

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLEGE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - February 13, 1968

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors of College Township was held on February 13, 1968 in the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. All supervisors were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting of January 2nd were read and approved.
Treasurer's Report -- The Board approved payment of current bills in the amount of \$7,329.07, leaving a balance of \$18,970.67.

Old Business -- Adoption of 1968 Budget -- The 1968 Budget in the amount of \$267,102.94, which provides for the following was presented:

General Government.....	\$214,102.94
State Highway Fund.....	15,770.05
Street Lighting	6,242.56
Fire Protection.....	8,061.68
Equipment Fund.....	15,993.14
Parks and Recreation Fund.....	7,664.64

The Chairman explained that the budget was larger this year, partly because it contains a loan in the amount of \$105,000 to the University Area Joint Authority. No new taxes will be needed to finance expenditures this year. The one mill tax levied to pay for the municipal building has been transferred to a Parks and Recreation Fund to develop three proposed municipal parks now that the building has been paid for. Other services and proposals included in the 1968 budget are increased police protection, widening of township roads, support of the State College Parkway concept, establishment of a planning library, support to the Boalsburg Fire Department, and provision for area-wide activity projects.

The tax structure for 1968 will include the following:

General Fund	2 mills
Equipment Fund	1 mill
Parks & Recreation	1 mill
Street lights	10¢ per foot
Fire Hydrants	5¢ per foot
Wage Tax	1/2 of 1 percent

The 1968 budget was recommended for adoption by the Board and the budget will be available to the public at the Municipal Building during office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 to 4 p.m.

Budget Requests - A request from the Parks & Recreation Board of \$3,464.54 from College Township was approved. Also approved was a request for \$1,680.00 from the Centre Regional Planning Commission and a request from the Schlow Library in the amount of \$5,561.00. Chairman explained that the Schlow Library and the County Library have secured the support of the Council on Regional Governments to request funds from the County Commissioners to support both libraries. The Board makes the appropriation for Schlow Library with the understanding that, if the County Commissioners provide financial support, the amount appropriated by the township will be returned.

State College By-Pass Parkway Concept Chairman read the following resolution adopted by the Centre Regional Planning Commission: "That the municipalities of Centre Region give authorization to the Centre Regional Planning Commission

as noted on sketch plan number 2 for the Ross D. Lowder Farm, September 18, 1967; and further that the portion of the Lowder Tract lying within College Township east of line AGF to the Oak Hall-Boalsburg Road, now zoned R-2 be rezoned to R-1 residential." The Board agreed to contact the Solicitor to prepare the rezoning advertisement and arrange for hearings in the near future.

Another Planning Commission recommendation for approval of the preliminary plan for partial development of the Centre Hills - Daleview Subdivision requested by Gordon Kissinger was discussed with particular reference to the question of the open space provisions of the Subdivision Ordinance and the walk easements from the subdivision to the proposed township park and to the Centre Hills Golf Course. The Board decided to refer the question of the open space requirements to the Solicitor for an interpretation. Mr. Kissinger stated that, after discussion with Mr. Wiser of the County Planning Commission, he had decided to deed the walk easements to the property owners, retaining an underground utility easement under them. The upper part of the Center Hills Development lying along the golf course is presently zoned R-1 residential, and a request was made by Mr. Kissinger that this be rezoned R-2, so that it could be developed on the same basis as the rest of the tract. Mr. Kissinger's request for rezoning was directed to the Planning Commission for recommendation at their March 4th meeting.

Announcements

There will be a public meeting of the College-Harris Joint Authority in the Boalsburg Fire Hall on February 29, at which time the engineer's sketches and plans for the sewer installation will be displayed and discussed.

A letter received from Mrs. Wernstedt, a Girl Scout Leader in Lemont, requesting information regarding a possible public service project for the Girl Scouts was read. The supervisors will investigate and see if some suitable project could be worked out in connection with the proposed parks and notify Mrs. Wernstedt accordingly.

Don Stearns raised some questions concerning the issuance of building permits at Nittany Mall. After considerable discussion, it was decided that he should seek clarification from the solicitors.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Lester M. Weaver, Secretary

to carry out the proposal for the State College By-pass as outlined in its resolution of February 1, 1968 and that it be empowered to enter into an agreement with consultants to realize fulfillment of this resolution, and that a committee composed of members of the Centre Regional Planning Commission from College, Harris and Patton Townships along with Mr. Ayer of the Parks and Recreation Board and Regional Planner Power be formed to coordinate the work and, further, that the municipalities be requested to support the resolution financially according to the following schedule: College Township, \$2,000; Harris Township, \$667; Patton, \$721.00; State College, \$271; Penn State University, \$100; and Halfmoon Township, \$24." It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Weaver that the Board approve the resolution and appropriate the sum requested. Motion carried.

Special Reports -- Proposed Park Sites -- Mr. Gerlach, Landscape Architect and Mr. Ayer of the Parks and Recreation Board discussed development of two proposed park sites on the Mitchell-Dale tract and the Walker tract. The Mitchell Dale site, next to the Daleview subdivision, is being planned mainly as a neighborhood park. The 9-acre tract will contain a playing field, children's playground, informal picnic area, and, later, a comfort station and storage area, with the steep hillside reserved for sledding. Mr. Ayer said the Parks Board hoped to staff the park on a regular basis if an agreement could be worked out with the school department. One problem with respect to this site is a power line which cuts through it. Some arrangement will have to be made either to have the line put underground or re-routed.

Mr. Gerlach said that his concept for possible development of the Walker tract of 12.9 acres was that of a nature study area, with paths for hiking, bicycling, development of a picnic area and, possibly, a pond created by damming up the creek. Until such time as the effect of the by-pass route through this area, no further plans for development can proceed.

Mr. Ayer stated that his department had applied to the obtain to obtain 50 percent of the cost of developing Spring Creek Park under the Parks and Recreation Bond Issue recently passed by the legislature. He said, that, within one month, their office should be notified whether or not state money can be made available. If there are no further difficulties, the department will be in a position to ask for bids by April.

University Area Joint Authority Request - The authority has requested space in the building to use as an office for handling the building of the new sewer system. Chairman stated that it appears that it will benefit the taxpayers to have the office located in the Municipal Building and that there were no plans to charge rent for the space, but that some possible arrangement could be worked out so that township operating costs could be cut by allowing use of the office.

Ordinances - The weed and peddlers ordinances are now ready for hearings and the supervisors set the next regular meeting on March 12th as a hearing date.

Approval of Plans * Lowder Subdivision - After considerable discussion with a representative of the Planning Commission and Mr. Lowder, the Board approved the following Planning Commission recommendation concerning rezoning of the Lowder property: "That the portion of the Lowder Tract described as starting at point A, then westerly to point B, southerly to point C, easterly to point D, southerly to point E, easterly to point F, northeast to point G, and then northerly to point A, and lying within College Township be rezoned from R-1 to R-2 residential