MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING OF COLLEGE TOWNSHIP ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1967

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Howard Levine at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. All members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting of September 5th were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report -- Mr. Weaver reported total bills during the month of September as $6,475.25. It was moved by Levine and seconded by Williams that the bills be approved for payment. The motion passed.

Special Reports --Spring Creek Park - Chairman Levine introduced Mr. Fred Gerlach, a Landscape Architect whose firm had designed the preliminary plans. He described for the Board and the audience of citizens the detailed plans for the development of Spring Creek Park in gradual phases over a five-year period, with the first year including the development of access roads and a ball field. Ultimately, the park will provide a picnic area, a soft ball field, children's play area, a place near the picnic area for outdoor sports like badminton, kickball, tennis, field hockey, and a trail along the creek for pedestrians, bicycles and horses, along with the necessary parking adjacent to use areas. One area currently used for sledding has been reserved for that purpose. One section of the park will be set aside for future development and, as yet, no definite plans have been made for it. One advantage of the five-year stage development, Mr. Gerlach pointed out, was the fact that the original plan can be changed if different needs develop before completion in 1972. One portion of land will have to be purchased for a road into the park because of the narrowness of the entry area.

Chairman Levine stated that the cost of the park is estimated to be $68,000 and that it will be up to the township to decide how to schedule the costs. In the discussion that followed, Mr. Gerlach and Mr. Ayer of the College Area Recreation Board answered questions from the audience. Most questions centered on the possibility of a swimming pool in the park and the proper protection and safeguarding of the baseball area. Mr. Ayer stressed the fact that this decision was up to the people of the township but that present estimated figure of $68,000 would cover only the proposed development.

Centre County Library -- Mr. Manchester, President of the Centre County Library, was introduced and he, in turn, introduced Mr. Moore who described the library's financial difficulties which have come about through increasing costs and larger circulation. With only forty percent of their budget coming from the state, the rest must be raised from other sources. He presented to the supervisors a sheet showing that a total of 3,606 persons in Lemont and Houserville used the library in 1966. He anticipated the number would rise to 5,000. Mr. Moore stated that the library was not asking the township supervisors for any specific figure, but he stated that based on a township assessed valuation in 1966 of $7,108,430, a 1/2 mill would total $3,554. Mr. Levine asked if specific figures on the total number of township persons now using the library could be supplied to the supervisors, and Mr. Moore promised to supply them. The supervisors will take the library's request under consideration.

Zoning Officer Dan Stearns stated that his office had issued seven permits, three for new houses and three for additions and alterations and one for a garage. In addition, he had issued a permit for a sign for the Grant Store at Nittany Mall. Total cost of permits $77,500.

Old Business: Water problems -- Mr. Williams reported that after the recent rain, mud and water backed up on Houserville Road and Spring Lea Drive. Since Houserville road is state property, Mr. Williams explained that he had previously contacted the state about the intersection problem. State authorities had promised to correct the problem with the installation of a culvert pipe. As yet, this work had not been done. Only good solution, Mr. Williams stated, was to surface Spring Lea Drive. The Board requested Mr. Williams to secure estimates for the proposed road repair.

New Business School Police: The Board approved the appointment of the following individuals as school police: A. Eosterman, J. Willower, V. McGhee, Betty Williams, Bernice Dill, Sue Neff, and Jacqueline Hall.

Mr. Jack Richberger presented a plan of record submitted by the Himes Printing Company to replot an area behind their plant on Route 26, owned by them and on which they plan to build. Purpose of the plan of record was to change the boundary line dividing the two lots as outlined on the previously-approved plan (Lots No. 12 and No. 13, Larkin Farm Development, Engineering Centre, Inc., dated May 1, 1960, Sheet Nos. 88 and 89) and make one lot from the present two. This plan of record had been approved by the Planning Commission at their regular meeting on October 2nd. In connection with this plan, some questions arose concerning the use of the right-of-way along one lot before dedication to the township. It was suggested to Mr. Richberger that he contact Mr. Gene Lederer, Township Solicitor, to seek an answer to the legal questions involved. The plan of record was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Next plan submitted was that of Dan Stearns. This was a preliminary subdivision plan which was approved by the Planning Commission on October 2nd, showing land to be conveyed to Dan W. Stearns by Guy W. Stearns along the Houserville Road. This was approved by the Board of Supervisors as a preliminary plan. Also discussed was a sketch plan for five lots on part of the area, which had also been presented to the Planning Commission. As part of development plans for the subdivision, Mr. Stearns promised to provide 50 feet from one lot to the township for a road. He asked that some provision be made at the end of his property adjoining the proposed township park to allow an entry for two lots which he planned to develop in that area and which adjoined the proposed parking lot. It was agreed that some provision would be worked out to ensure entry.

Two bids were opened: one from Stocker Chevrolet on a 1968 Chevrolet Model #KE20904 3/4-ton pick-up with 4-wheel drive in the amount of $1,974.00, plus trade-in of 1963 Chevrolet pick-up truck with snowplow, and the other from Decker Motor Company for a Dodge W-200, 4-wheel drive pick-up truck, in the amount of $2,400, plus trade-in of 1963 Chevrolet pick-up. It was moved by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Weaver, that thetownship award the bid for the truck to Stocker Chevrolet Company. The motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lester Weaver
Secretary-Treasurer