

**NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
WORK SESSION  
MAY 9, 2011**

A work session of the New Hanover Township Board of Supervisors took place at the New Hanover Township Municipal Building, 2943 N. Charlotte Street, Gilbertsville, PA 19525 at 6:30pm on Monday, May 9, 2011. Present were Supervisors Martin Dyas, Ralph Fluharty, Andrew Kelly, Douglas Muller and David Brown. Also present were Township Manager Edward C. Wagner, Solicitor Paul Bauer and Administrative Assistant Eileen Pogany.

**REVIEW AGENDA** – The Board of Supervisors reviewed the agenda and had neither comments nor changes.

**REVIEW BILL LIST** – There were no questions regarding the bill list.

Boyertown YMCA – Mr. Michael McDonough, executive director of the YMCA was present along with Kurt Davidheiser, Boyertown Area Wrestling Association and David Czarnecki, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the YMCA to address the Board regarding the second floor expansion project. Mr. McDonough reported that the parties involved have reached an agreement for use of the facility but are waiting for construction costs to work out financial issues. Architect Karl Weiss will be retained to examine the structure and design a plan for the proposed uses of the second floor. Mr. McDonough reported that it has been established that the existing sprinkler system can provide a flow of water to two sprinkler heads at 50 gallons per minute for ten minutes prior to needing time to replenish; the system will function without electricity in the event of a power failure. Solicitor Bauer established that a connection to the public water supply is preferable and asked what measures the YMCA is taking toward hooking into the public water. David Czarnecki stated that he has been Chairman of the Board of Directors of the YMCA for one year, and that previously the YMCA was expecting development to occur in close proximity and intended to make a connection at that time. The YMCA has been raising funds each year and their funds have been tapped for other needed improvements; he is hoping to support the wrestling team by sharing second floor space in the New Hanover YMCA. Michael McDonough added that the YMCA would be utilizing second floor space during the day to move one aerobics class from the first floor to the second floor while the wrestling team is not practicing. Mr. Czarnecki stated that the Boyertown middle school is proposing to cancel sports programs and that use of the school facility is limited and does not accommodate all participants, ages six through junior high school, interested in the program. He also stated that the wrestling association will be required to contribute toward the cost of the improvement and a lease agreement would specify a designated period of time in which they would be entitled to its use. He stated that the YMCA will be conducting a Capital Campaign but must wait one year to begin the campaign and was hoping to receive a decision from the Township prior to spending money on architect fees for the design. The YMCA is going through a three year strategic plan for phases two and three which will include public sewer and fire suppression. Paul Bauer stressed that the YMCA should have been, and should be, budgeting monies toward the cost of connecting to public sewer and water. The Board requested that a meeting be scheduled to meet with the principles and that an engineered plan and a draft copy of a lease be submitted to Mr. Bauer prior to the Board's June meeting. The Board stated that they are not expecting development to be taking place in close proximity of the YMCA and that they have a concern about the YMCA being connected to public sewer and public water.

The work session was declared adjourned at 7:20 pm.

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