

Cranberry Township HOA Neighborhood Forum

MONDAY, June 8, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES

Members Present:

Duane McKee - Assistant Twp. Mgr., Operations	Rosemarie Warren – Freedom Woods
Earl Grubbs – Ehrman Farms	John Turner – Autumn Hill
Mike Berman – Spring Meadows	Jan Stevens – Cranberry West
Phil Stebler – St. Leonard’s Woods	Mary Sanguigni – Freedom Woods
Angela Rankin – Glen Eden	Nick Comack – Briar Creek
David Hricko – Autumn Hill	Bob Gillenberger – Deer Run
Bob McClure – Glenbrook Manor	Paula Crawford – Oakview Estates
Jim Sines – Woodlands	Anthony Bertolino – Cranberry CUP

Discussion Topics:

Cranberry Cup Update

- Anthony Bertolino announced that this year’s 10th Annual Cranberry Cup will be July 31st through August 2nd. The Cranberry Cup is the largest event in Cranberry Township, besides Community Days. Always looking for volunteers. Bob Gillenberger handed out information about the Neighborhood Fund Challenge, which is another way to raise money for the CUP within your neighborhood; have a raffle, fund drive, block party, ask your employer about contributions and much more. For additional information, log on to www.cranberrycup.org

The Cranberry Plan

- The Cranberry Plan was approved last month and a PDF version of the Final Document is on the Cranberry Township website. A presentation will take place at the next meeting to give a quick update on some major issues.

Penn Power Sub Station

- Penn Power has proposed a new 500kV/135kV power substation on a portion of the Cranberry Community Park, previously owned by Robert Lindner. Penn Power is still evaluating alternative sites.

Development Update – Duane McKee gave a brief update on the following projects in the Township:

- Graham Park – The Grand Opening was May 16, 2009.
- Westinghouse – The Grand Opening is today (June 8, 2009). Anticipating 500 employees and 1,500 by the end of July. Shuttles will run from Monroeville to Cranberry Township for approximately one year.
- Route 228 - We are still anticipating a northbound right turn slip lane and eventually will be eliminating all left turns off of Rt. 228. Ramp construction is expected to take place 2011 – 2012.
- Ehrman/Garvin Connector – Broke ground on the far side. To be complete by the end of Summer.
- Regional Corridor Alliance (RCA) – A new Alliance that is composed of about 25 local business leaders and politicians who want to find additional funds for the Rt. 228 project, while keeping it in the forefront of the region’s agenda. For additional information about the RCA and their efforts, log on to www.228update.com
- Northwest Connector – The snake hunt, which will consist of 75 hours in the field looking for the Massasauga rattlesnake, will begin June 15th. If snakes are not found, the Township will move forward with a final design.
- St. Ferdinand Joint Driveway – Finished negotiations with St. Ferdinand and Cranberry Township, and things are moving forward.
- Freedom Road Improvements – 1.6 million dollars is available for widening of the Freedom Road bridge, a new traffic signal at Haldeman Road and Freedom Road and widening from Commonwealth Drive, as far west as the money allows, but probably not to Haine School Road.
- Franklin Road and Peters Road Intersection – Federal money was given for this project to improve the intersection and install a traffic signal. It could take up to a year to get through the design process.
- Chatham Commons - Will have the same feel as Park Place, with heavy stress on a pedestrian crossing over Powell Road to Park Place and Graham Park. Another left turning lane will be added on Powell Road to accommodate the traffic.
- Belle Vue Commons – The commercial portion at the entrance of Graham Park. Land Development is moving forward with a proposed sandwich shop/ice cream shop.
- Speed Trailer – Through Zelienople Shared Services. Would like to try borrowing it for a minimum of once a month. If the HOA’s purchased their own, (estimated cost - \$12,000 to \$15,000) all of the HOA’s would have to agree. Cranberry Township has agreed to maintain it. Earl Grubbs stated that Ehrman Farms is willing to help monetarily. Please open the following link to participate in the Speed Trailer Survey:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=s0ftBarfiw6hTnlEHODPwx_3d_3d

Open Discussion

- Mary Sanguigni (Freedom Woods) inquired about having the Township pay for yard waste removal for Spring and Fall cleanup. Duane McKee stated that he would do some research and have an answer at the next HOA meeting.

- A traffic light will be installed at the intersection of Rt. 19 and Ehrman Farm Road in 2010.
- A sidewalk and guard rail have been installed along Graham School Road, (to connect Norman Drive to Graham School Road) and to eventually lead to a proposed Hotel at the corner of Rochester Road and Graham School Road.
- There are no requirements for checking catch basins/retention ponds. The Township will maintain it to the end of the pipe to make sure it is free flowing. It is the HOA's responsibility to drain it out.
- Mary Sanquigni (Freedom Woods) offered Jeff Brooks Landscaping as a qualified landscaper.
- Restrictions for planting shrubs near fire hydrants – 5 feet to the left and right; 2 feet from the back and 0 feet in the front.
- The Township plans on responding to the Sunday Cranberry Eagle "Letter to the Editor" about the "Not for Public Use" signs posted in Graham Park. Duane McKee explained that the signs were posted to allow a good year of solid growth. Currently associations with scheduled events and residents who have rented shelters and a paid permit are allowed to use the fields. Anthony Bertolino, Cranberry CUP, mentioned that the baseball association has about a million dollars invested into the fields and the football association has about a half a million dollars invested.
- New street signs – Signs will be replaced when roads are being paved, or if the signs are damaged or destroyed. Hartner's Drive has the new sign installed.
- Grand Opening to Hartner's Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th, 2 PM.
- Walgreen's is scheduled to open soon. They could not get the signal improvements completed.
- Autumn Hill HOA asked about fence restrictions in other neighborhoods, which most do have in place - size, height and setbacks.
- Check the expiration date on your HOA Covenants to make sure it does not expire.
- Vandalism is still an issue at Cranberry West.
- To check the paving schedule, open the following link:
<http://www.cranberrytownship.org/index.aspx?NID=227> (The schedule has a 10 to 12 year rotation.)
- Cranberry Township will not maintain custom made street and development signs, as stated in the Improvements Code.
- Street parking has been an issue in the Glen Eden development. Even though "No Parking" signs are posted, it was suggested by the Cranberry Township Police Department to state the concern in a newsletter and also post flyers to show as proof, just in case it would ever be taken to court.
- Jim Sines announced that the Cranberry Fire Company is getting ready to celebrate its 50th Anniversary on August 1st at Victory Church. Notices have been sent to all HOA's. The rain date is scheduled for August 2nd. Events will include a truck cruise and lots of activities from 9 AM to 3 PM. All are invited to attend.

The next meeting will be **Monday, September 14, 2009 @ 7:00 PM, Rm. 203.**