

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

October 19, 2022

Chairman Jon Payne called the 10.19.2022 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:10 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Public Present: Bill Kline, Pete DeWire, Cookie DeWire, Karen Wolf, Matt Sauers and Chad Shaffer

Chairman Jon Payne announced that an executive session was held to discuss legal issues, personnel issues and other items starting at 5 pm and ending at 6:10 pm with no decisions made at that time.

Minutes – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Jon Payne, and Ross Smoker abstaining to approve the October 4, 2022 supervisor's meeting minutes.

Public Comments: None

Persons Present to be Heard:

Pete and Cookie DeWire, ESRRA Resignation – Pete DeWire has given a letter of resignation effective on December 31, 2022. Cookie DeWire presented three albums containing memorabilia from the start of the East Snyder Park until present. The books with the blue cover are the history of the orange park and older features and the book with the pink cover highlights Everyone's Playground. Pete noted that East Snyder Park is their community service project and both he and Cookie will continue to volunteer at the park. His current project, the T-Ball field, is progressing. The contractor has finished his work. The next step will be seeding, fertilizing, liming and planting grass. Large piles of topsoil and other soils will need to be moved. Pete continued by explaining all the items on the punch list that need completed. He requested that the Board help with the following items: grass seed, four bags of fertilizer, screenings, move two sheds and move soils.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to assist with the items requested to move the T-Ball project forward.

Chad Shaffer, Stahl Sheaffer Engineering, LLC – Chad Shaffer noted that he was tasked with investigating the Harris Estate Stormwater system to see if it was constructed properly. He concluded that the basins are functioning as designed. He did note sediment build-up in the one large pipe that empties into the larger basin. The Pheasant Ridge stormwater which is upstream from Harris Estates is also working as per the stormwater plans. East Snyder Park basins are also functioning. The Harris Estates stormwater system and basin is privately owned and the responsibility of its maintenance falls on the homeowner's association. Matt Sauers noted that the sediment came from the Savidge Development during a heavy flooding downpour event and he asked if the township could flush the pipe for the homeowner's association. Jim Bathgate asked if the Homeowner's Association hired an engineer to examine the situation and Mr. Sauers said that they did not. Chad Shaffer suggested that the Homeowner's Association check on grants perhaps asking the new county grant manager, Shannon Rudy, for assistance.

New Business:

Resolution 2022-10 Property Tax Penalty Waiver – Jim Bathgate explained that this resolution will protect people that bought property from having to pay penalties if they did not receive a bill when the property was transferred.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to adopt resolution 2022-10 Property Tax Penalty Waiver.

Auditor Patricia Nace & Debra Hicks Resignation – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to accept the resignation of Auditors Patricia Nace and Debra Hicks.**

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30-Day Extension Letter for Bright Farms – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to approve a 30-day extension to Bright Farms Land Development Plan until December 17, 2022.

Set Conditional Use Hearing for Mary Long – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to set the Conditional Use Hearing for Mary Long for November 16, 2022 at 6 pm.

Letter from PTMA regarding privatization of water/sewer – The letter was reviewed by the Board.

Appointment of Brian Scorsone to ESRRA, term ends 2025 – On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to appoint Brian Scorsone to the East Snyder Regional Recreation Association with a term ending December 31, 2025.

SEDA COG Housing Rehabilitation Invoice – On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to sign the SEDA COG Housing Rehabilitation invoice.

Watson Diesel Invoice, ARPA Funds – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer, Jr., and Board acclamation to pay Watson Diesel for the new T-Tag accessories partially with the remaining ARPA funds.

Grass Seed and Fertilizer for T-Ball Field – Addressed earlier in the meeting.

Answering Machine for Office – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to allow the purchase of a new answering machine for the office.

Old Business:

Findings for Keystone Real Estate Group – On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Isaac Ramer Jr. abstained to sign the conditional use findings for Keystone Real Estate Group.

TRA Sodium to LED Lights Quote – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to accept the TRA bid to change the street lights to LED for the amount of \$11,661.00 to be invoiced in 2023.

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

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., second by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation the October 19, 2022 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

FYI:

- PTMA Sept. 1 Minutes & Oct. 6 Agenda
- Five County Solid Waste Plan Minutes
- Selinsgrove Library Contribution Request Letter

Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 12.17.22
- VFW Subdivision, filed 1.5.21, due 12.7.22
- Wayne Brouse, add on Subdivision, filed 7.29.22, due 12.26.22
- Jonathan Gessner, Conditional Use, filed 10.7.22, due 12.6.22, hearing 11.2.22 at 6 pm
- Mary Long, Conditional Use, filed 10.6.22, due 12.5.22

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Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager