





**RICE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**MINUTES**

May 7, 2019

**BUSINESS MATTERS Con't:**

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Arnold, to follow up the motion made at the last meeting, with the adoption of Resolution 2019-6 which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer, in coordination with Barry Isett, to apply for a \$243,946 grant from Greenways and Trails for the Soccer field, and to commit \$43,049 from the General Fund and/or the Recreation Fund as the match towards the grant, as well as authorize the payment of the \$100 application fee.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Smith, to ratify the decision by poll to purchase a JCB 4CX-15 Super backhoe loader with 94" Sweeper Collection system with Sprinkler System and Patch Planer through COSTARS for \$154,501.70, to be paid by LSA Grant # C000071214 of \$150,000, the remainder paid out of the General Fund..

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Arnold, to ratify the decision by poll to provide an additional \$37.41 to Holly Guydish for additional supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt, to be expensed to the Recreation Fund.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

**MOTION** by Pipech, second by Smith, to authorize the purchase of 1 Brookside Design VR165 map rack from Amazon for \$238.50.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

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 Pipech, second by Arnold, to approve 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 the dates contained in the request letter.

ROLL CALL: Arnold - yes

Pipech - yes

Smith - yes

MOTION CARRIED

Pipech announced that: we want to acknowledge and thank Senator Baker and Representative Mullery for their support in securing the \$150,000 LSA grant for the backhoe; this piece of equipment not only replaces a very old backhoe, but the ability of the new machine to mill and sweep roads will improve the quality of our road repair; the Planning Commission met on April 24th at 7pm and draft minutes are available to the public; a representative from Representative Mullery's office will be on site at the Township building every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10 am until noon to help you with issues; the Wright Township Volunteer Fire Company Report & Fire Police Incident Recap was received; Arnold presented the report, noting the amount of training done, the need for new members, and thanking the Fire Company for their presence at the Easter Egg Hunt; which was another grand success; thanks go out to Holly Guydish and her family and friends who did so

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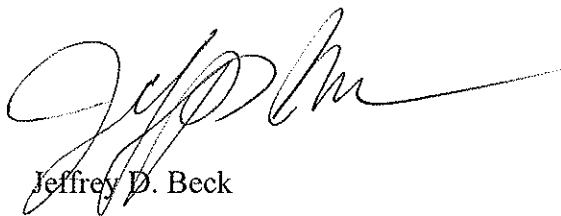
much work to run the event again this year as well to our Police Department for their help with the event; Wright Township acknowledged our donation to the fireworks for 2019; we received the refund of \$2,110 for overpayment of Workers Compensation insurance for 2018; upon requests for proposals from 3 brokers, we received one quote for insurance for the 8/1/2019 to 7/31/2020 time frame resulting in an approximate annual savings of \$26,000; and a letter is being sent to Richard Roman, Acting District Executive for PennDOT, requesting repairs to Church and Nuangola Roads.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Attorney McCormick representing the Solicitor's office had no report to make.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pipech called for public comment. Resident Felicia Bresinski inquired concerning a donation by A & R that would fully fund the Wright fireworks. Journalist Sodergren noted that the amount was not that large. In response to a question from Planning Commission member Mark Manosky, Pipech explained that the new backhoe would help improve pot hole repairs but that it was not a paving machine. Resident Scouten noted that no progress had been made on the park. Pipech said that we continue to work with our Engineer to find the most efficient site for the pickleball court. Arnold noted that we are engaging Barry Isett for the park plan, but the bocce court is not the immediate priority. Pipech thanked the supervisors, and Smith pointed out the fireproof cabinet.

**MOTION** by Smith, second by Arnold, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:46p.m..

Respectfully submitted:



Jeffrey D. Beck

Secretary/Treasurer