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The Board of Supervisors of College Township met May 2, 1967, at 7:30 in the Municipal Building. All members were present.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. The treasurer reported April expenses amounting to $5,406.49. Mr. Williams made a motion to approve payment of these expenses. Motion was seconded by Mr. Lebine.

Mr. Gerlach, architect for the recreational land development, reported on the progress of that subject. After outlining the considerations necessary in developing these three park sites, Mr. Gerlach reviewed possibilities for the Strange tract which include: baseball + softball fields, soccer or football field, tennis courts (perhaps convertible for basketball), play apparatus, picnic area, suggested band shell, walking path, perhaps bicycle or bridle, and rest rooms + trash collection areas. The Walker site of 12.9 acres with its steep topography lends most easily to its natural characteristics for walking, hiking trail and possible picnic sites. The nine acres of the Mitchell-Dale neighborhood park land could develop most easily into softball field; area for touch football or soccer, play apparatus + possible play area.

The appearances of these park sites to their surrounding property owners will be considered in this proposed landscaping. Comfort facilities are not proposed in the two smaller sites because of their neighborhood nature. Activities would be handled throughout the sites by the State College Park + Recreation Board, of which College Township is a member. Maintenance would be handled locally until such a time as the Centre Region might set up a crew to handle this maintenance throughout the area.

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Mr. Jerlach will be happy to talk with individuals or groups about ideas and contributions to the development of the park sites. Detailed plans should be available at the end of the summer.

Supervisors reported hopes of purchasing additional lands for parks under the Dept. of Agriculture Greenspan program. Site suggestions are welcomed.

Next item under discussion was the proposed State College Bypass. A letter from the Supervisors asking for information and for a delay in an announced public hearing for May 8 was presented. In reply to this letter, Mr. Bartlett of the State Dept of Highways, and Mr. Sunk of the Clearfield Office of the Dept. of Highways, denied postponement of the hearing. Mr. Levine reviewed chronological information over the past 3 years where information had been requested from the Dept of Highways relatedly to the bypass and meetings between the Highway Dept. and local government groups had been urged, all to no avail. The Supervisors traveled to Clearfield after the announcement of the bypass hearing but were not able to obtain any maps of the proposed route. and only limited information about the bypass.

A discussion followed regarding the bypass. The Supervisors are attempting to collect adequate material in order to present a statement of the economic impact of the bypass at the May 8 hearing; specifically as it relates to College Township. Mr. Williams will contact the Clearfield Office again to try to secure additional information as to the cost of underpasses, width of road, fences, proposed fill, excavation, etc.

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The Board of Adjustment will consider the Meyer property on June 7. There currently exists an appeal to the Supervisors decision of March 7, and a Complaint in Mandamus against this decision. The Township solicitor is preparing a reply to the Complaint of Mandamus.

Speed limits of 35 mph have been approved for Branch Road, Elmwood, and Oak Hall. The Township policeman has been on duty at the Branch Road - 322 intersection since April and the district traffic engineer will be at the site Thurs. a.m. to look at the situation.

Mr. John Miller's request to pave Logan Avenue was discussed with the Boro. Their (Boros) procedure is reported to be the same as the Township's re paving non-owned roads.

The opinion of the Township solicitor regarding Green Acres Lane was read to the meeting. The Planning Comm.'s recommendation of July 6, 1966 was also presented. "A petition by residents along Green Acres Lane for the Township to take over the lane was presented to the Commission by the Supervisors for recommendation. The Commission recommends that the road not be taken over unless sufficient right-of-way and a cul-de-sac for turnaround or extension of the road to connect with proposed Clover Highland Streets be provided." Motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation of July 6, 1966 was made by Mr. Weaver. Motion seconded by Mr. Williams

The Board approved a request from the Schlow Memorial Library to contribute one-half of their 1967 library support at their earliest convenience. Motion, Mr. Levine, second Mr. Williams.

Plans were approved for the Clauses, tract and Vallim out Parkland.

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Presentation of proposed zoning fee changes to a graduated basis was discussed by Mr. Dan Stearns, Zoning Officer. Mr. Williams suggested the subject be tabled until next meeting in order that the solicitor might look at it.

Motion was made to establish Dan Stearns as a voting member on the "Code Committee. Motion by Mr. Weaver, second Mr. Levine.

Schedule of collection days for college Township Clean-up day was presented. Collections will be made between May 9 and June 2.

Open Discussion

Our attorney will try to determine the ownership of the road at the cemetery. He will take the matter to court if he is unable to determine ownership from the existing facts.

Lester M Weaver
Secretary