

## **Sheshequin Township Planning Commission**

### **June 4, 2003 Minutes**

meeting location: Sheshequin Township Office

**ATTENDANCE:** Commission Members present: Jody Stroud, Rob Sweppenheiser, Laura Blain, Marshall Fuller, Ty Reynard, Roberta Sabitus-Place, Skip Smith, Bob Whipple; absent: Jason Wanck. Also present: Supervisor Gerald Place, Brad Cummings representing Bradford County Conservation District, residents Doug and Melba Chaffee, Robert Fabbri, Ron Rogers, Bill Sullivan, Leland Jennings, and Charles God of God's Quarry.

The meeting was opened at 7pm by Jody Stroud.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Creek Erosion:** Residents at the west end of TR685 are requesting help with bank stabilization of the creek behind their homes, which is eroding rapidly this rainy spring. Gerry Place provided copies of two letters of intent that might help secure grant money, and suggested township funds might be diverted from the bridge repair that had been previously budgeted for Spaulding Road, since he does not anticipate having sufficient time to get to that project this year. Brad Cummings recommended that the residents form a watershed association (similar to Bentley Creek) for long term solutions, and file for emergency permits to do a quick, short term stabilization. Various stabilization options and the types of materials that might be required were discussed. Ron Rogers, who has filed for permits in the past, volunteered to help fill out the necessary forms for the residents who are impacted. Ty Reynard also agreed to assist.

**God's Quarry:** Charles God presented a letter agreeing to repair any damage to Water Road resulting from the quarry he intends to operate. A on-site meeting was held last week with the supervisors and several planning commission members. A Sabitus-Place/Smith motion was approved to grant a variance allowing God's Quarry to operate up to 50ft from the toe of Water Road, providing Mr. God assumes responsibility for any necessary repairs. Mr. God requested a notarized letter from the township confirming the variance.

**PRIOR MINUTES:** Minutes from the prior meeting were distributed; a Whipple/Fuller motion was passed to approve the May 7, 2003 minutes as distributed.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Resignation:** Jason Wanck sent an email letter offering his resignation due to scheduling conflicts. A Reynard/Whipple motion was passed to accept Jason Wanck's resignation with regrets. A few suggestions were made to fill the resulting vacancy.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Public Meeting:** Arrangements could not be made with Henry Farley to present a history of Sheshequin Township, so this meeting was not advertised as a 'public' meeting.

**Other Township Plans:** We are still seeking to view completed plans from other townships; Litchfield's plan has not been released to the public yet, consequently, they are not ready to share a copy with us at this time. Asylum will have a final draft in July. We need to consider what format we will use to present the material we have so far, but still would like other comparisons first.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Driveway Permits:** There was some discussion about the damage new and existing driveways are causing to the roads, and mention that most other townships require permits. This problem is on the rise as township development is happening more rapidly. A Smith/Reynard motion was passed that a recommendation be made to the supervisors requesting implementation of a driveway ordinance for new construction. It is presumed requirements are already included for logging, stone quarry, or other such uses.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

**Next meeting: July 2, 2003, 7:00pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Blain, Planning Commission Secretary