

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove, PA

July 8, 2026

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 7.8.2026 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present included: Supervisors: Mark Strawser, Jon Payne, Isaac Ramer Jr., Solicitor Jim Bathgate and Township Manager Julie Hartley

Public Present: Bill Kline, Chris Fetter, Paul Long, Adam Kerstetter, Chad Brandt, Chloe Will, Kim Poltonavage, Cody Bowersox and Derek Swartzentruber

Minutes – **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to approve the June 17, 2026 Supervisor's meeting minutes.**

Persons Present to be Heard:

Kim Poltonavage, Chloe Will, Buffer Change in Woodlynn Preserve – Jim noted that the Planning Commission as well as the Township Engineer recommended that the Board of Supervisors allow the removal of the weeds, briars and poison and the installation of a six-foot vinyl fence within the buffer. The fence within the buffer meets the spirit of the description of buffers within the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and no specifics were in the Woodlynn Preserve plans for the buffer area.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to allow Chloe Will to remove the current vegetation in the buffer zone behind her house and erect a six-foot vinyl fence within the buffer zone.

Cody Bowersox, PPL Project near Schoolhouse Lane – Cody explained that PPL is working on the Juniata-Sunbury transmission near his home and have different proposals as to how close it will be to his property. He asked if the township could help. Jim said that the township cannot help but that he should consult with an attorney to protect his rights and property.

New Business:

Proposed New Road Name – The proposed new road name is Mulls Ridge Lane which would be located above Wedgewood Drive. The Planning Commission was concerned with the new name because of a Mulls Road already in Penn Township which may cause confusion when calls to emergency services are made.

On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr. and Board acclamation to deny the name “Mulls Ridge Lane” and ask that three new names be suggested.

Proposed Amendments to Zoning Permit Application – Jim noted that the Planning Commission suggested that a checklist be added to the second page of the zoning application. The applicants would initial each item to show that they will comply with the stormwater needs of their project.

On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to adopt the stormwater checklist to the zoning permit application's back page.

ESCRA Land Development Extension Letter – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to allow an extension of ESCRA's Land Development plan to October 6, 2026.**

Executive Session and Interview – Isaac Ramer announced that an interview was held at 5:30 pm today followed by an executive session until 5:55 pm. Legal and personnel issues were discussed with no decisions being made at that time.

Hiring of Part-Time Road Crew – **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr. and Board acclamation to hire Brandon Bingaman as a part-time road crew member at \$16.00 per hour.**

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Tanner Golden, Suncom Industries Job Shadow – Suncom has requested a job shadow for one day for three to four hours for Tanner Golden. **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to allow Tanner Golden to do a one-day job shadow with the road crew.**

Letter to BP Solar from Solicitor – Jim explained that some complaints were received and investigated by the Township Engineer and Manager. A list was compiled and Jim will compose a letter asking BP Solar to address these concerns.

On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to have Jim Bathgate send a letter to BP Solar with the deficiencies.

July 15th Supervisor's Meeting – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to cancel the July 15, 2026 meeting unless something important arises.**

Old Business: None

Reports:

- Julie Hartley, Township Manager, Report Provided
- Adam Kerstetter, Roadmaster, Report Provided
- Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer, Report Provided
- Colin Rice, Emergency Management Coordinator
- James Bathgate, Township Solicitor

FYI:

- ESCRA May 20, 2026 Minutes
- ACH Payroll Report 6.25.26
- PTMA June 4th Minutes & July 1st Agenda
- ACH Payroll Report 7.9.26
- Check Register from 6.17.26 to 7.8.26

Land/Subdivision:

- Sissy Boy Trucking Land Dev., filed 6.23.25, due 8.11.26
- PTMA Well Site Subdivision/Land Development, filed 9.22.25, due 9.15.26
- ESCRA Land Dev., filed 2.27.26, due 10.6.26
- Ag Security Area, due February, 2032

Public Comment:

Jon Payne, Wetland Preserve – Jon announced the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee will be touring the proposed wetland preserve and gathering in the township boardroom on Friday, July 10th for a presentation. Following the meeting the committee will be continuing its tour in other Snyder County locations.

Jim Bathgate, Ordinance Advertisements – Jim asked that the Board allow him to advertise to repeal the Fireworks Ordinance and advertise a revised Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Ordinance. **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr. and Board acclamation to allow Jim to advertise the repeal of the Firework Ordinance and the revised PMRS Ordinance for the adoption of both at the August 5th meeting.**

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

Adjournment - On motion by Mark Strawser, second by Jon Payne and Board acclamation the July 8, 2026 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 6:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager