

PENN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Regular Meeting
July 12, 2018

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order and led everyone present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those present: Chairman Gary Martin, Vice Chairman Ken Sheaffer, Supervisor Ronald Tritt, Solicitor Marcus McKnight and Secretary Vicki Knepp.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Galbraith of 14 Beecher Drive said that the Township has an Ordinance, 2015-01, against Jake Brakes. He wanted to know why it was not rescinded if we could not enforce it.

Paul Group of 23 Church Road asked about the status of the arbitration for the culvert on South Side Drive. Chairman Martin told him it was rescheduled. Mr. Group asked about a statute of limitations. The Solicitor stated that we already filed the law suit so we are good.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2018 Regular Meeting. Supervisor Tritt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve the June 30, 2018 Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Tritt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF SUBDIVISION PLANS

Chairman Martin stated that there are two in process, both on preserved farmland and have been approved by the Land Preservation Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trash – The Secretary reported that she does not have a delinquent list at this time due to medical reasons at Southampton. She would like permission once the posting has been caught up to send out letters to the delinquent accounts. Chairman Martin made a motion to have the Secretary send out letters to the delinquent accounts after review by the Supervisors. Supervisor Tritt seconded the motion. Motion approved. The Secretary requested permission to assist Southampton get caught up when Kathi is back in the office.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to have the Secretary assist Southampton with the trash billing. Supervisor Tritt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Septic – The Secretary reported that 105 of the 380 systems to be pumped in 2018 are done, 28%. There are still three from 2017.

Silviculture Ordinance – The Solicitor stated that the Silviculture Ordinance has been advertised. It deals with best management practices for the forested areas in the Township. Mike Kutz questioned the need for the Ordinance. Vice Chairman Sheaffer said the Ordinance has been reviewed by Wilber Wolf. Chairman Martin said that it is based on Penn State guidelines and that County recommended that we implement it. Mr. Kutz said we should let the State handle it. Chairman Martin stated that this is to protect Township roads from damage caused by logging trucks. This does not affect a farmer clearing trees out of a field. This is for wooded lots in the Conservation Zone. Mr. Kutz stated that the Township is passing too many ordinances. Chairman Martin stated that 1% of the people create the need for ordinances. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2018-04 Silviculture. Supervisor Tritt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Trailer Rental Invoice – The Solicitor stated he has not gotten the letter out yet.

LeDane Judgement Payment – The Secretary reported that she received a check from the Solicitor in the amount of Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Six Dollars (2,706.00) to pay the judgements against the LeDane property. She stated that the check is Ninety-Nine Dollars and fifty cents (\$99.50) more than the total of the judgements. The Solicitor explained that there were legal fees that were not in her accounting. He said that he believes it is legitimate with what we have done. This has been a long process. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to accept the payment in full to cover all expenses and judgements on the LeDane property. Supervisor Tritt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Fish Hatchery Easement – Chairman Martin stated that the Fish Commission is going to replace the culvert under Lebo Road near the railroad tracks. They have submitted a Temporary Easement Agreement for Construction purposes. The Solicitor reviewed the agreement and said it is good. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to sign the Temporary Easement for Construction Purposes with the Fish Hatchery. Supervisor Tritt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Chairman Martin reported that at the County Outreach meeting there was a discussion of Poison Hemlock. It is spreading rapidly in the area. Cumberland and Franklin Counties are joining forces to hold an educational session on identifying, destroying and preventing poison hemlock on July 25 at the Shippensburg Firefighters Activity Center. The training session is open to the public. The Secretary stated that she has signed up all the road crew and Supervisor Tritt for the session.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PROJECT UPDATES

ZONING CODES ENFORCEMENT

Tim Knepp stated that 6 Quarry Hill Road is overgrown again. He would like to turn it over directly to the Solicitor instead of sending a Notice of Violation since it is ongoing problem. Chairman Martin stated that he does not think we should file again. Chairman Martin made a motion to have the roadcrew mow the property, bill the Stambaughs and the Solicitor will file. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Mr. Knepp stated he received a grass complaint on a property in Centerville. Once he sends a letter of violation he expects to receive complaints from them about their neighbors.

There is a fence going up at 1012 Centerville Road with no permit. This is a rental property.

Mr. Knepp stated he has been getting complaints for two months. On the property at 231 South Side Drive Mr. Knepp said he made contact with the owner previously about tires. Mr. Knepp stated he sent Mr. Eshelman a letter with several violations: people living in an RV on the property for longer than two weeks; rocks and stones piled around a utility pole and stop sign impeding Township mowing; removal of tires; the Fire Marshal had been there on Sunday when he was burning and made him extinguish the fire; numerous nuisance items sitting around and a dog tethered outside longer than permitted during high temperatures. Mr. Knepp met with him and went over all the issues.

Thumma Farm, Church Road – Mr. Knepp stated that Mr. Thumma has had a stroke and Mrs. Thumma is trying to clean up the place on her own. She has hundreds of tires that she is willing to pay for the trailers to come remove the tires but she cannot load the trailers herself. He asked Vice Chairman Sheaffer if he could get the Scouts to help load them into the trailers. Mr. Knepp said he has made arrangements for a loader and a volunteer operator to assist. Vice Chairman Sheaffer said he will speak with the Scouts. Chairman Martin made a motion to supply a loader and a volunteer driver to help the Scouts. Supervisor Tritt seconded the motion. Motion approved. Mr. Galbraith volunteered to assist.

Mr. Knepp said he had two permits and two complaints in the last month. One of the complaints was about people putting grass clippings on the road all over the Township. The Secretary was directed to put something in the newsletter regarding this and Mr. Knepp was told to stop and talk to the resident if he sees it happening.

SOLICITOR REPORT

FPE Engineering -The Solicitor stated that the mediation was postponed to August 30, 2018 at 10:30.

85 Kutz Road – The Solicitor stated that he would like to file an action against the property owner, for failure to comply, to get his attention. Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a

motion to have the Solicitor file a civil complaint against Justin Foster on the stormwater runoff. Chairman Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed with two yeas, Supervisor Tritt abstained.

2274 Pine Road – There was a meeting at the Township between Red Barn Consulting, the Township Engineer, Chairman Martin and the Secretary. The Secretary stated that once they were able to sit down and discuss what is needed from both sides they came to an agreement. We hope to have the plans in time for the August Planning Commission meeting.

The Solicitor stated that Ridge was approved by DEP.

Wayne Stevenson asked if the Township heard anything on the Hurst property. The Secretary reported that she had been contacted by the building manager asking for contact information so that she could meet with the Hursts and County Conservation and come up with a solution.

Mr. Knepp said that he noticed a large cloud of dust blowing from the Exeter construction site across the road, on to farms and cars. Chairman Martin said it has already been addressed.

OTHER REPORTS

COG – Chairman Martin stated that the recycling will soon reach 500,000 lbs. The COG has voted to extend the agreement with MDIA for building inspections for another two years at the same price. MDIA is hiring another inspector to help Mr. Rampulla.

Agricultural Preservation – Chairman Martin stated they looked at the Stambaugh and Barrick subdivision plans. They discussed the CV School District's request for eminent domain on the McCormack property.

Roadmaster Report – The Secretary reported that the roadcrew will be installing a pipe and finish stabilizing on Quarry Hill Road, installing a pipe on Smith Road, start the next project on Beetem Hollow Road and mow again before the Fair.

Fire Marshal – No report

Newsletter – Newsletter just went out.

APPROVAL OF BILLS LISTING

Vice Chairman Sheaffer made a motion to pay the bills. Supervisor Tritt seconded the motion. Motion approved.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Supervisor Tritt stated that he was over to Sheaffer Road on June 23 where the guardrail was pulled out to help make a temporary repair. He was out with the road crew

blacktopping. He handled a complaint about an individual stopping traffic on Township roads.

Vice Chairman Sheaffer reported that he attended the Planning Commission Meeting, Fire Company, Scouts and was in to the Township to sign checks.

Chairman Martin stated he was out with Supervisor Tritt on the guardrail, he attended the Planning Commission Meeting, the County Outreach Meeting, COG, Fire Company Meeting, Land Preservation Meeting, Exeter, Red Barn and Zoning Hearing Board.

Supervisor Tritt made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chairman Sheaffer seconded the motion. Motion approved.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 9, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Knepp
Secretary