

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

April 17, 2024

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 4.17.2024 Supervisor Meeting to order at 5:45 pm and turned the meeting over to Solicitor Jim Bathgate for a Public Hearing on the Amended Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Public Hearing for Ord. 2024-01 Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance – Jim Bathgate opened the hearing for the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance noting that there were comprehensive changes done to the former ordinance that consists of two and a half pages of material. On December 27, 2023 the Penn Township Planning Commission sent the draft ordinance to the Snyder County Planning Commission and received no comments. The Penn Township Planning Commission also received the final draft and had no additional comments. On April 3, 2024 and April 10, 2024, a notice of the hearing was published in The Daily Item for tonight's public hearing. Jim asked if there was any public comment and there was none. Jim shared that one of the main changes to the ordinance will be that the Township Engineer will review all Subdivision and Land Development Plans before the Planning Commission reviews them. Jim said currently the Township Engineer is developing a fee schedule that the Supervisors will need to approve. Jim asked if the Supervisors had any questions. Isaac Ramer Jr. asked if he used the Township Engineer to draw up his plans who would review them in that case. Jim said that a back-up engineer would need to review the plans. With no further questions the following motion was made: **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation the public hearing for Ordinance 2024-01 Subdivision and Land Development was closed at 5:51 pm.**

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the meeting back to order at 5:52 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present included: Supervisors: Isaac Ramer Jr., Ross Smoker, Mark Strawser, Solicitor James Bathgate and Township Manager Julie Hartley

Public Present: Bill Kline, Chad Brandt, Paul Long, Chris Fetter, Rob Beierschmott, Colin Rice, William Moyer, Jon Payne and Brian Hipple.

Minutes – **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to approve the April 3, 2024 supervisor's meeting minutes.**

Persons Present to be Heard:

Colin Rice, DH&L Fire Company – Colin drove the ladder truck to the Supervisor's meeting and presented the Supervisors with a framed portrait of the truck for the lobby with a tag that reads, "Dauntless Hook & Ladder Fire Company would like to thank Penn Township for their support towards the purchase of our 2023 Pierce 100' Mid-Mount Tower Ladder."

Kaitlyn Nairns, The Rollin Cones – Kaitlyn Nairns, owner of the Rollin Cones, asked the Supervisor's permission to set up during some of the Little League games to sell ice cream at East Snyder Park. The Supervisors requested that she file a copy of her license and a certificate of insurance naming "Penn Township" as insured in order to sell at the park. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to allow Rollin Cones to sell ice cream at Little League games provided that they submit a copy of their license and a certificate of insurance showing the township as insured.**

Rob Beierschmott, Selinsgrove Little League – Rob asked the Supervisors if the Little League would be allowed to install a permanent batting cage at the softball field. The temporary one was damaged by a storm over the weekend. The site would be at the same location which has a cracker dust base and the posts would be put in three feet deep with concrete. The Supervisors asked if the ruts that occurred on Rally Day would be fixed by the Little League and he replied that they would be. The Supervisors asked that the permanent batting cage be presented to ESRRA for recommendation.

Brian Hipple, DH&L Ambulance League – Brian shared the March Ambulance Report for March. There were eighty calls for Penn Township and they responded to seventy-four with two hundred and eighteen all together. Currently

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there are three ambulances in service and one ambulance needed a repair that will cost approximately \$6,000. He noted that all the units are over ten years old and that he would like to sit down with the municipalities that they service and see if they could help fund a new ambulance.

New Business:

Adopt Ordinance 2024-01, Subdivision and Land Development – Jim noted that it was advertised that if the Supervisors wished to adopt the Subdivision and Land Development at this meeting they could. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to adopt Ordinance 2024-01 Subdivision and Land Development.**

EMS Week Proclamation, May 19-25 – **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to proclaim May 19-25, 2024 as Emergency Management Services week.**

Brandan Longacre Conditional Use Findings – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to approve and sign Brandan Longacre's Conditional Use Findings.**

Township Building Roof Repair Bid – Bids were received to repair the main roof of the township building but all quotes were above the sealed bid threshold of \$23,200. It was discussed that the roof repair would be a rubberized roof with seams stretched over the span and snow fence on each side. Some temporary repairs will be made and budgeting will be done in the fall to pursue the project in 2025.

Hydraulic Jackhammer – This equipment requested would be used to place delineators, sign posts, etc. The township owned a propane powered one but it not in working condition and can not be repaired due to age. A tent peg pounder was being rented from West Branch but is not designed to safely do these operations. There will be many signs that will need replaced when the sealcoating projects are done this summer. After discussion the following motion was made: **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to purchase the hydraulic jack hammer from Zoro in the amount of \$2,729.60 if there are no Costars vendors that offer the same type of unit at a lower price.**

Old Business:

Middlecreek Township Using Compost – Middlecreek Township spoke with Mark and said that the amount they would need to dump at the compost yearly would be approximately five T-Tag loads. Middlecreek will be discussing what services they will be reciprocating for using the compost at their next meeting.

Public Comment:

Nuisance Ordinance Discussion – At the last Planning Commission meeting it was discussed about the need for revision to the Township's Nuisance Ordinance to cover blighted properties and related issues which was brought up by a member of the public at the previous Supervisor's meeting. The Planning Commission gave no recommendations but asked for further clarification and direction from the Board of Supervisors. General discussion was held by the Board and the public that was present regarding the scope, cost and need of this revision. Further discussion is planned for the next Supervisor's meeting.

East Snyder Park Discussion – Discussion was held regarding vendors at the park, people parking on the grassy areas where it is prohibited, adding more parking areas and other concerns.

FYI:

- PTMA April 4th Agenda & March 7th Minutes
- 4.18.24 Payroll Report
- Check Register 4.4.24 to 4.17.24

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Land/Subdivision:

- Ronald & Ryan Herman, Add-on Subdivision, filed 8.24.23, due 5.17.24
- Fike Brothers Carpet One Land Dev., filed 2.1.24, due 6.28.24

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

Adjournment - **On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation the April 17, 2024 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager