

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

July 13, 2022

Chairman Jon Payne called the 7.13.2022 Supervisor Meeting to order at 5:58 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing: Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Amendments

On motion by Isaac Ramer, Jr., seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to close the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Amendment Hearing.

Chairman Jon Payne called the 7.13.2022 Supervisor Meeting back to order at 6:14 pm.

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

Public Present: Jason Kaufman, Brandon Ulrich, Brian Hipple, Mark Strawser, Shannon Moyer, Sara Bailey, Christine Mull, Marcia Moore (The Daily Item), Greg Pysher, Chris Hennessy, Abhijit Nagaraj, Pete DeWire and Ginny Zeiber.

Minutes – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to approve the June 15, 2022 supervisor's meeting minutes.

Public Comments: Ginny Zeiber asked why her zoning permit for a roof-top mounted solar energy system was not issued. Zoning Officer, Julie Hartley, said that she is waiting on a check from Trinity Solar. Ms. Zeiber also asked why a conditional use hearing was necessary and not a zoning variance. Jim Bathgate explained the difference and noted that conditional use hearings will no longer be necessary for an accessory solar roof-mounted system with the passing of the comprehensive zoning ordinance amendments.

Persons Present to be Heard:

Pete DeWire, Proposed T-Ball Field – Pete shared that the baseball and softball fields have been heavily used this year because of Little League taking over the softball program. The T-Ball and Coach Pitching teams are having difficulty getting field time so he is proposing building a T-Ball/Coach Pitching field behind the swing sets north of field three. The field would service approximately three hundred to three hundred and sixty-two children. The field would take up a small area, fifty-two hundred and seventy square feet. Pete said he would provide cost estimates and that Chad Shaffer of Stahl, Shaeffer Engineering would provide engineering and surveying services at no cost. Jimmy Cardelli will donate the grading and excavating. Pete will build the player benches. Isaac Ramer Jr. questioned the distance from Graysonview. Pete said there was sufficient space between the field and the development. The Little League will maintain the field once it is constructed. Pete will provide oversight of the project.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to allow Pete DeWire to proceed with the development of a T-Ball Field at East Snyder Park.

Jason Kaufman, DH&L Fire Co.- Jason provided the written fire report and noted that their pre-build meeting for the new ladder truck is slated for November. Isaac Ramer Jr. thanked the DH&L Fire Company for providing rides to the baseball and softball teams.

New Business:

Adoption of Zoning Ordinance 2022-01 – **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to adopt the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Amendments, 2022-01.**

Bright Farms – Bright Farms has produced short- and long-term goals to PTMA and ESCRA for consideration. These plans are to make corrective action to keep within their assigned EDU limits and also reduce nitrates. Pete DeWire

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noted that PTMA is happy with the corrective action plans. The Bright Farm's sewage issues will be revisited at the September Board of Supervisor's meeting.

Conditional Use Findings for Scott Golden and Charles Klinger – **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to sign the Conditional Use Findings for Scott Golden and Charles Klinger.**

Orange Playground Canvas Replacement – Three shade canvases are deteriorating at the Orange Playground. Playworld's quote for replacement was \$9,432.58. The Board instructed that two more quotes should be acquired.

VFW Subdivision Extension - **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer, Jr., and Board acclamation to extend the VFW Subdivision until September 23, 2022.**

Candidates for Part-Time Road Crew – Tabled until later in the meeting.

Pete DeWire, ESRRA – Pete reported that the funds for the Comfort Station are being transferred to the Township. Earlier \$10,000 was transferred and now the remaining funds of \$ 27,197.80. He also noted that a new board member will be needed as Fritz Heinemann has resigned.

Old Business: None

Report on Harris Estate Stormwater – Isaac shared that he, Mark and the some of the Road Crew examined the blockage of the drainage pipe into Harris Estates basin. According to their observation it appears that the basin floor might have a build up on the floor of the basin which could be above the grade needed to have the pipe flow freely. There is a lot of erosion on private property leading down to Harris Estates which begins at Upper Harris Estates. Since questions have arisen to what the proper depth of the retention pond should be it was suggested that the Township Engineer review the stormwater plans and check the stormwater retention basin.

On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to have the township engineer examine the stormwater retention basin at Harris Estates.

Update on EMS Service – Chad Aucker sent an email to the township stating he is not aware of any current issues. Sara Bailey also shared a letter stating that additional staff had been hired for the Ambulance Service in Kreamer which brings up their paid staff to five with three active volunteers. Brian Hipple gave the township an amended service agreement for the township Solicitor to review. Kreamer Volunteer Fire Company was aware of the amended agreement.

On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to table the DH&L Ambulance Service Agreement.

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 Isaac Ramer Jr., second by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation the July 13, 2022 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Reports:

Julie Hartley, Manager

∞ Written Report Provided and she noted that the fuel budget is above the projected amount.

Mark Strawser, Roadmaster

∞ Written Report Provided and he noted that the bridge decking is out and that they will start digging out the abutments tomorrow. Isaac Ramer Jr. reminded them that hard hats should be worn.

Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer

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∞ Written Report Provided and she noted that zoning permits are down from last year with the exception of roof-mounted solar energy systems.

Fred Ulrich, Emergency Management Coordinator – No report

Jim Bathgate, Solicitor – Jim said that he will be recording the bridge easements in the Courthouse.

Executive Session was called at 7:15 pm. After discussion with no decision being made during the executive session, the regular meeting was called back to order at 7:48 pm.

Candidates for Part-time Road Crew – On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to hire four part-time road crew, Andrew Howell, Paul Long Jr., Timothy Thomson and Gregory Snyder at \$16.00 per hour with no benefits.

FYI:

- ESCRA April & May Minutes
- PTMA June 2 Minutes & July 7 Agenda

Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 9.3.22
- VFW Subdivision, filed 1.5.21, due 9.23.22
- Lester Sensenig Land Development, filed 3.22.21, due 8.11.22

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager