

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

June 1, 2022

Chairman Jon Payne called the 6.1.2022 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Conditional Use Hearing: Shayne Koch/Trinity Solar at 6:01 pm

Chairman Jon Payne called the 6.1.2022 Supervisor Meeting back to order at 6:11 pm.

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

Public Present: Bill Kline, Alex Neidig, Kevin Seebold, Susan Seebold, Gregory Kramer, Attorney Cravitz, Michael Reed, Greg Pysher, Greg Aungst, Tom Ferry, Chris Hennessy, Abhijit Nagaraj, Shannon Rudy, Pete DeWire, Ginny Zeiber and Mike Kuhns.

Minutes – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to approve the May 18, 2022 supervisor's meeting minutes.

Persons Present to be Heard:

PTMA, ESCRA, Bright Farms and LIVIC CIVIL – The group was present to discuss the current issues and solutions to address the Bright Farms discharge and water usage. Attorney Cravitz opened the discussions, stating that many meetings have been held between Bright Farms and PTMA to try and resolve the issues. The issues have been discharge and water usage above the allowed EDUs, excessive phosphorus and nitrogen levels, excessive solids and soap. Bright Farms did purchase additional EDUs but exceeded those levels also. He continued by stating that the continual overload of the system could cause the pumping station to fail. Tom Ferry shared with the Board that PTMA is purchasing two new larger pumps. Greg Pysher of ESCRA showed photos of some of the material that has been discharged from Bright Farms into the sewage system. Bright Farms representatives Chris Hennessey and Abhijit Nagaraj were present to present what is being done to help alleviate the problem. Abhijit shared that a wastewater treatment consultant, Hazen and Sawyer, have been hired to work on the problem. He also said that they are working on adding additional pre-treatment and have been correcting leaking pipe issues in the greenhouse. Jim Bathgate informed the Bright Farm's representatives that the township, PTMA and ESCRA are looking for plans and a timeline for correction. Jim Hennessey explained that a frack tank which removes solids is being designed and will take approximately twelve weeks to get into place. An injection pump is also being designed and should take approximately eight weeks to place in service. He continued by noting that mesh drain covers have been installed to decrease solids and meters were installed on the equipment to collect data on water usage. Attorney Cravitz noted that the original pre-treatment did not correct the problem. Jim Bathgate requested that Bright Farms gets a written plan of action to PTMA and ESCRA within two weeks so these boards can review and advise the Board of Supervisors before their meeting on July 13, 2022.

Public Comments: Some School House Lane residents have requested that the Board not narrow their entrance lane but pave the center and allow the excess to remain. The Board will review the project at a later date.

Chairman Jon Payne closed the Supervisor Meeting at 7:20 pm and turned it over to Shannon Rudy for a Public Hearing.

Shannon Rudy, SEDA COG, CBDG Funding Public Hearing: Shannon Rudy informed the Board that the 2022 estimated CBDG funding would be \$96,809 and that this is the first of four public hearings. She reviewed the application schedule, the eligible/ineligible activities and national objectives. She also read the following items to the Board: the Fair Housing Notice, Anti-displacement Plan, Section 3 Preference and the Section 504 Outreach/Notice. She then asked the Board if there were any properties within the Township that had architectural barriers since that is an eligible project. The Board responded that the paths in East Snyder Park are not ADA compliant and would like

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this to be submitted as their project. She asked for public comment on the proposed project and with there being none she concluded the hearing at 7:35 pm.

New Business:

Harris Estate Stormwater – Mike Reed, Vice President and Greg Kramer, President of the Harris Estate Townhouse HOA were present to request that the Township use a flush truck with suction to clean out a township cross pipe that leads to their stormwater retention pond. They requested this method be used so that the debris does not end up in the basin. Mr. Kramer also requested that the township take ownership of the basin. The Board will have Isaac Ramer Jr. and the road crew look into the pipe clean out situation.

Old Business: None

Public Comments: Pete DeWire notified the Board that through a Go Fund Me page he raised over \$3,000 to restore the infield grass that was damaged last fall by spray. Many volunteers helped restore the two infields. They agreed that the funds should be deposited to the East Snyder Regional Recreation Association so distribution can be made to the Little League that paid for the sod.

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

On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation the June 1, 2022 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Reports:

Julie Hartley, Manager

∞ Report Provided

Mark Strawser, Roadmaster

∞ Report Provided

Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer

∞ Report Provided

Fred Ulrich, Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Jim Bathgate, Solicitor – No Report

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Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 7.5.22
- VFW Subdivision, filed 1.5.21, due 7.29.22
- Lester Sensenig Land Development, filed 3.22.21, due 7.12.22
- Shayne Koch, Conditional Use Hearing, filed 4.14.22, due 6.13.22, hearing 6.1.22
- Scott Golden/Trinity Solar Conditional Use Hearing, filed 5.9.22, due 7.8.22, hearing 6.15.22
- Charles Klinger/Trinity Solar Conditional Use Hearing, filed 5.11.22, due 7.10.22, hearing 6.15.22

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager