

Ross Township Commissioners Meeting
1000 Ross Municipal Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
July 20, 2015
7:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Grant Montgomery, David J. Mikec,
Paul Trilli, Jeremy Shaffer (via telephone), Daniel L. DeMarco,
Stephen Korbel, Grace Stanko and Lana Mazur

ABSENT: John Spincer

SOLICITOR: Bonnie Brimmeier, Esq.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER: Douglas Sample

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/ZONING
ADMINISTRATOR:** Dominic Rickert

Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

PETITIONS AND COMPLAINTS - None

RESOLUTIONS TO BE ADOPTED - None

ORDINANCES TO BE ENACTED - None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes – None

Payment of Bills and Financial Reports

**Motion to approve made by Commissioner Trilli and
seconded by Commissioner Mikec.**

**Motion passes – 7 to 0 with 1 abstention
Commissioner Mazur abstaining**



PLANNING COMMISSION:

S-15-6 - Minnock Land & Development requesting Subdivision approval for a lot line revision for Lots 9-12 on property located on Schlag Court in an R-1 Zoning District of the 2nd Ward.

MR. RICKERT: "The Planning Commission reviewed the plans for the above-referenced project on June 25, 2015. The plan was recommended for final conditional approval with the final approval to be granted upon meeting the conditions for Gateway's review letter dated June 25, 2015, and the township review letter dated June 29, 2015."

Mr. Brandon Wiltrout of Gibson-Thomas Engineering was present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Wiltrout gave a brief overview of the request. The lot line revision is to better facilitate the new home products in the development. Mr. Wiltrout indicated all the issues on the Gateway comments as well as the township comments were addressed. Lot 12 was removed from the plan. It will only affect Lots 9, 10 and 11. Mr. Wiltrout indicated that the only thing the plan has done is shift some of the lot lines toward the cul-de-sac to better facilitate driveways for the new homes.

Motion to approve, subject to the conditions set forth, made by Commissioner Korbelt and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Commissioner Mikec reiterated with Mr. Wiltrout that the purchasers will be aware that the drainage easements will be shown in bright colors on the drawings. Mr. Wiltrout concurred. Placement of the homes relative to the storm sewer easement was discussed.

Motion passes – 8 to 0

S-15-7 - The Meritage Group, L.P., requesting Subdivision approval for a lot line revision to reduce building width Lot 8, Units B & C and eliminating a unit in Lot 8 on property located in the Longvue Plan of Lots (Cemetery Lane townhouse) in an R-4 Zoning District of the 7th Ward.



MR. RICKERT: "The Planning Commission reviewed the plans for the above-referenced project on June 25, 2015. The plan was recommended for final conditional approval and final approval to be granted upon meeting the conditions per Gateway's review letter dated June 9, 2015, and the township review letter dated June 29, 2015."

Mr. Jim Rumbaugh, 722 Pine Valley Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15239, president of The Meritage Group, was present on behalf of the applicant. He indicated instead of eight units at the end of the subdivision there will only be seven.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes – 8 to 0

S-15-8 – Stanley Jankowski requesting Subdivision approval for a lot consolidation on property located on Edies Way in an R-2 Zoning District of the 4th Ward.

MR. RICKERT: "The Planning Commission reviewed the plans for the above-referenced project on June 25, 2015. The plan was recommended for final conditional approval with final approval to be granted upon meeting the conditions per Gateway's review letter dated June 25, 2015, and the township's review letter dated June 29, 2015."

Mr. Stanley Jankowski, 404 Becker Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, was present. Mr. Jankowski and his wife recently purchased 14 acres of property at the end of Edies Way, which consists of six lots. They would like to turn those six lots into two lots. One lot will be 1.5 acres, and the other lot will be 12.5 acres.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner DeMarco.

Motion passes – 8 to 0



PLANNING/ZONING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT - None

SOLICITOR’S REPORT - None

RECREATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

Request Board approval for the distribution of the Denny Park Survey.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes – 8 to 0

Commissioner Mazur stated the Fishing Tournament held this past weekend was a success. She thanked the following: Commissioners Trilli, Stanko, Mikec and Demarco, the Police Department, Sergeant Lamonica, Officers Shurina, Horak and Immekus, Chief Bellan, Lieutenant Ley, Fischer’s Landscaping, GT Cleaning, Michael Heintz, Monticello’s, Kathy Conley, Mazur’s, Pepsi-Cola, Remo’s and Silver Star Meats.

She also indicated that at Evergreen Park the movie “Babe” is being shown this evening. “The Muppet Movie” will be shown at the Municipal Center on August 17th.

Commissioner Korbel stated that “Raiders of the Lost Ark” will be shown at dusk at Sangree Park on July 24th.

Commissioner Trilli stated that “Star Wars” will be shown at Denny Park at dusk on August 14th. He also challenged residents to dress up for the movie. The winner will receive four tickets to a Pirate game.

Commissioner Mazur also reminded everyone that the 5K race is coming up on August 16th at Ross Park Mall. She also commented that the McKnight Journal had a nice article regarding the Fishing Tournament.



Commissioner Mikec relayed some funny anecdotes regarding children at the tournament and their reactions to the fish and bait and their reaction to the overall experience.

Commissioner Mazur also thanked the Recreation Department, the Fire Police and Public Works and the different departments that contributed to make the event a success.

Commissioner Montgomery commented that there were cupcakes available for everyone in honor of Commissioner Mazur's birthday.

ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Request Board approval for Payment No. 1 from Merit Electrical Group, Inc., in the amount of \$11,052.00, for work completed for the period to 6/25/15 on the Public Works/Salt Storage Project.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Korbel.

Motion passes – 8 to 0

Request Board approval for Pay Application Request No. 1 from State Pipe Services, Inc., in the amount of \$149,872.00, for repair work completed between May 18, 2015, and June 8, 2015, for the Ross Township 2015 Sewer Repair Contract C – Special Repairs as required by the Consent Order.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Korbel.

Commissioner Mikec commented that all of the requests were approved by the entity responsible for doing it such as Gateway Engineers and McLean Architects.

Motion passes – 8 to 0

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Request Board approval for Payment No. 1 from Wheels Mechanical CS, Inc., in the amount of \$49,965.75, for work on the Public Works/Salt Storage Project.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Korbel.

Motion passes – 8 to 0

Request Board approval for Pay Application No. 2 from Insight Pipe Contracting, L.P., in the amount of \$27,852.55, for CCTV work completed between June 1, 2015, and June 30, 2015, for the 2015 CCTV inspection project as required by the Consent Order.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Korbel.

Motion passes – 8 to 0

Request Board motion to renew the Township’s insurance coverage with BRIT at a cost not to exceed \$180,000.00.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Mazur and seconded by Commissioner Korbel.

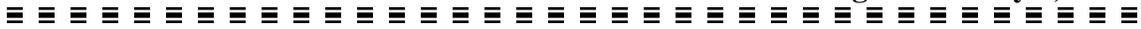
Motion passes – 8 to 0

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Request Board motion to authorize the township manager to explore a Defined Contribution Plan not to exceed the cost of \$6,000.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes – 8 to 0



Motion to open nominations for the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion passes – 8 to 0

Motion to nominate Michael Connolly made by Commissioner Korbel.

Motion to nominate David Eifler made by Commissioner Mazur.

Motion to close nominations made by Commissioner Korbel and seconded by Commissioner Mikec.

Motion passes – 8 to 0

Roll call:

- Commissioner Mazur – Connolly
- Commissioner Korbel – Connolly
- Commissioner Shaffer – Connolly
- Commissioner Trilli – Connolly
- Commissioner DeMarco – Connolly
- Commissioner Stanko – Connolly
- Commissioner Mikec – Connolly
- Commissioner Montgomery – Connolly

Michael Connolly appointed to the Civil Service Commission by a vote of 8 to 0

The manager was directed to advertise for the vacancy for alternate on the Civil Service Commission.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Commissioner Mikec commended the Public Works Department for their efforts on Community Day. He also commented favorably on the recent improvements to Evergreen Park.



Request Board permission for Detective Brian Kohlhepp and Sergeant Randy McAllister to attend the 16th Annual Cold Case Homicide Investigations Conference in Annapolis, MD, August 17-20, 2015. Estimated Cost: Not to exceed \$850.00.

Motion to approve made by Commissioner Trilli and seconded by Commissioner Mazur.

Commissioner Trilli commented that the amount was in the budget for the Police Department.

Motion passes – 8 to 0

PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRE/FIRE POLICE/EMS COMMITTEE REPORT - None

MANAGER’S REPORT - None

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS:

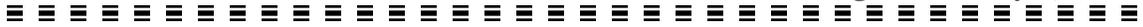
Commissioner Trilli thanked Commissioner Mazur for her efforts on the Fishing Tournament. He also thanked Doug Sample, Mary and Kim who, in the absence of the finance director, have done a great job with a brand new system trying to iron out all the bugs.

Commissioner DeMarco also thanked Commissioner Mazur for her efforts on the Fishing Tournament. Commissioner DeMarco also commented that today marked the 46th anniversary of the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong, who was a member of the same college fraternity as Commissioner DeMarco.

Commissioner Montgomery presented an award to Commissioner Stanko from the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners for 12 years of service. He presented the award to her on behalf of Mr. Ed Black, president of the PSATC.

Commissioner Stanko also thanked Commissioner Mazur for her efforts on the Fishing Tournament.

CITIZENS’ COMMENTS - None



Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner DeMarco and seconded by Commissioner Korbel.

Motion passes – 8 to 0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:59 P.M.

**Douglas Sample
Manager/Secretary**

**Grant Montgomery, President
Ross Township Board of
Commissioners**

Minutes transcribed by *Noreen A. Re, Realtime Court Reporter*