

RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - MINUTES
JUNE 5, 2018

The duly advertised regular meeting of the Rice Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at the Rice Township Municipal Building, 3000 Church Road, Mountaintop. Copies of the Agenda, previous meeting minutes and Treasurer Reports were available to the public. Chair Robert Pipech called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. It was announced that the meeting was being recorded for preparing the minutes. Interior cameras were also recording the video.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - here
Pipech - here
Smith - here

Also present were: Please see attached sign in sheet.

Chairman Robert Pipech announced that the Supervisors entered into Executive Session on May 17 and June 5, 2018 to discuss legal matters.

The Supervisors held a special meeting on Thursday, May 31st, to adopt Resolution 2018-12 authorizing the application to Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant for a pickleball court. Carl Smith thanked the Secretary/Treasurer for efforts on this grant since the court would be an asset to Rice Township residents.

The County Engineer reported that the Blytheburn bridge project was out for bid, with bids due to the County on June 6th.

HRI, contractor for the removal of the Church Road overpass, will close Henry Drive and Church Road for approximately 60 days beginning June 13, 2018.

Wright Recreation and Environmental sent the Township a letter of thanks for the \$250.00 donation towards the fireworks.

The Township Park trees were sprayed for gypsy moths.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mary Anne Whitonis from Church Road complained about a neighbor's loud car noise and roaming dog and thought the police were not responsive. After discussion including Chief Franks and Solicitor Dean, Supervisors Pipech, Richard Arnold and Carl Smith all reassured Whitonis concerning her issues, and suggested that she file a complaint with the Secretary/Treasurer. Cliff Moralis of 1544 Laurel Lakes Drive complained about storm water in front of his house. Roadmaster Pipech responded that they would meet directly following the meeting. Barbara Miller from Wilderness Drive asked for an update regarding the use of Heslop Road by the proposed PRD. Dean noted that he had received word that the traffic study was complete but had not seen the results. Dean and Township Engineer Andrew Pasonick explained the road study process, and Supervisor Richard Arnold, Pipech and Smith noted that the study will include traffic projections for consideration and is being conducted by a third party. The outcome of the study will go to the Planning Commission for review.

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BUSINESS MATTERS: (Cont'd)

We received a request from Rice Elementary School to use the overflow parking lot at the Township Building for pick-up/drop off space and parking for chaperones of field trips. Such request was approved last year.

MOTION by Smith, second by Arnold, to ratify the approval by poll of the request from Rice Elementary School to use the overflow parking lot at the Township Building for pick-up/drop off space and parking for chaperones of field trips for May 14,18,21,24, and 29.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: The Solicitor had no report to give, but requested copies of the material left by Mary Anne Whitonis.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Robert Smith, member of the Planning Commission, inquired about dead trees lining some roads, and Pipech noted that they would be addressed late in the fall after the leaves had dropped. Jane Anne Lokken and Felicia Bierzynski noted that PPL is cutting trees along Henry, Blytheburn and Prospect. Contractor Diamond has not returned a quote to install sinks in the park bathroom. Bryan Brown, Township EMC, asked the Township Engineer to supply inundation maps for the EAP for the Ice Lakes.

MOTION by Pipech, second by Smith, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted;

Jeffrey D. Beck
Secretary/Treasurer