

**WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION OF October 14, 2019**

The Wrightstown Township Board of Supervisors Work Session was called to order at 5:00 PM on October 14, 2019 by Chair Chester S. Pogonowski at the Wrightstown Township Municipal Building, 2203 Second Street Pike, Wrightstown, PA. In attendance were Vice Chair Jane B. Magne, Treasurer Robert Lloyd, Township Solicitor Vicki Kushto and Code Enforcement Officer Ted Middleman.

BUSINESS

A. Dougherty Subdivision. Attorney Don Marshal was present representing the Dougherty family to discuss their subdivision plans. The Dougherty family has an approved 4-lot subdivision on Cedar Lane. They would like to modify the landscape plan. This subdivision had been previously approved when the Gorski family owned the property, but the project was never completed. The new owners renewed the project and revised plans to meet new Township requirements. The previously approved landscape plan required installation of six street trees. The new plan calls for 894 plantings. The owners believe this is excessive for a 4-lot residential subdivision. Attorney Marshal reviewed the plan and pointed out that the landscaping exceeds the zoning and land development requirements. Treasurer Lloyd asked why this is an issue now after the plan was approved. Mr. Marshal responded that the Doughertys did not understand that the plan exceeded the requirements and were very surprised when the cost of the improvements was established. The plans had been prepared by the Dougherty's planners and appears to have included excessive plantings. Further discussion included street trees and drainage basin tree buffering. Treasurer Lloyd questioned the buffering around the basins. He was concerned with the look of an open basin. It was pointed out that the basins would be in the back yards of the lots and not easily seen from the street. Vice Chair Magne asked if the Doughertys had any conversation with the neighbors concerning the reduction in the landscaping. They had not. She requested they contact them to assure there was no concern with the revisions since it could be different than what they may have expected. Mr. Marshal indicated that the Doughertys would have the plans revised to show the proposed revisions and will have a conversation with the neighbors to discuss the changes.

B. Agenda of October 21, 2019. The agenda for October 21 was reviewed and discussed.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was none.

SUPERVISORS' COMMENTS

Vice Chair Magne announced that the Wrightstown Park and Recreation Board will be sponsoring the 2019 Harvest Festival on Saturday, October 19 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Middletown Grange Fairgrounds.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Matthews Ridge Background Groundwater Monitoring Report.

The Township is required to perform a background groundwater report necessary under the new NPDES sewage permit for Matthews Ridge. The Township received a quote from Valley Environmental Services Inc. through Ebert Engineering, the Township sewage engineering firm. Treasurer Lloyd made a motion to authorize Valley Environmental Services to perform the groundwater report in the amount of \$2,400. The motion was seconded by Vice Chair Magne and approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was an executive session to discuss potential litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Treasurer Lloyd, seconded by Vice Chair Magne, all voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph F. Pantano
Township Manager