

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

October 18, 2023

Chairman Jon Payne called the 10.18.2023 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present included: Supervisors: Jon Payne, Ross Smoker and Isaac Ramer Jr., Township Manager Julie Hartley and Jim Bathgate – Solicitor

Public Present: Bill Kline, Paul Long, Fritz Heinemann, Rodney Ries and Steve Bowers

Minutes – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation with Isaac Ramer Jr. abstaining to approve the October 3, 2023 supervisor's meeting minutes except to add that Isaac Ramer Jr. left the meeting "via phone".

Persons Present to be Heard:

Fritz Heinemann, Sensory Panel at Comfort Station Entrance – Fritz shared with the Board that Everyone's Playground was evaluated by Let Kids Play and met or exceeded all five categories for all-inclusive playgrounds. He noted that Everyone's Playground continues to be a point of destination. He continued by sharing that a frequent visitor from Kittyhawk, North Carolina enjoys the playground so much that they are in the process of fundraising to build one in their town and calling it Everyone's Playground. Fritz then showed the Supervisor's a Power Point which highlighted a new feature that he would like to place in front of the Comfort Station to enhance the experience at Everyone's Playground. He showed the sensory panel he would like to place that does several animal sounds and noted that the panel cost of three thousand dollars was already paid in full by a donor. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to accept the sensory panel and also a thank you to Fritz Heinemann for the gift.**

Steve Bowers and Rodney Ries, Penn Valley Airport – Steve Bowers shared a Power Point that pointed out all the improvements and activities that have been happening at the Penn Valley Airport. They noted that they are seeking partner contributions so they can be used for the five percent match funds to obtain federal grants.

New Business:

Award Winning Bid for TYM Tractor on Municibid – Isaac Ramer Jr. noted that if equipment is purchased in the future more in-depth discussion should be discussed on the need. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to accept the bid for \$13,600 for the TYM Tractor and rake.**

Adopt Ordinance 2023-04 PMRS Pension Contribution – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to adopt the 2023-04 PMRS Pension Contribution Ordinance.

Resolution to apply to DCED Share Grant – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to apply for a DCED Share Grant to try and secure funding for new mowers and a tilt trailer.

Oct. 28th Comfort Station Ribbon Cutting – The Board was invited to the Comfort Station Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 28th at East Snyder Park.

CPR Training, Thursday, Nov. 9th at 6 pm – The Board was informed that CPR Training will take place at the Township Building on Thursday November 9th at 6 pm.

Appoint Ken Herman Jr. to Planning Commission, term ending 2027 – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to re-appoint Ken Herman Jr. to the Planning Commission for an additional four years with the term ending December 31, 2027.

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Sign Conditional Use Findings for Mike Schrey – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to sign the Conditional Use Hearing Findings for Mike Schrey.

Daylighting Herman Road – On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to hire Custom Cut Tree Service of Middleburg to trim trees back along Herman Road for the amount of \$9,800 provided that they produce a certificate of insurance.

Little League T-Ball, Softball & Baseball – Discussion was held regarding fees related to using the fields at East Snyder Park.

Amusement Tax – On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to have Jim Bathgate contact Selinsgrove Speedway regarding delinquent Amusement Taxes for the 2023 Racing Season.

Cottontail Solar 6 – Township Engineer Chad Shaffer, Zoning Officer Julie Hartley and Tim Hornberger of the Snyder County Conservation District visited the Cottontail Solar 6 solar energy project on Thursday, October 12th. Letters were submitted from Chad Shaffer and Tim Hornberger listing concerns.

Pole Chain Saw Quote – A quote for a new pole chain saw from Martin's Small Engine Repair was reviewed.

Old Business:

Paving Shoulder of Kratzer Road – Fairchild Brothers contacted the Township and said they will not be able to do the work on Kratzer Road and the two other vendors that were contacted did not submit quotes.

FYI:

- PTMA 2024 Meeting dates, Sept. 7th Minutes & Oct. 5th Agenda

Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 1.26.24
- Daniel Habegger, Subdivision, filed 7.6.23, due 1.2.24
- Ronald & Ryan Herman, Add-on Subdivision, filed 8.24.23, due 11.22.23

Approval of Accounts Payable (State and General Funds)- On Motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation, to pay bills.

Adjournment - On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation the October 18, 2023 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager