

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
Town Hall Meeting
June 3, 2009

Vice Chair, William Holmes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Terry Woodman, Township Manager, was also present. Approximately twenty (20) people were in the audience.

Topics discussed included:

1. Fieldbrook Residents expressed their concern over the developer's failure to finish their project. The condition of the four stormwater basins is of particular concern.

Linda Furey said members of the Fieldbrook Home Owners Association had a conversation with Beau Erixson and Dave Peltor from Benson Construction this afternoon, and during the discussion, Beau said that Benson will fix the basins per the approved plan. Members of the audience asked Mr. Holmes to hold Mr. Erixson to that commitment.

John Pizzi said that he and other homeowners do not want the situation to continue. They had expected all improvements to be completed three years ago, and they were not. They then expected completion last year, and again nothing was done. Mr. Pizzi said he and his neighbors want the Township to take definitive actions to cure the issues the builder has left undone. Mr. Pizzi asked that no additional escrow releases will be made until all of the remaining work has been completed and stabilized.

Ernest Zlotolow-Stambler said the Township is the Home Owners Association last resort, the Township has the "teeth" to have the needed repairs implemented. Additional comments were made by several other homeowners in attendance and at the conclusion of the discussion Bill Holmes said he would make sure the Solicitor was provided with copies of the developer's escrow document and Subdivision and Land Development Agreement. And, upon concurrence of his colleagues, he would ask the solicitor to prepare to act on an escrow default by the developer. Mr. Holmes said that he would also work with the Township Engineer to make sure the Developer sticks with the approved plan design.

2. General Warren Village – Jim McVeigh said the stop signs at Lantern Lane, Old Lancaster Road and Warren Avenue are being ignored by drivers on a regular basis. He said the trucks operated by the contractors working for AquaPA were particularly lax in stopping at the signs. Mr. McVeigh also talked about the dumping that has occurred on the Tabas property across the street from his home, citing a pile of 50 or so tires and other trash that has accumulated.

Walter Lynn said he agrees with everything that Jim said, particularly with the fact that the AquaPA contractor trucks are getting careless with the stop signs. Eileen Zelek asked if speed bumps could be installed in a couple of locations in the village, and if speed bumps were not possible, could rumble strips be installed. Ginny Lynn said rumble strips were very noisy for people living close to them. Andrea Schram said a neighbor on Spring Road also has a problem with speeding vehicles. Discussion ensued on the possibility of posting "Do Not Enter during certain hour" signs on Warren Avenue, Village Way and Old Lancaster Road. Bill Holmes said that, in his opinion, that would not be possible due to the through nature of those streets. Ginny Lynn said the storm drains were clogged again after last night's rain and the water almost topped the berm that protects her home from flooding. Mr. Holmes said he would follow-up on the drainage issue. Eileen Zelek asked if there was an update on Bishop Tube. None was available. She also asked if the Bishop Tube property is redeveloped would Village Way be connected through to S. Malin Road. Ms. Woodman said there were no plans to make that connection.

Bill Holmes told the audience that East Whiteland Township and Malvern Borough partnered to do a study to look at the impacts a new extension of Pennsylvania Avenue would have on traffic patterns in the Township. He said that study would be completed sometime in the Fall.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Woodman
Township Manager