plant upgrade.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to authorize the scope of work for the Act 537 Special Study supplement from HRG in the amount of \$9,500.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion – Ordinance 2010-04, Forest Management Amendment- Mr. Leonard gave a summary regarding the redefinition and addition of words to the Ordinance. He explained the difficult issues which included the definition of specimen trees and then balancing the rights of timber harvesters. The current Ordinance updated language in Section 195-103Q Forestry activities. Section 195-103R Land Clearing Activity was a new section to the current Ordinance. There was discussion regarding clear cutting forestry and the proposed time frame in the Ordinance. There was also the discussion and comparison of clear cutting and a forestry management plan. Mr. Leonard reviewed the new section 195-103R Land Clearing Activities. Discussion followed regarding the need of a permit for timber harvesting and what the dollar amount would be to require a permit. There was conversation regarding what the Ordinance should focus on suggestions were: designated growth areas of the Township, zoning districts, and commercial and residential development. The EAC stated that they didn't want to change the forestry management plan they want to prevent what has happened in the past with certain developers. It was decided that Mr. Leonard would work with Mr. Ostermayer and Mr. Hetrick to split the Ordinance into two parts. Part 1 will be the definitions and minor changes to the existing Ordinance and Part 2 would be the newer language regarding development land clearing. Once complete Mr. Leonard will present the revision to the Board and EAC members for review

and discussion. All parties present agreed that this was a very information and necessary to move forward with revising the Ordinance so it will meet the needs of the Township.

Discussion – EAC Annual Report, 2009- There was discussion regarding recycling guidelines, Ms. Estheimer said that they try to update the EAC page on the website as they receive information. She said residents can always contact the Dauphin County recycling hotline with any questions. The Board thanked the EAC for all the work that they do for the Township.

Discussion – EAC 2010 Projects- Ms. Estheimer handed out the EAC projects for 2010. The birding workshop location has not been determined however once it is, information will be provided on the website and at the Township building. She spoke about the recycling video which is being produced the Central Dauphin High School Green Power and SDS clubs. The video will be aimed at educating residents about recycling in West Hanover Township. The final video will be posted on the Township website, newsletter, school district newsletter and local papers.

Discussion – Fire Station Preliminary site Design Sketch Plan – Mr. Klein began the meeting by stating he wanted the fire department to have a chance to review all sketch plans since this is such an important project for the Township and the fire department. Mr. Senft said the entire fire department reviewed all sketches at their meeting on April 6th. Mr. Miller presented a hand out to the Board regarding the recommendation of the fire department. The fire company is in favor of sketch plan #1. There was discussion regarding land which may or may not be developed in the future. Mr. Hetrick would like to stake plans #1 and #4 at the land site so he can get a better understanding of the plan layouts. There was discussion regarding stormwater management for plans #1 and #4. Mr. Brulo stated that Plans #1 and #4 would be above ground management, but plans #2 and #3 would require an underground detention facility. The number of bays needed was discussed as well as the need for future expansion if the Township grows. The Board and fire company discussed various items of plans #1 and #4. Ms. Turns brought up the cost of construction of the building. She said that there has to be a maximum set on the amount of money that the Township can contribute. Ms. England brought up the options with which the Township could finance the project. Options included using a million dollars from the building fund to start the construction as well as a bond purchase which could be paid down if grants are received from Dauphin County.

Beth Carricato, 699 Knight Road- Ms. Carricato said she has some concerns with sketch #4 if there is a plan for expansion. She noted the problems that occurred when the Pilot station expanded. The plan looked good on paper, but the actual expansion created many problems which the Township is still dealing with today. She also noted the fire station land is in a residential area and that expansion could disrupt the neighborhood.

Mr. Hetrick will stake plans #1 and #4 at the location on April 17th at 8:00am. Ms. Turns and Mr. Scott will attend. Other Board members will visit the site prior to the Board meeting on April 19th.

Mr. Klein moved, seconded by Mr. Scott to have plan #1 and plan #4 staked out on the fire station land on Saturday April 17, 2010. A decision on will be made at the Board meeting on April 19, 2010 to approve a site design sketch plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Workshop Items/Information: None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:20 p.m.