

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING
239 North Fifth Street, Lewisburg, PA, 17837
January 30, 2018

Chairman Schumacher called the Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Those present: Chairman, Matt Schumacher; Vice-Chairman, Michael Daniloff; Supervisor Char Gray; Township Manager/Secretary Stacey Kifolo; Solicitor, Peter Matson.

Representatives of the Lewisburg Borough Council Community Development/Planning Committee included Susan Yohn, Susan Mahon, Kathryn Morris, Luis Medina, Judy Wagner and William Lowthert.

Visitors: See lists.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss, with the Lewisburg Borough Council's Community Development/Planning Committee, the provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Buffalo Valley Recreation Authority (BVRA).

All participants reviewed each section of the existing IGA.

East Buffalo Township provided ideas for simplifying many of the terms included in the current IGA, noting that items were included in other documents related to the BVRA structure, which supersede the IGA. Inclusion in the IGA is not necessary and even with a word-for-word inclusion in the IGA it increases the potential for future misinterpretation of the IGA clauses. One of the goals in the rewriting of the IGA is to simplify the IGA and narrowing it to the intended purpose of an IGA.

East Buffalo presented potential changes for discussion, including the methodology for contributions, which would not include a formula, but rather a flat starting point for EBT with annual 2% increases. The Lewisburg Borough would need to determine desired level of funding. EBT also proposed a three year agreement with no automatic renewal option as a means to more systematically review the agreement and the changing needs of the community. Supervisor Gray noted that the funding formula as prescribed in the current IGA was not being used. Based on the IGA, the funding for 2018 to BRVA would be \$167K. But actual funding for the past two years by EBT and the Borough totaled \$181K, which is \$14K higher than budget if the annual maximum percentage increase had been adhered to throughout the term of the agreement.

East Buffalo Township Solicitor, Peter Matson, was directed to draft a new IGA based on the discussions during the meeting. The draft is to be completed prior to the next meeting of EBT and the Lewisburg Borough Council's Community Development/Planning Committee. The next meeting date will be determined via an internet poll of all participants.

The meeting was then opened for comments from the public. Summary of comments from members of the public in attendance:

- Jordi Comas – Borough Resident – Asked for clarification in the IGA for the rates provided to residents of the two participating municipalities, and the ability and method for another municipality to either join the Authority or simply provide a monetary contribution. Reiterated

his understanding that EBT was not suggesting that any Board other than the BVRA Board has oversight of operations of the Authority.

- John Zangari-Ryan - EBT Resident – As the provider of SAT programs, STEM, STEAM and other programs through BVRA, he questioned the perceived separation of education from recreation by EBT officials.
- Mike Hanyak – EBT Resident – Questioned the possibility of having segregated accounting functions/bank accounts for 1.) public spaces such as the pool, Saint Mary Street park and rail trail; and 2.) other recreation programs.
- Andrew Stuhl - EBT Resident – Questioned the reasoning for the goal of a simple funding amount. Expressed that the idea of more meetings with BVRA and/or between the municipalities seems more complex.
- Jim Buck – EBT Resident – Expressed interest in the EBT Board's lack of concern for the amount of funding from the Borough. Added that the proposed contribution section is not clear to him and that the Township's real estate value has grown faster than the contribution level to the BVRA.

With no official action taken by the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Schumacher adjourned the special meeting at 7:19PM.