

Cranberry Township HOA Neighborhood Forum

**MONDAY, September 14, 2009 - 7:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Members Present:

Duane McKee - Assistant Twp. Mgr., Operations	Rosemarie Warren – Freedom Woods
Earl Grubbs – Ehrman Farms	Chris Matthews – Glenbrook Manor
Mike Berman – Spring Meadows	Jan Stevens – Cranberry West
Phil Stebler – St. Leonard’s Woods	Mary Sanguigni – Freedom Woods
John Turner – Autumn Hill	Robert Glentzer – Cranberry Heights
June Bruschi - Foxmoor	Ron Huffman – Stonefield & Farmview

Discussion Topics:

Home and Community Expo

- The Expo is being held September 23rd from 3 PM – 8 PM in the Municipal Building, and is being sponsored by the Housing Authority of the County of Butler. They are expecting a large turnout, free shuttle services and free admission to the public.

G-20 affect to Cranberry

- All of the hotels in the Township are full, and the Pittsburgh Marriott North is housing state police dogs. The Township is considering providing fire service assistance for the City of Pittsburgh (pumper trucks and utility vehicles.) Expect additional traffic on Rt. 228 and Rt. 19 the week of the Summit.

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

- Westinghouse – 1,500 employees have moved in to the center tower and 1,500 more by the end of July 2010. A building permit has been submitted for Building 4, which will hold 700 additional employees.
- Ehrman/Garvin Connector - construction is underway and is now working on the storm drains. The anticipated opening date is mid to late October.
- North West Connector – Moving forward with design as proposed. The first phase of the project will be the installation of traffic calming islands along Heights Drive and work on the Cottingham Circle dirt mound. It is a 2.3 million dollar federal project. The commodities should not affect the project in any way. All of the snake hunts have been completed and no snakes were found; therefore, construction is anticipated to begin in

2010.

- Graham Park Entrance – A spring project, which will include a traffic signal and right-in/right-out on Rochester Road. Pending approval by PennDOT’s permit office.
- St. Ferdinand Joint Driveway – Construction is well underway with sidewalks and landscaping. Traffic signal and added lanes are expected in 2010.
- Freedom Road improvements – Final Study Committee meetings are scheduled for September 22, 2009. Recommendations from that meeting will be advanced to the Planning Advisory Commission in the coming months. Berm improvements will take place from Commonwealth Drive to Bucks Road. A new traffic signal will be installed at Haldeman Drive with turning lanes; and lights will be synchronized from Commonwealth Drive to Haine School Road.
- Franklin Rd./Peters Rd. intersection – A \$620,000 project that will begin sometime in 2010. The PennDOT permit will be filed in February.
- Village of Cranberry Woods – (located near SSC Tool at the intersection of Franklin Rd. and Rt. 228) This development will be a TND Type 2 District with mixed use (residential, retail & hotel). The master plans have been submitted.
- Mallards Landing – A 58,700 square foot, six (6) story hotel, with 45 rooms, will be located at Graham School Road and Rochester Road.
- Park Place (Active Adult) – Single floor units with a gym and a pool. There will be access off of Powell Road. Phase 2 has begun.
- Shop and Save – Will be located in the Freedom Square development (Phase 2).

Speed Trailer – Duane got a price for a used speed trailer, which is over \$4,000. He has five (5) quotes in hand; doesn’t have data collection yet. Cranberry Township will own the trailer. The HOA’s will not be purchasing the trailer. Will discuss a policy at the next meeting, as far as how the speed trailer schedule will be handled.

Open Discussion

- Traffic signal dysfunction – Signal loops not working property at the Freedom Road/Powell Road intersection, heading westbound on Freedom Road; and at the intersection of Franklin Rd. and Rt. 228, heading northbound. Duane will make sure the problem is taken care of.
- Cranberry Township does not have a sidewalk ordinance which would state that you have to remove snow. More involved with the maintenance code.
- Cranberry Heights HOA collected \$30,000 from residents who were interested in purchasing easements on open space. They were charged fair market value.
- Consolidated Communications – Duane will look into it to see if it’s inside the road ROW or not.
- St. Leonard’s Woods’ Welcome Committee has set a budget of \$50 for each new resident that moves into the development. A gift basket was suggested as an idea to give new residents. A directory of the families has been made available to all residents, which includes the children’s names.
- Cranberry West is dealing with on-going vandalism (mailboxes, outdoor lighting and a missing street sign at Woodcock Dr. & Karen Ct.) in their development and asking for any advice from other neighborhoods on how to prevent future occurrences.

- Update on new Cranberry Township street signs – They are being installed now, if a road has been paved.
- Glenbrook development changed their outdoor lamps from gas to electric, and as a result is saving \$250 a month. The upfront cost to change over is \$4,000.
- The Parkwood/Kirkwood stop sign has been defaced.
- Height of street signs – Seven (7) feet minimum from the bottom of the sign to the ground. The details can be found on the website.
- Freedom Road zoning - The commercial real estate signs on properties along Freedom Road do not reflect an actual change in the zoning of those properties. The property is currently zoned residential, not commercial. The Township cannot regulate the content of the signs, despite the inconsistency between their content and the actual zoning.

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