



H.O.A NEIGHBORHOOD FORUM
MINUTES Monday, January 8, 2018
6:30 PM, Room 2403

Call to Order: 6:31 PM

Moderator: Nancy Hans, Hunters Creek

Introductions: Township representation at the HOA Forum were introduced. Dan Santoro has returned to Cranberry Township as the Assistant Manager. Dan replaced Duane McKee who accepted a new position in Butler. Also attending on behalf of the Township included: Jason Kratsas, Director of Engineering and Environmental Services; Jeff Musher, Planning & Codes Manager; and Tina Fedko, Communications Manager. Business cards were made available for forum attendees.

Forum Attendees

Bill Price, Ehrman Farms	Rose Marie Warren, Freedom Woods
Tom Arneson, Freedom Woods	John Blough, Cranberry Heights
Valerie May, Pinehurst	Nancy Hans, Hunters Creek
Rick Conwell, Pinehurst	Jeff Lovell, Marshall Woods
Jim Blew, Timberline	Valerie Steinmetz, Hampshire Woods
Ted Batt, Winchester Farms	John Milius, Belle Vue Park
Dan Santoro, Cranberry Twp.	Jeff Musher, Cranberry Twp.
Jason Kratsas, Cranberry Twp.	Tina Fedko, Cranberry Twp.

Minutes: Minutes of September 11, 2017 HOA Forum were acknowledged, and have been placed on the HOA page of the Cranberry Township website.

Discussion Topics:

1. Jason Kratsas gave a presentation on Detention Ponds and MS4. Discussion followed on DEP regulations and the formal maintenance of detention ponds. Cranberry Township is subject to a new set of regulations of the State MS4 (Municipal Storm Sewer Separation) program and required to protect both water quantity and quality in watercourses. Cranberry Township is now part of these new federal and state regulations and mandates. HOA's need to be aware that detention ponds should be inspected annually. A guidebook on pond maintenance was distributed to forum attendees. If requested, the Township will walk through the pond inspection with neighborhood representatives. There are 300+ ponds in Cranberry Township. These are unfunded mandates that the Township must address. The Township is responsible for ensuring water quality, therefore, must remove tons of sediment from watercourses as part of the mandates. Mandates are burdens on the Township's budget. The Township is asking for collaboration with the HOAs and neighborhoods. Township must be compliant within the next 5 years, and is currently evaluating alternatives on how to fund the new mandates. (Jason Kratsas presentation is attached and available on the website.)
2. The Do Not Knock program is up and running. Sign up for the Do Not Knock list is available on the Township's website. The easiest way to find the portal is through the "How Do I ..." link on the top right of the main page on website. It's an annual sign up. Residents can check the list of addresses listed on the web page to ensure they correctly placed their name on the list. Resident names are not used - only addresses. 1,000+ people have signed up thus far.

3. Jeff Musher offered a presentation on the Township's new Property Maintenance Code. Jeff discussed the Township's desire to plan for the long-term health of the community. The code was created to maintain the high quality of life, community health and economic sustainability. The updated code will provide the Township the opportunity to enforce policies, and ensure that properties are maintained. Jeff discussed sustaining the environment and the synchronization of codes with the maintenance of the initial building requirements. Jeff asked that residents call him directly if they have any suggestions or concerns on these issues.
(Jeff Musher presentation is attached and on the Townships website.)
4. Dan Santoro informed the group of the new fireworks law (House Bill 542) in Pennsylvania, as the law has changed. The new law passed on October 30. It permits PA residents to buy and use the same high-octane fireworks only out-of-state residents could buy in the past. PA residents can now launch aerial fireworks. Fireworks must be at least 150 feet from the nearest structure according to the new law. Setting off fireworks requires permission of the property owner. HOA's should be prepared to entertain requests from their communities to use HOA open spaces for fireworks. HOA's should check with their insurance carriers regarding any potential impacts of permitting these activities. More information will be available on our website.

What is New:

1. Jason Kratsas provided business lists of what just opened, what is opening soon, developments under construction, and proposed developments under review. The complete lists can be found www.CranberryTownship.org/WhatAreTheyBuilding
2. Dan Santoro provided an update on upcoming transportation projects slated for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. This list did not include any recreation, crosswalk or pavement projects - just solely transportation projects.
(Transportation Project map is attached and can be found of the Township website.)

Open Discussion:

Dan Santoro spoke of the news that Westinghouse has been sold and that that was good news for the company and Cranberry Township.

Forum attendees thanked the Township representatives for attending and again welcomed Dan Santoro back to Cranberry Township. Dan thanked the group on behalf of the Township.

Moderator for next meeting: Nancy Hans, Hunters Creek

Next meeting dates: April 9, 2018; July 9, 2018; October 8, 2018 in Room 2403 at 6:30PM

Meeting adjourned: 8:11 PM