

**Halifax Township
Board of Supervisors
Special Public Meeting
December 19, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PURPOSE; Chairman Bechtel presented the agenda items for tonight's meeting.

RECORDING MEETING: In addition to the township secretary Norma Shearer is recording the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Flo Mallonee** and **Norma Shearer** defer comment.

AMENDED SALDO: Motion to Adopt SALDO – Supervisor Hoover made a motion to adopt the proposed amended SALDO, seconded by Supervisor Eppley, vote called motion carried 5-0.

Tom Wilson asked to be excused from the meeting 7:04 p.m.

MASTER SITE PLAN: Jim Eppley previously presented the final documents from Larson Design regarding a final payment request to the Township along with a resolution which is to go to DCNR. The Township is expected to receive a final payment for the grant funding regarding the Master Site Plan. **Motion to Waive Reading of Resolution** – Supervisor Eppley made a motion to waive the reading of the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Stopfel, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion to Approve the Resolution** – Supervisor Eppley made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Stopfel, vote called, motion carried 5-0. **Motion to Approve the Master Site Plan** – Supervisor Stopfel made a motion to approve the Master Site Plan, seconded by Supervisor Eppley, vote called, Chairman Bechtel and Supervisor Hoover voted no, motion carried 3-2.

GAMING GRANT: Chairman Bechtel stated the grant policy process was not followed. Supervisor Stopfel applied for the grant which was not properly approved by the Board. Supervisor Stopfel indicated an approved resolution is needed by December 23 for the matching funds. **Motion of Halifax Township to Authorize a Resolution for the Gaming Grant Application** – Supervisor Eppley made a motion to authorize a resolution for the Gaming Grant Application, seconded by Supervisor Stopfel, vote called, Supervisors Bechtel, Shultz and Hoover voted no, motion defeated 3-2.

OTHER BUSINESS: Supervisor Stopfel announced she is resigning as grant writer for Halifax Township. Supervisor Eppley stated there will be no more grant money coming from anywhere since this money is turned down. Norma Shearer stated she does not understand the vote regarding denial of the grant money. Bonnie Freeman asked the Board why they denied this money. Chairman Bechtel stated he is not ready to move forward this fast. He has concerns with the regulations involved with grant monies. He was told that the majority of the Gaming Grant Money would have to be spent within the first year and there is a timeframe of three years to spend all of the money. Supervisor Stopfel stated the Board would have the flexibility as to what Phase gets started with developing. She guaranteed if the Board turns down this money, they will never see money again. Supervisor Shultz stated the Township would not be able to afford the maintenance on this park. The Township does not have the equipment, personnel or time to take care of Phase I to which the grant applies. Supervisors Stopfel and Eppley abruptly left the meeting without asking to be excused. Joan Kolish stated that the public puts their trust in the Board and thanked the Board for their decision. Flo Mallonee agrees there should be no hurry in developing this park and commended the Board for their common sense. Eileen Snyder thanked the Board for acting appropriately with their decision.

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Tourist Park Water Issue – Chairman Bechtel stated he wanted to make mention of the Tourist Park water issue in that the Board is looking at alternatives to resolve this issue.

Letter of Withdrawal – The Board authorized the secretary to draft a letter to withdraw the Gaming Grant Application.

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Shultz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Hoover, vote called, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Carolyn Nye
Secretary**