

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, Mr. Masi, Ms Wasilewski, Mrs. Koval and Mr. Zingaretti were present. The salute to the flag followed.

Hrabousky Right of Way Issue: A letter was drafted by Mr. Zingaretti and presented to the Board for their input. The letter contained an approximate cost for the reduction of the Township's right of way on Hillcrest Road. The letter further stated that this is a project that the Township would not pursue and if the residents of Hillcrest Road wish to fund the project as a group, the Township would not be opposed to it.

Cataliotti Cable Service Issue: A letter was drafted to Mr. Tony Cataliotti who had asked the Township to mandate Service Electric to provide service to his home. After reviewing the agreement between the Township and Service Electric, it was determined that Mr. Cataliotti does not meet the criteria under the agreement for service to be provided. Information for Verizon was included in the letter to be sent out.

Reilly Associates/Act 537: The Board discussed information received from Reilly outlining cost savings by eliminating the sewers on Pittston Blvd beyond 1500 feet from Swanson Road. EDU rates were lower only by a small amount and in some instances not at all, depending on the financing option.

The Board also discussed whether all properties in affected areas should pay towards the system not only the ones actually connecting to it. It was discussed if a token fee should be charged to those not connecting immediately or if a larger connection fee should be charged later when they do connect. The Board will make their decision on this matter at the August 2nd meeting. Discussion continued.

Zoning Map Issue: Joe Mullen from Pennoni said they will be starting the work on the zoning map using the county tax map as a base and creating a mosaic. He also said they will be gathering the necessary information for each of the zoning requests and will proceed from there.

Legal Report:

Concini Issue: Proceeding with enforcement of ordinances concerning fencing around swimming pool.

Aqua Suit: filed answer and new matter and waiting on a copy of it.

Stella Abbott Matter: Mrs. Koval received answers to Interrogatories.

Charter School Matter: Depositions will possibly be scheduled for sometime next week.

Gate at Trailwood: Mrs. Koval said the Road Crew does not have time to install a gate at Trailwood Park. She would like to contract the job out.

Windfarm: The Board discussed the matter of permits for all work being done at the windfarm. A meeting was set up for Monday at 10:00 AM with representatives from the windfarm, BIU and the Supervisors. Discussion continued.

Request for use of Recreation Fields: The Board received information from a group proposing an Oktoberfest and seeking to use the township Rec fields. The Board felt that it would be too much of a liability to the township and they would like to have better ordinances in place before allowing use of township property for a multiple day, large scale event.

Office hours: Ms Wasilewski questioned what the hours were for the township building. Mr. Zingaretti noted that they are the same, 8:00-1:30. Summer hire Joan Belcher has covered the office phones from 8:00 until the secretary arrives. Ms Wasilewski and Mr. Smith said that they were unaware of this change. Mr. Zingaretti indicated they he had approved this change since it offered expanded office hours to the public since the secretary was now working beyond 1:30.

Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Weihbrecht, Secretary