

**MARSHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
525 PLEASANT HILL ROAD
WEXFORD, PA 15090**

**AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, June 29, 2015 7:15 PM**

1. **Presentation by Amy Steele, Northland Library Board Member. Northland Strategic Plan** - Amy Steele and Linda McFadden presented the Board with visions of the Library Foundation describing initiatives of their strategic plan. The Library has a strong presence in the communities serving through the support of individuals, Library users, Library volunteers, private foundations, and corporate partners to ensure that the Library remains the center of their community and is prepared for the opportunities of the future.

2. **Presentation of Master Plan and "Start-Up" Budget for Altmeyer Park. Possible Motion to Appropriate Funds from the General Fund Balance** - Mr. McFadden noted that an advertisement was posted for tonight's presentation in an effort to generate interest and all interested parties were welcome to attend. Ms. Jerry approached the Board. She described the future site plan for the park in great detail along with posters and a power point presentation. Details included the future renovated barn, programs requested by residents, sponsorship, and volunteering from different groups for new and upcoming programs.

Short discussion took place regarding the current facilities, the new facilities, and the actual needs in the future. Discussion also took place regarding funding/donations for the park from local businesses after Phase 1 of the project. Mr. Gazdik, Twp. Engineer, approached the Board to discuss the estimated cost/breakdown of Phase 1 of Altmeyer Park. Mr. Madigan mentioned that before each phasing, he would like to see justification for moving forward with each Phase with regard to facilities within that phase.

Amy Gutz, a Marshall Resident and Girl Scout Leader spoke regarding the need for space for holding girl scout meetings.

Mr. Dave Schneider of Wildflower Lane approached the Board. He questioned the Highway Occupancy Permit and questioned whether a turning lane is required. Mr. Schneider indicated he is specifically struggling with the fact that he has not seen any minutes on the website regarding this park from the Recreation Department. In addition, minutes have not been posted since 2013. It is Mr. Schneider's opinion that the barn should be torn down. He would like to see more improvements done at Knob Park; and Warrendale Park, improvements to tennis court lighting. He did mention the only unique perspective to this park is the afterschool programs.

Mr. Troy questioned Ms. Jerry if she received any surveys speaking negatively against this park. Ms. Jerry responded she has not.

Mr. Francios Bitz of 640 Pleasant Hill Road, questioned whether the funds to the Trails Fund from Altmyer Fields could be used for the trails in Altmyer Park. With regards to the Barn, he believes it would be cheaper to build new than to renovate the existing barn. Mr. McFadden stated as part of the Agreement of Sale, the barn is to remain intact. Mr. Bitz mentioned he would like to see botanical gardens, passive features, and green features. He believes a "green" park would be more visionary. Mr. Bitz questioned the ballpark figure of what the recreation budget is on a yearly basis in comparison to how long this is going to take. Mr. McFadden responded the general fund transfers to the recreation budget are approximately \$230,000. The recreation department also generates revenues of its own. So, the total operating is around \$300,000.

Seth Springer of 107 Meadowvue Drive approached the Board. He noted that this park would be nothing more than a disruption due to the fact the park adjoins his property. With that said, everyone on our street is in favor of the park. We have received much feedback regarding this park. Mr. Bragunier questioned Mr. Springer how many replies has he received. Mr. Springer replied at least three dozen families living in close proximity of this park. Although the park is small, he would like to see it preserved.

Mr. Troy made a motion to approve Phase 1 funding for the Altmyer Park plan as outlined in Mr. Gazdik and Ms. Jerry's materials that were distributed. This would include a \$315,634.53 appropriation from the General Fund Balance to the Parks and Recreation Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bragunier; vote in favor was unanimous [5-0].

3. Proposed Expansion of Marshall Township Volunteer Fire Company Station 2 (at Marshall Township Public Works Building, 465 Knob Road). Presentation of Concept Plan. –

Mr. McFadden noted Mr. Melnyk has approached the Township about a proposed 30' x 40' expansion for the Marshall Township Volunteer Fire Company Station 2 located at the Public Works Building. Mr. Melnyk approached the Board to discuss the concept of this possible expansion that would include additional storage space, along with a 3-bedroom live-in program. Mr. Madigan suggested looking into legal implications of the live-in program and to inquire from the solicitor if the "live-ins" would be considered employees since they would be living within a municipal building. Mr. Madigan also suggested Mr. Melnyk obtain feedback from Mr. Dickson from his perspective of if and how this expansion would affect Public Works operations. Mr. Madigan indicated, at this point, no Board member has an objection to this concept plan, but would like some assurances from the solicitor that he does not see any potential problems or consequences that the Township would have to deal with.

4. **Municipal Sewer Program - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Program (MS4 Program); Discussion Regarding a Municipal Water Quality Program Relative to Permit Requirements.** –

Mr. Gazdik approached the Board indicating an advertisement had been run for a public meeting regarding our municipal separate storm sewer permit. It is required under a permit that we do this on an annual basis. We have a permit and we have a program in place to evaluate all of our stormwater outfalls. These outfalls will be tested for water quality and will take place throughout the year.

5. **Review and Approval of Proposed July 13, 2015 Agenda.** – Mr. McFadden suggested the Board meet on July 13, 2015. Due to conflicts on July 13, 2015, the Board of Supervisors regular meeting for July is postponed to July 27, 2015.

6. **Police Contract Negotiations** - Mr. McFadden reported to the Board that the Police contract negotiations have settled. The police have accepted our offer. This contract will be put into writing extending the contract for five years.

7. **Service for Officer Watkins** - Mr. McFadden noted to the Board that the service for Officer Watkins is tomorrow at 11:00 am. It is at St. John Newman Parrish, which is on Rochester Road in Franklin Park.

8. **Executive Session: One Personnel Matter** - Board entered into Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing one personnel matter. Board returned to public session. No action was taken.

ADJOURN - Since there was no further business to come before the Board, at 10:20 p.m., the meeting adjourned. Motion by Mr. Scavo, seconded by Mr. Candek; vote in favor was unanimous [5-0].

Respectfully submitted,

Sheryl Snyder