

Chairperson, Mark Petros, on Friday, June 9, 2023 at 6:00pm, called the Special Meeting of the Sewickley Township Board of Supervisors to order as advertised in the Tribune Review on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. The members of the Board of Supervisors present were Mark Petros, Bill Dull, and Linda Harvey. Also attending the meeting were Chad Albert, Janet Schork, and Susan Leukhardt.

Mark Petros led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

No Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Bill Dull, to approve as presented below or amend the agenda. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mark Petros made a motion, seconded by Linda Harvey, to approve an Engineering Agreement with Gibson-Thomas Engineering Co., Inc for the Crabapple Grant - Basketball Court and Batting Cages. The Engineer's service for the design of this project is \$23,914.00. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$51,975.00 to Lutterman Excavating for the Crabapple Grant – Basketball Court & Batting Cages Project, Contract 1/2023. Payment will be made by Sewickley Township with reimbursement from the PA Commonwealth Financing Authority. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$54,968.40 to Lutterman Excavating for the Crabapple Grant – Basketball Court & Batting Cages Project, Contract 1/2023. Payment will be made by Sewickley Township with reimbursement from the PA Commonwealth Financing Authority. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to approve the Stormwater Management Operation and Maintenance Agreement with EQT CHAP, LLC for the Dermotta B Well Site. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to purchase two (2) upfit packages for our 2023 Dodge 5500's consisting of dump bodies, central hydraulics, plows, and spreaders through Costars Contract #25-E22-432 in the amount of \$98,450.00. This will be paid with American Rescue Plan Act funds. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to order the following pieces of equipment that were awarded to Sewickley Township through the PA Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Cimline M Series Crack Sealer	\$ 88,300.00
Massey Ferguson 5711D w/ Wildkat Boom	\$ 172,841.76
3-Ton Falcon Asphalt Recycler & Hot Box Trailer	\$ 50,176.00

Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Harvey made a motion, seconded by Mark Petros, to hire Michael Puskarich as a Temporary/Seasonal Laborer at the rate of \$ 16.00 per hour. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Recreation Center Discussion

Janet Schork, as the previous Recreation Director for 13 years, spoke on the history of the Recreation Center building. There were issues over the years that included plumbing, electrical, and the roof. Heating and air conditioning were issues also. They were taken care of to keep us going, but it wasn't permanent fixes.

Linda Harvey read a report received in September, 2019 from Gibson Thomas. It stated that due to the age of the building, 76 years old at the time, the building had the following issues: roof leak, replacement of air conditioning in attic, crumbling masonry, etc. The building shows signs of shifting. The exterior needs repointing. No heat in foyer, stairwell, or restrooms in the gym. Portable heating units are used to heat gym sitting areas, among other items.

Mark Petros added that the building is deemed unsafe at this time due to the crack in the wall and the shift. They estimated between \$250,000 to \$300,000 just to repair that wall.

Bill Dull asked if the building has asbestos in it. Mr. Petros stated yes, in the floor tile and ceiling. Current Recreation Director, Chad Albert added the worst area for asbestos was the back band room. Whether we renovate the building or demolish it, we will need to remove the asbestos.

Mrs. Schork spoke about making it ADA accessible. There is a chairlift we have now that it is difficult to get it repaired and certified each year. The cost to replace it would be \$30,000.

Mr. Petros stated that the roof would need to be completely replaced. Mrs. Schork stated we have received quotes in the past to replace it.

Mrs. Schork then spoke about the gym floor. About a third of it was damaged in 2019. An estimate to possibly refurbish the whole floor was maybe \$25,000.

Mrs. Harvey spoke on a report identifying the deterioration of the Recreation Center. The total was \$275,000 to \$350,000 to repair life safety issues with the building. This does not include any other issues with the building.

Jason Capenos, a resident of the Township, asked if the Township has an idea of what demolition would cost. Mr. Petros stated that they haven't gotten to that point just yet, but the possible options from his perspective would be to have the property blighted through the County or put it up for sale. Mr. Capenos believes that the property would be good for public parking if the building was demolished.

Tom Couch stated that he believes going through the County would be a good option to look into.

Mr. Capenos asked if the building generates any revenue. Mrs. Leukhardt responded that it sustains itself other than recreation wages and major repairs which are paid for through the General Fund. The utilities are paid from the Recreation account which is mainly rentals of the gym.

Mr. Couch asked the Board of Supervisors what other information they feel is needed to make a decision on the Recreation Center. Mr. Petros responded that he knows the condition of the building, and it just isn't good. The sooner we do something, the better. It is a huge liability sitting there. Mrs. Harvey feels it would take too much money to bring it back. Mr. Petros agrees. Mr. Dull wants to find out legally what should be done regarding the liability of the situation.

Regarding the utilities, they will remain on until the Library has their contents out of the building.

Mrs. Schork stated that there is a lot of historical items in Recreation Center side of the building... many pictures, trophies, etc.

Mr. Capenos asked about a new Recreation Center. Mr. Petros replied one step at a time. Mrs. Harvey stated that there were plans/meetings beginning in 2019. It has been talked about for a few years. Rillton was thought to be the location of the new Recreation Center due to the Township already owning Project 70 property behind Rillton VFC. A highway occupancy permit with PennDOT and core drillings were completed.

Mr. Capenos spoke of the Township owned property behind Bruno Field and Crabapple. That acreage could be used for a new Recreation Center with all recreation facilities in one "complex".

Mr. Petros concluded that this matter will be placed on the agenda for the next public meeting.

Crabapple Pool Discussion

Mr. Albert stated that the pool is losing 3 to 4 inches per day. This is similar to last year. We are testing different valves to see if we can narrow down where the leak/leaks are coming from. Running of the pump does slow down the loss of water. American Leak Detection can come in now since the pool is full to do dye tests. The other issue is staffing. We currently have three (3) lifeguards and no Pool Manager.

Mr. Petros instructed Mr. Albert to create a new Facebook page for the pool to keep everyone updated and post the open positions.

Mrs. Harvey understands that this is a touchy issue with people wanting to see it open. Discussions on this are important.

Mr. Dull added that he wants to continue to move forward.

No General Public Comment

Old / New Business

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at 6:00pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, Bill Dull made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Petros. Voting: Mr. Petros, Mr. Dull, Mrs. Harvey; yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm.

Susan D. Leukhardt
Secretary-Treasurer