

## **MARION TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING August 9, 2011 at the Township Building**

**Present:** Jack Aberegg, Ken Roan and Ellie Trulick (Ray Gutshall- Absent)

**Guests:** Tom McGeoy, Jerry McCloskey, Herb Chapman, Brian McCauley, Orié Hanley, III, and Tim Weight

Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by Pledge of Allegiance

**Aberegg made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roan Aberegg- Yes Gutshall- Absent Roan- Yes**

### **Public Comments:**

**Tom McGeoy** of North-Lands, Inc. presented the Deed of Dedication for the final piece of roadway on Two Mile Road. Letter of credit is with Walker Township as the majority of this Phase 6 is in Walker Township. John Miller, Attorney for Walker Township has the release form and will record both when the letter is finally approved. Mr. McGeoy needs the resolution from Marion Township to accept this road for dedication. He will then take the original deed with signatures to the County and have the UPI number placed and when Attorney Miller's work is complete he will have all paperwork back to Marion Township. Roan asked a question on the dividing line between Marion and Walker Townships. The line does come as an angle across the top of the hill. A driveway on the left side is in Walker Township, Marion Township line is right across from that. Mr. McGeoy stated the driveway is real close to the line 95% of that lot is in Walker Township. Resident mailbox has been moved back as requested. **Aberegg made a motion to accept Resolution No. 2011-3 for acceptance of this 783 ft of roadway on Two Mile Road. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roan Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Absent Roan - Yes**

### **Old Business:**

**Permanent Basketball Hoop:** Letter was sent to Mr. Jonathan Light on this matter. No response received at this time. Mr. Light has till September 30 to remove the basketball hoop or the Township per our attorney can remove it.

**Henry Weight, Jr./Stan Wallace:** No action to be taken at this time. Mr. Weight has applied for a Highway Occupancy Permit, which will be acted upon in the next week or so by Roadmaster #1. Drainage problem has not been resolved. Franson and Wallace have not gotten back to us. Of the \$50,000.00 for this road repair in our budget, \$18,000 has been earmarked for repairs to Sand Ridge Road. \$5,000 grant has been extended till next year so it will still be available to Marion Township when the road is put on the schedule for work needing completed. Franson must get back to the township before anything can be started. The letter received from the County for the minor subdivision Plan must show that only 2 lots may be placed on this parcel including the existing home. The fee will be \$250.00 for the fee-in-lieu for the new home being constructed. Secretary will respond to the County letter with the information above and that the fee-in-lieu has not been received at this date.

**Jerry McCloskey:** Mr. McCloskey sent out Traffic Study results. Aberegg thanked Jerry for the excellent job. No further action to be taken at this time. May do this again in the future.

**Brian McCauley:** Letter to Bud Eckley on the payment of real estate taxes/escrow mailing issue. No further action needed.

### **New Business:**

1. Nittany Valley Joint Planning Commission (NVJPC) –No report at this time.
2. Park & Rec –Minutes from the July 6, 2011 meeting. Park & Rec Director Roan stated the grant is completed. Two signs to be put up. The year extension has been approved. BUT the work is done and the grant can now be completed. Picnic tables/benches and trash receptacle have all been installed. Softball is still using the field for several more weeks. Roan had a meeting with the Marion/Walker Little League and all have been informed and know what is going on and what is expected from the league teams using Panik Field. Soda is still making money. Aberegg stated that the electric bills increase is being covered by the soda sales. Aberegg stated that the pavilion must be started by August 15 or we will be hiring someone to complete the work. Hanley stated it will be started by August 15<sup>th</sup>. McCauley stated some shade trees are needed in the play area. Ken is working with Dennis Burd on that. A letter should be sent to the State Police telling them after 10:00 p.m. anyone in the Park can be arrested.
3. Zoning Report for July 2011 – Roan had a question on the Davis property that Tim had sent a letter to concerning their weeds at the end of Walnut Ridge Road. This lot is for sale and if any calls come in I must remind the Realtor about the letter and the weed issue at that property. Aberegg stated that since Marion Township has taken care of this in the past and PennDOT has not we should go ahead for safety reasons and continue to take care of the problem.
4. Planning Commission Minutes for July meeting – Aberegg stated the Rick Dillon suggestion on U-Design being reclaimed to the original is a very good one. **Aberegg made a motion the Secretary will send a letter to Anson Burwell for his advice on how to proceed with this issue of replacing stripped topsoil and plant erosion**

**control for Nittany Creek watershed at the U-Design area. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roan Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Absent Roan- Yes**

5. Head Roadmaster – Roadmaster #1 discussed his report. Parts have been received for the tractor and Wes and Brian Hovies will be doing the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of mowing. Roan met with PennDOT and reviewed all road signs in the township. Forest Avenue is the one needing signs replaced right now since the bridge is out. Roan will be getting quotations from two sign companies for cost. He will purchase the signs as needed. Roan wants to purchase a parts washer and solvent for the garage. Cost is only \$150.00 and he may purchase this under the Head Roadmaster funds. Roan wants to purchase the F-350 truck from Harris Township. It has a 9ft plow, Flink spreader and steel bed. Wes has looked at this truck and it is in good shape may take a little work. The truck has been inspected for this year. Wesley's estimate to repair is approximately \$1500.00. Cost is \$12,500.00 and since we just sold three pieces of equipment for a total of \$11,594.00 we only need about \$550.00 to purchase this truck. Aberegg stated equipment is finally being repaired and taken care of with records showing what and when repairs are made. He feels more comfortable than ever that equipment is being given proper care. **Aberegg made a motion we purchase the truck at Harris Township for \$12,500.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roan Aberegg-Yes Gutshall – Absent Roan – Yes** Roan stated that Bradco will be taking the F-550 for repairs.
6. Centre County Planning & Development letters – July 12, 2011 letter on the Henry W. Weight, Jr. Sewage Facilities Planning Module. July 21, 2011 letter from County on Henry Weight. E-Mail from Stan Wallace on the Park-in-lieu fee for one lot on this subdivision. **See discussion under Henry Weight, Jr./Stan Wallace under old business.**
7. Centre County Solid Waste Authority – FYI No action needed.
8. Young Lungs At Play- No action taken
9. **Aberegg made a motion that he will do research into getting camera coverage at the Park. It will be able to be looked at thru the computer. Roan 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberegg- Yes Gutshall – Absent Roan – Yes** Aberegg will report his finding at the next meeting. Tim Weight will help Aberegg if needed. Roan stated that this is needed due to undesirable activity at the Park and the new \$8,000.00 pad being torn up by steel wheels going across the Park area and not traveling on the road. McCauley stated that Roan should speak to Jackie Esh concerning the latter issue. The Amish community will be informed about this and hopefully it will not be a continuing problem.
10. Centre County Conservation District letter dated July 20, 2011 – Nittany Farms cannot go any further until the Fee-in-Lieu is paid to us. No lots on this development plan can be sold until the money is received. Two right of ways can be placed if the acreage is correct. County has a plan that has not been submitted with two right of ways. But it is not in place and can not be discussed. The 50ft right of way will belong to Marion Township and if someone develops it the Township will take it over after the road way is up to the Township specs. The township will not be upgrading the right of way at their expense.
11. Comcast letter requesting help to spread the word on their Internet Essentials – This info should be put into the Newsletter for any eligible child to contact Comcast.
12. Benner Township July 21 letter on Ordinance #110 & 111 public hearing August 15, 2011 –No action taken or needed.
13. Mileage increase for July 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011 – IRS increased mileage to \$.555 per mile for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2011.
14. Supervisor Roan Meeting/Mileage report for May thru July 2011 – Aberegg stated Ken may be setting a president by all the free time and mileage he is giving to the Township. Someone down the road may not be willing to do it. He certainly appreciates what Ken has been doing and the free time and mileage he gives.
15. Letter to PennDOT for signs previously placed without approval – Any time a sign is erected on a PennDOT highway it must have approval prior to the sign being erected. Seven school bus signs were placed without approval. **Aberegg made a motion we send the letter and get the approval for the unapproved signs as stated in the letter and approval to remove the one mentioned. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roan Aberegg- Yes Gutshall- Absent Roan- Yes** PennDOT will come and show us where they go and /or approve as erected. Aberegg was concerned about safety should an accident occur and the signs have not been placed properly.

**Secretary Note:** Any articles for the Newsletter please have them to me by September 6, 2011. This will give me some time to get the Newsletter ready for approval at the September 13, 2011 BOS meeting. McCauley only wants his dates placed in the Newsletter, he has taken care of the question concerning sending to escrow accounts by sending a note in all tax bills.

**Roan made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay all bills including the three checks paid today. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Aberegg Aberegg- Yes Gutshall- Absent Roan- Yes**

**Treasurer's Report:** Including the list of checks written to date for approval with Treasurer's Report. (Some checks were mailed and the balance are being presented for signatures at this meeting.) Checks listed above are from July 12th, 2011 through August 9th, 2011. Check numbers and the amounts are on the listings and it will be included with the official minutes for filing.

**PLEASE NOTE ALL BALANCES BELOW ARE AFTER ALL CHECKS LISTED HAVE BEEN WRITTEN.**

General --- \$139,486.21  
Park Fee-In-Lieu Account --- \$ 724.08  
Park Grant Account-- \$ -0-

State Liquid Fuels Fund --- \$49,187.93  
State Equipment Fund---- \$5,360.01

Aberegg made a motion to adjourn the August 9, 2011 meeting at 8:00 p.m. All in favor!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jack Aberegg, Chairman

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Ellie Trulick, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent from this meeting  
Ray Gutshall, Vice Chairman

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Ken Roan