

**SHERWOOD GREENS ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT
413-274-2374**

Prudential Committee Minutes for August 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:05AM.

Present were Committee members Terry Hayden, Emily Pfeiffer, Bruce Lipton, Carl Lucas & Dean Lagrotteria.

Also present were Ernie from Always Growing, Kathy Borden, Treasurer and Laurie Boucher, District Clerk.

Residents in attendance: Bob & Sandy Moore, Jim & Rosalie Laczak, Margaret Rodriquez, Sue & Steve Hovani, Robert Gerstle and Barbara & Ira Korner

Review April 7, 2019 Minutes

April minutes reviewed- motion made to approve and seconded

District Clerk Laurie Boucher sworn in for another year

Treasurer's Report

Storage unit changed to a smaller \$40/month unit

Discussion regarding payment of Always Growing invoice e- board determined that invoice would be paid.

Reviewed and motion made to accept and motion seconded

Review and Sign Warrant

Reviewed and motion made to accept and motion seconded

Road Report

One call and one email received about incomplete road repair at Longbow Lane East and caller was updated that repair was in process.

Massachusetts Hazard Mitigation Grant – Carl Lucas & Marc researched the hazard mitigation grant. Grant Department Co-chair Shelley O'Toole states that usually the city/town requests the grant not a town district and that we would need to go through the town when they are redoing their plan. If chosen, SGRD would be responsible for 25% of cost. Margaret Rodriquez spoke of her previous experience with grant process.

Further research and discussion to follow, pending a returned message from Ms. O'Toole.

Motion to accept Road report made & seconded

Road Superintendent Job Description - Karen Brodie and Dean Lagroterria, with input from resident Bob Gerstle, created a job description. Discussion ensued regarding wording, monthly Road report, Project list, "hands on" duties, and liabilities.

Motion made and seconded to accept job description with amendments. Approved unanimously.

Lakes Report

Bruce Lipton reported that cost of testing by Housatonic Testing is \$65 per beach and \$35 for each additional test. The Board determined that public access to lakes should be tested routinely.

Tour of "beaver deceiver" locations occurred due to a resident's call regarding property of flooding at the location of one trap. Company rerouted pipe which resulted in water receding. Future work may need to be done on another dam in the area.

Bruce met with Becket Conservation Commission agent Mary to discuss lake treatment. Mary stated not to do any spraying or pulling. Also spoke with Solitude who recommends a third party NOI. Spoke with two companies that Solitude has worked with as third party and prices range from \$15,000 - \$20,000. If we do decide to go with a third-party, the survey would need to start in September. Bruce will ask Ken Wagner (3rd party) to create proposal to be discussed and decided upon at special meeting. A resident brought up another wetlands consultant, Stockman & Associates, for Bruce to contact as another alternative.

LAPA West membership renewal application completed and will be submitted.

Motion made and seconded to accept lakes report.

Berkshire Mosquito Control update

Spraying done prior to last meeting. Testing done that shows that second spraying needs to be done. Residents were notified and second spraying was done. Repeat testing is pending. An email push notification list as backup notification is being updated. Any future spraying will only be done on Wednesdays.

Motion to accept mosquito report made & seconded, all in favor.

Correspondence and Additional Business

Board will move forward next month with interviews for Road Superintendent. Currently there is only one applicant.

Terry received one call from realtor who stated he had a prospect for buying a house but had questions regarding water level of lakes. Call information was relayed to Bruce Lipton who spoke with realtor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48am

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Boucher, District Clerk

Documents discussed at this meeting:

FY19 Budget Expense Report May 3, 2019

Monthly Cash Report May 3, 2019

Warrant May 3, 2019 - Signed

FY2020 worksheet

July - August Road Report

Road Superintendent Job Description