

A work session of the Bear Creek Township Board of Supervisors was held at the Municipal Building at 3333 Bear Creek Blvd. Chairman Zingaretti called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Mr. Smith, Ms Wasilewski, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. Mr. Masi was absent. The salute to the flag followed.

House Bill 2431: The Board discussed the basis of HB 2431 which would, if adopted, establish the county as the basic level of local government in Pennsylvania, with municipalities existing only under the jurisdiction of the county and having only those duties and responsibilities as determined by the county.

The Board decided if any action should be taken regarding this bill, it would be done at the September meeting.

Reilly Associates/Act 537: Board members received a copy of a letter drafted by Jeremy Nelson of Reilly Associates to DEP regarding the status updates for the Act 537 Plan. Mr. Zingaretti asked the Board to review the letter and attached timeline and email him with any comments.

Plains Twp Sewer Authority Meeting: Ms Wasilewski attended the meeting of the Plains Township Sewer Authority and reported that the authority is looking for payment of 2 small bills that were sent to Bear Creek Township for engineering work done in regard to the Act 537 Plan. Discussion followed and the Board advised the Secretary to cut the check for these bills.

Letter to Representative Musto: Members of the Board received a copy of a letter sent to Representative Musto's office. The letter was written by a resident of White Haven Pocono seeking assistance in having Weiss Road repaired. The Board discussed the matter and the agreement the township has with Dennison Twp and what can be done to rectify this situation.

Paving of Beech Drive: The estimate for the portion of Beech Drive that was not included in the original paving project this summer has come in at approximately \$39,000.00. Attorney Vinsko will prepare the proper paperwork so this work can get under way.

Zoning Map Issue: Mr. Zingaretti showed the Board a rough version of the zoning map which is being worked on by Pennoni Associates. Mrs. Koval will check with Luzerne County Mapping about getting a GIS map disk.

Seminar: Mrs. Koval mentioned that there is a seminar dealing with blighted properties that Carl Alber would like to attend. The Board did not see a problem with him attending. The township would pay the fee associated with this seminar.

Soccer Field: Mrs. Koval informed the Board that it has been recommended to her that the field be post germinated before winter. Cost would be approximately \$560.00 plus the cost of the seed which would be anywhere from \$100-\$150.

Wood Chipper: Mrs. Koval reported that there is a used wood chipper for sale and it may be of some value to the road crew. Cost of the chipper is \$4800.00 and Mrs. Koval would like the Board to consider its purchase.

Mrs. Koval also reported that there was a problem this past weekend at Trailwood Park. A resident had millings delivered and placed on Township property at Trailwood Park. Mr. Zingaretti stated that this resident had permission in the past to have gravel delivered there and may have believed it was okay to have millings delivered there also. Discussion followed.

Office Summer Help: Ms Wasilewski asked what duties the summer hire is doing in the office and how long she will be there. The Secretary explained that she is sorting and categorizing all the old files that were brought up from the Swanson Road building. She will then either file them in cabinets or storage boxes depending on their importance. Her employment will end when her budgeted hours have been exhausted or the job is completed, whichever comes first. Eventually it is hoped that these files will be scanned and stored electronically. Discussion followed on how the filing system can be made more efficient and user friendly.

Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary