

A regularly scheduled workshop of the Township of Liberty was held in the Municipal Building, 349 Mountain Lake Road, Great Meadows on 23 July 2015. The meeting was opened by Mayor John Inscho with Adequate Notice of Meeting and the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Mayor John Inscho; Deputy Mayor Dan Grover; Carl Cummins; Ronald Petersen, and Peter Karcher

Also, Present: Roger Skoog, Municipal Attorney; and, Diane M Pflugfelder, Municipal Clerk/Administrator

REPORTS

COMMITTEEPERSON KARCHER

Pete Karcher reported that research was ongoing regarding personal matters at Mountain Lake Beach.

COMMITTEEPERSON PETERSEN

Ron Petersen reported that the paving was progressing very well within Liberty Woods. He requested that the DPW install signs around Mountain Lake reminding public that the lake has a carry in- carry out policy.

COMMITTEEPERSON CUMMINS

Carl Cummins reported that there had been a LandUse meeting on Tuesday, 21 July 2015.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Chuck Harvey, Assistant DPW Supervisor, presented the following verbal report:

- ✓ Paving within Liberty Woods would be complete on Friday, 24 July.
- ✓ Center lines within Liberty Woods would be forthcoming
- ✓ The fishing pier railing installation is anticipated next week
- ✓ The electronic speed monitoring sign programing is near completion
- ✓ Upon completion of paving project, the DPW would return their concentration to the Pavilion at Mountain Lake beachfront area
- ✓ Warren County Auction items require final approval from the DPW liaisons
- ✓ Trees within the road right-of-way are being identified for the annual removal project

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Eileen Greason, Environmental Commission Secretary, reported that Moth Night 2015 was a success.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Eileen Greason, Recreation Commission Secretary, reported that the daily beach attendance averages 60-70 on weekdays and 100+ on weekends. Ms. Greason reported that the summer recreation program is a success this year.

MAYOR INSCHO

Mayor Inscho reported that he and Pete Karcher had meet with representatives of the Recreation Commission last week for a fact finding session. The Municipal Attorney is continuing to investigate beach policy and procedures of municipalities within New Jersey.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION – CHAPTER 94, TRAILERS

Following discussion at the Township Committee meeting of 2 July 2015, the Municipal Zoning Officer was asked to review the applicability of the Municipal Code, Chapter 94, Trailers. Eric Snyder, Municipal Zoning Officer, submitted a report that the Liberty Township LandUse Board had authorized him to begin a re-examination, pursuant to Municipal LandUse Law. This Chapter would be included within that re-examination. His report stated that most of the Chapter is irrelevant today, but there is no planning issue in retaining the Ordinance at this time.

SHARED SERVICE FOR MUNICIPAL COURT

Upon review of the proposed three-year Shared Services Agreement with the Town of Belvidere for Municipal Court Services, revision suggestions would be addressed at the August Township Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

BLOCK 10, LOT 14.01 – 33 HOPE ROAD

A letter was received from Tamas Szilagy, owner of Block 10, Lot 14.01. Mr. Szilagyri offered the donation of this parcel to the Township. The Township Committee members agreed that there was not municipal interest in the acquisition of this parcel.

FREE UNION FIELD PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Following discussion on the Free Union Field Playground at the last Township Committee meeting, Michael F Niznik, PAIC Loss Control Manager who oversees playgrounds was contacted. Mr Niznik reported that soft/rubber seats units would need to be installed; the bedding would need to be completed removed and a geo-tech fiber installed to prevent future weed growth. He also reported costs of certified cedar mulch vs. shredded rubber. The Township Committee agreed that the repairs and maintenance of the playground would be a Capital Project consideration for the Recreation Commission in the 2016 budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE – RIGHT TO KNOW

Historically the Township of Liberty had fulfilled all that had been required of the municipality for annual Right-To-Know Surveys. This year those requirements have changed. A quote was received from RK Occupational & Environmental Analysis was received for preparation of the initial 2013 RTK Survey and a subsequent 2014 Survey.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE - RIGHT-TO-KNOW

A quote was presented from RK Occupational & Environmental Analysis, Inc for the initial completion of the 2013 RTK Survey and input data at the cost of \$1,125.00 as well as the 2014 RTK Survey at \$675.00.

Mayor Inscho requested that neighboring municipalities be contacted to inquire what services they use for the Right-to-Know Survey documentation.

NJ STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION

A motion by Dan grover authorizing the acceptance of a NJ State Firemen's Association Membership application from Sean Newkirk carried. Mayor Inscho abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT was opened at 7:24 pm.

Dan Gaeta – Mr. Gaeta requested clarification from the meeting he had had with the Mayor and Peter Karcher last week. Attorney Skoog informed Mr. Gaeta that matters of personnel may not be discussed without the employee in question noticed for their opportunity to be heard.

Sean Harrison – Mr. Harrison inquired into the status of the lifeguard scheduling. Attorney Skoog repeated that the issue is continuing to be researched.

Melisa Murphy – Ms. Murphy reported that she was discontented with the conditions of the neighbors property and asked the Township Committee to intervene.

Lisa Thomas – Ms. Thomas questioned the status of the Lodge. Mayor Inscho informed here that discussions have been progressing.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion by Mayor Inscho to adjourn the meeting carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Diane M Pflugfelder RMC/MMC
Municipal Clerk/Administrator
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