

March 12, 1997

The Codorus Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on March 12, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. in the Township Office. Board members present were: Lamar Glatfelter, James Bailey and Goldie Day. Others present were: Solicitor John Herrold, Irvin Rappoldt, Brian Baer, Robert Jarrett, Leland Snyder, Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Bare, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Bare, Ella Mae Cheek and Donald Lynch, Clyde Cheek, Mrs. Cindy Proveaux, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Jacoby, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel McCurry, Beth Lucabaugh, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Custer, Thomas Moore, Randy Sterner, Joan Bailey and reporters John Kovach and Teresa Crone.

Chairman Glatfelter opened the meeting with the Pledge.

The minutes were approved as written. The treasurer's report was presented to the Board.

Irvin Rappoldt reported that 5 building permits were issued in February - 3 new homes, 1 garage and 1 for removing a mobile home. He also reported that he is meeting with David Smith of Hill Climb Road regarding his junk violation. He has also checked the property along S. R. 616 and found several unlicensed cars on the property.

The secretary presented the proposal of Rene deBrabander to add 151 acres to the Township Agricultural Security Area. The Board took no action on this proposal. After 180 days from this date, the tract will be added to the ASA by resolution and recorded in the Court House.

Beth Lucabaugh of Manheim Township wanted to speak regarding the Stick property that the Township proposes to purchase for a recreation site. She acknowledged that Codorus Township has some of the best zoning in the County for preserving farm land. She asked about the wetlands on the property and why the Township proposes to demolish the buildings on the property; she gave some statistics on the property's use years ago.

Lamar Glatfelter stated that many township residents want ball fields for the boys club and that the Board has been looking for land to buy for several years. This property became available at a good price and is a good location. The Township felt this was a good opportunity for the Township to get this property for future recreational use.

Beth wanted to know if any engineering studies had been done and if the zoning would be changed. She was told that the Township wants to own the property before spending money on engineering studies. Solicitor Herrold stated that the Agricultural Zoning will not change; that the Zoning Ordinance provides for outdoor recreation use in this zone by Special Exception.

When asked why the Township did not approve of deBrabander selling this 23-acre tract of land to Clyde Cheek, Tom Moore, Chairman of the Planning Commission read the section from the Zoning Ordinance that would not allow this sale. Mr. Cheek did not have an adjoining farm that this tract could be added to meet the requirements set forth in the ordinance.

Dorothy McCurry asked why the purchase of this property was not on the ballot for residents to vote

on. Solicitor Herrold told her that this is not something to be put on a referendum for the election. The people elected the Board of Supervisors to make decisions for the Township. The Board may solicit opinions, but has the authority to make certain decisions.

Mrs. Gordon Custer who lives across the road from this property said she doesn't want a park here.

Mrs. Curry also wanted to know why she was denied purchasing some land from Mr. deBrabander to add to her lot, and was told that she had a lot larger than the maximum size now required by the Zoning Ordinance. She wanted to know why she was not told that she could apply for a zoning hearing. She was told she could make application and was given an application for a hearing.

Timothy Bare wanted to know why he was allowed to add some extra land to his lot when the McCurrys were not. He was told that he purchased land near a stream that was not prime farm land.

Joan Bailey spoke on the need for recreational facilities in the Township. Ball fields are badly needed and there are many youth from Codorus that participate in sports. She feels that by providing activities for our youth, there may be less of a drug problem.

Billy Bare stated that by having a park, it won't take care of the teenage problems.

Leland Snyder, resident and member of the Township Zoning Hearing Board asked if the Board applied for a Special Exception, or had the contract on the property contingent on Zoning Hearing Board approval. He feels the Township put the cart before the horse by not having this contingency in the contract. If the action of the Board is not justified, a special exception will not be granted.

Tom Moore said he supports the recreation area and purchase of the property. There has been pressure on the Board to do something about recreation.

Solicitor Herrold explained a special exception and that the Board will use the proper procedure before settlement on the property. He also said that if the Township meets the required criteria for a special exception, it cannot be denied.

Other residents present had comments about the sale of this property. Mrs. Timothy Bare had several comments and questions. She couldn't understand why Clyde Cheek was not allowed to purchase the property. It was explained to her several times. She wants old barns and homes preserved.

Randy Sterner, EMC, attended a March 1 meeting at York New Salem with other Emergency Management Coordinators. The group is gathering a list of the resources from each municipality that could be used in case of an emergency. The secretary will provide the list of Township equipment available. Randy stated that Manheim Township is joining with the West Manheim Emergency group.

James Bailey made a motion that the Board create a Recreation Board seconded by Lamar Glatfelter.

This motion carried. The Solicitor was asked to change the ordinance as drafted to 5 members and to advertise this for adoption.

The secretary reported that she had a call around 5 P.M. today that the Boondocks Tavern was having dancing girls. There were cars parked all over the place. The caller sent her husband to the tavern to see just what was going on. She called back and said that there were topless dancers with G-strings. Some people reported seeing a sign at the property advertising topless dancers and others said the sign said only dancing girls. Chairman Glatfelter will call the Liquor Control Board to find out if this is allowed.

Another lady named Marie, living on Rohrbaugh Road left a message on the answering machine that she wanted to know what could be done to stop this bar from having topless dancers.

Goldie Day made a motion to issue a road occupancy permit to Met-ED (GPU Energy) for the replacement of two poles on Fiscal road, seconded by James Bailey. This motion carried.

Lamar Glatfelter made a motion to pay the registration fee for Deborah Slawson to attend the fifth annual Pennsylvania Geographic Information Systems Conference to be held in Harrisburg May 6-8. The cost of the registration is \$160.00 since Deborah is a full-time student. James Bailey seconded this motion. This motion carried.

Peter Jacoby asked the Board to adopt some type of ordinance that would take care of neighbors barking dogs. Lamar Glatfelter told him that there have been numerous calls regarding barking dogs, but the Board is at loss as to what to do. It would be impossible to enforce an ordinance since there are so many dog owners.


Joan Bailey asked if the Township would provide portable toilets again this year for the ball games at Friendship and Southern Elementary Schools. The games run from March 24 through June 23.

Lamar Glatfelter made a motion to provide portable toilets for the above period, seconded by James Bailey. This motion carried. Dale Miller of Fawn Grove will deliver and set these up at the schools.

The bills were presented to the Board. Lamar Glatfelter made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by James Bailey. This motion carried.

Goldie Day made a motion to adjourn at 10:30 P.M. seconded by Lamar Glatfelter.

Respectfully submitted,


Goldie Day, Secretary