

March 21, 2024

The Franklin Township Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Building located at 889 Fairyland Road. Township Officials present were Supervisors, Fred Kemmerer, Robin Cressley, and Leroy Kemmerer Jr., Secretary Brenda Cressley, Attorney Thomas S. Nanovic, and Michael Tirpak, (Township Engineer). A list of others in attendance at the meeting is attached to the Minute Book. Chairman Kemmerer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Leon Kamowski was present to discuss the Heere Subdivision and the original Shellhammer Subdivision Plans when Gerald Drive became a road. Mr. Kamowski presented a map showing a material list on the drawing of how the road should be installed.

The residents were here to explain and try to solve the issue of Gerald Drive not being maintained or properly installed. Currently Gerald Drive has no swales or drainage that work, and has no macadam. There are three homes that access Gerald Drive and per Franklin Township's Subdivision Ordinance only two lots are allowed off of a private road. The residents stated the swale and the road itself was placed in the wrong location and Mr. Kamowski specified the swales that were in place when the road was constructed are no longer working and the cross pipe is blocked.

Another main issue the residents have is that there was a note on the subdivision plans (both Gerald Shellhammer and the Heere Subdivisions) no further subdivisions will be allowed, but Heere was allowed to subdivide.

Mr. Kamowski also asked why a waiver was granted to Mr. Heere that he did not have to macadam Gerald Drive at that time.

Unfortunately the current Supervisors were not on the board at the time of either of these subdivisions and have no answer as to why these issues exist. Chairman Kemmerer stated that it is imperative that the new owner of the property must maintain the road and if they decide to develop the property they must follow the current SALDO Ordinance in place, which would include stormwater maintenance and control.

Lastly the Kamowski's are frustrated that the Township stamped the drawings/subdivision plans, which, in their opinion, the Supervisors need to enforce the notes etc. that are written on the plans and because the Township is the governing body they need to abide by the rules in the SALDO but have chosen not to enforce the rules. Mr. Kamowski gave detailed sections of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance where he feels the Township is not following through with the requirements.

Attorney Nanovic responded to the residents present that he sent a letter to the title company regarding the new owner responsibilities, he did not receive a response. Township engineer Mike Tirpak said the owner of Lot # 3 should be maintaining the road etc. Many questions were brought to both Atty. Nanovic & Mike Tirpak's attention. They both requested some time to review the plans to make a determination.

Fred Kemmerer Jr made a motion to give Atty. Nanovic until May 1, 2024 to make a recommendation. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kemmerer said everyone would be kept informed.

Chairman Kemmerer noted that an executive meeting was held with the Township Solicitor and Engineer from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Leroy Kemmerer Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



Brenda Cressley, Secretary