

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

228 Clifford Road, Selinsgrove, PA

August 5, 2026

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 8.5.2026 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, Bruce Teats, Shellie McCurdy, Dennis Habegger, Pete DeWire and Cookie DeWire

Minutes – **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to approve the July 8, 2026 Supervisor's meeting minutes.**

Persons Present to be Heard:

Jason Kaufman, DH&L Fire Co. – Jason, via phone, reported that there were ninety-six incidents which was mostly storm damage. There were no fire losses. A barn roof blew off on Clifford Road. Isaac asked about the new truck and new fire police truck and Jason replied that it was doing well and performed well at a fire in June. The fire police's new truck is also working out. The fire company is already planning for next year's gun raffle and bash.

Shannon Rudy, CDBG Project Selection/Certification Approval – Not present.

Shellie McCurdy, REC Center – Shellie reported that the July drop-in program which runs from 10 am to 4 pm daily had five hundred and thirty-eight visits. The daily average was 25.6 students with one hundred and twenty-seven registered attendees. The rubber duck fundraiser was sold out. September 1st starts the after-school drop-in program. Isaac asked about attendance compared with last year and Shellie said that it was higher this year.

Rick Mease, Selinsgrove Community Pool – Rick reported that the last day for the pool this year is August 23rd. They sold one hundred and eighty-seven season passes and thirty-five were Penn Township residents. There were seven categories of swim lessons with one hundred and forty-two participants. The free water aerobics draws two hundred and seventy people on average each week. A pool pass was donated to the Snyder County Library and people can go to the library and sign out the pass for one week each. The Selinsgrove Center has been bringing residents before hours to use the pool twice a week with one-on-one supervision. Nine thousand three hundred and ninety-two was the attendance so far this season and doesn't include other events such as swimming lessons. Isaac asked if there were any new projects and they are planning a retention wall, drainage, a new fence and paving the parking lot with a road leading to the bathhouse.

Dennis Habegger, Waiver from Land Development – Jim explained that Dennis Habegger has one hundred and twenty acres and has demolished a larger building than he plans to construct. Jim said that there are no close neighbors and the building will not create new parking or water and sewer installations. The township engineer reviewed the project and said that the waiver should be granted as long as a stipulation that if any stormwater issues arise that they be addressed immediately. When the Planning Commission reviewed the project, they agreed with the same. **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to grant the Land Development Waiver with one condition:**

- 1) If any stormwater issue result from the new building that they are addressed immediately**

Amber Mensch, 152 Woodlynn Buffer Yard – Jim said a request to remove weeds and shrubs and erect a six-foot fence in the buffer zone was received from Amber Mensch of 152 Woodlynn Drive. The Planning Commission recommended that it be allowed if the adjoining neighbor agreed and provided a signed letter stating that. The letter so far has not been provided. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to table the decision until a letter is provided from the adjoining land owner.**

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Pete DeWire, Veteran's Memorial Improvements – Pete showed the Board a photo of the Veteran's Memorial Plaque which showed deuteriation of the paint. He purchased the paint and will restore the plaque at no charge. He continued by noting that the Veteran's Memorial area has weeds in the grassy area, overgrown shrubs and the flag lights need repaired. Pete proposed that the lawn portion be replaced with artificial turf up to the fence and the river rocks and shrubs be removed. The artificial turf would be warranted for twelve years. He presented an approximate budget of \$7,325 for the scope of work. He said he will raise all the monies for the project except he would like stone and screenings supplied by the township. He continued by noting that the VFW and Legion offered their assistance and he plans to send out letters to potential donors. Mark and Isaac both questioned how the lights would be repaired. The Board questioned Pete about the maintenance requirements of artificial turf. Research on maintenance noted that the turf would need a leaf blower each week as well as hosed off and a monthly brushing against the knap. Mark asked if stamped concrete or pavers in the grassy area would be a better solution since there is no maintenance. Shellie McCurdy shared that she is a member of the ESRRA and would have liked if that committee would have been involved in the planning of this project. She asked what would happen when this would need replaced in twelve years. Isaac suggested that this go back to the park committee for discussion and solutions that are less maintenance. Isaac asked if the road crew had time to clean this area up before Snyder County Night Out and they responded that they will. After discussion the following motion was made:

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to get three quotes from landscapers to remove weeds from the grassy area and maintenance and that the ESRRA take over the project to see if stamped concrete could be a more maintenance free solution.

New Business:

Rescind Fireworks Ordinance – Jim said the ordinance to repeal the Fireworks Ordinance was duly advertised and is ready for adoption. **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to sign and adopt Ordinance 2026-04 repealing of the Fireworks Ordinance 2007-05.**

PMRS Revised Ordinance – Jim noted that this ordinance was requested by PMRS in order to match the adoption agreement with PMRS. **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to adopt Ordinance 2026-05 to amend its non-uniform cash balance plan retroactive to January 1, 2017.**

Mary Shaffer, Resignation from ESRRA – **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to accept the resignation of Mary Shaffer from the East Snyder Regional Recreation Association.**

Steve Pope, Resignation from Road Crew – **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to accept the resignation of Steve Pope from the road crew and part-time office help.**

Advertisement for ESRRA Aug. 4th Meeting – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to allow advertising for the ESRRA August 4th meeting if reimbursed by ESRRA.**

One Supervisors for Selinsgrove Municipal Mtg. on Sept. 9th at 6 pm, PTMA Office – **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to have Isaac Ramer Jr. attend the Selinsgrove Municipal meeting with Jim Bathgate.**

Release of Selinsgrove Ford Escrow – Jim noted that the township engineer agreed that Selinsgrove Ford's escrow can be returned. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to release Selinsgrove Ford's escrow.**

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Selinsgrove Halloween Parade Permission to Use Twp. Roads – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to allow the Selinsgrove Halloween Parade to use the township roads provided a certificate of insurance is supplied.

Flood Plain Permit, Shared Support, 1226 S. Market Street – Jim said that the Planning Commission and the Township Engineer reviewed the project and recommended approval. **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to allow the Flood Plain Administrator to sign the Flood Plain permit for the gazebo project at Shared Support at 1226 S. Market Street provided that it is anchored.**

Ressler Planning Module – Jim explained that the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors reviewed and approved this planning module several month's ago but DEP sent it back for an elevation discrepancy which has been corrected and needs reapproved. **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to approve the Ressler Planning Module.**

Two CDs Maturing, \$196,204.59 & \$250,363.70 – Two certificates of deposit are maturing next week. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser to place the \$196,204.59 in a one-year CD at Central Penn Bank & Trust and the \$250,363.70 in a two-year CD with Edward Jones Investments.**

Excess Top Soil from ESP Park Lot Project – It was discussed then suggested that the topsoil be placed behind the football field where it drops off so that if it is needed in the future, it can be accessed. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to have the excess topsoil placed at the rear of the football field.**

Sissy Boy Trucking 60-Day Land Development Extension – **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to grant the 60-day extension to Sissy Boy Trucking's Land Development. On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation to have Jim Bathgate send a letter to Axtman Engineering that this will be the last extension granted.**

Road Crew Position – Isaac announced that the township is seeking more road crew.

Cottontail Solar 6 Deficiency Letter – Jim noted that a deficiency letter was sent to Cottontail Solar 6 and they did call the Township Manager and told her that they will respond in writing.

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 June 17th Minutes
- ACH Payroll Report 7.23.26
- ESCRA 2025 Annual Financial Report
- ACH Payroll Report 8.6.26
- Check Register from 7.8.26 to 8.5.26

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Land/Subdivision:

- Sissy Boy Trucking Land Dev., filed 6.23.25, due 10.9.26
- 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: Isaac noted that there was an unlicensed and unauthorized known person spraying weed killer at East Snyder Park. **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to have Julie contact the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the incident.**

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

Adjournment - On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Jon Payne and Board acclamation the August 5, 2026 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager