

**PENN TOWNSHIP**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 6, 2017**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at the Penn Township building, Finnen Community Room, 260 Lewis Road West Grove, Pennsylvania at 6:00 p.m.

**Present:**

Curtis Mason, Chairman  
Victor Mantegna, Vice Chairman  
Ken Bryson, Supervisor  
William "Radar" O'Connell, Supervisor  
Jay Ennis, Supervisor  
R. Samuel McMichael, Solicitor  
Karen Versuk, Operations  
David Biloon, MacCombie  
Alex Mundy, DL Howell  
Tracy & Barb Merges, Residents  
David Butterworth  
Don Sample, LDS

Bill Cook, Resident  
Skip McGrew, Planning Commission  
Ralph Churchill, Planning Commission  
Donald May, Resident  
Nancy Johnson, Chester County Press  
Marcelle Peyre-Ferry, Daily Local  
RJ Hill, Planning Commission  
David Maicher, Resident  
Brian Wenzka, ACD  
Louis Coppola, Resident  
Michael Braver, Developer  
Greg Sykes, Resident

**Call to Order:** After salute to the flag, Chairman Mason opened the Meeting.

**Chairman's Announcements:** The Supervisors attended a zoning task force meeting on August 16 and an Executive Session on Sept. 6 regarding legal matters. The Supervisors held a public hearing on Sept. 6 at 5:30 p.m. regarding the FEMA required ordinances.

**Public Comment:** David Butterworth of Lancaster, PA expressed interest in participating in planning for our sports park.

1. **Red Rose Inn:** Brian Wenzka of ACD made a presentation at the request of Supervisor Ennis for a colored concrete product to be considered for the final design of the Red Rose Inn porch. ACD did work on the fountain project at Longwood Gardens. The Board will review as final design takes shape.
2. **Approve Minutes:** Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 2 for the Regular Meeting, Dunkin Donuts and Act

172 hearings. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

3. **Treasurer Report:** Supervisor O'Connell made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay invoices. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
4. **Planning Commission:** Mr. McGrew stated that the Planning Commission had reviewed and commented on the FEMA ordinances and recommended approval.
5. **Historic Commission/Bicentennial Committee:** No report.
6. **Road Master:** Liquid Fuels projects are complete.
7. **Operations:** Director of Operations Versuk requested the Board consider the following:
  - a. PennDOT agreement -- Supervisor Bryson made the motion to approve the agreement with PennDOT which would provide \$800,000 toward the construction costs of the Red Rose Intersection improvement plan. Supervisor Bryson stated the approval was conditioned upon Solicitor McMichael's approval to sign and that the Board could sign the agreement outside of a public meeting. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b. Maicher appointment to Zoning Hearing Board as alternate – Supervisor Mason made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
  - c. Act 209 – DOO Versuk stated that the ACT 209 Land Use Assumptions Report was slated to be approved at the Sept. 20 public meeting.
  - d. AGREM signage – tabled.
  - e. Newsletter was in the mail.
  - f. AGHS sponsorship request for 5K – declined.
  - g. ASA applications – Tickle, Lehr. Motion made by Supervisor Ennis. Seconded by Supervisor Bryson. Supervisor Mantegna voted against. Motion passed 4-0.
  - h. Penn Township was awarded \$9,956.00 in recycling grant money.
  - i. DCNR/LWCF grant is finalized in the amount of \$686,000.
8. **FEMA Ordinances:** Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-03 as required by FEMA. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-04. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell, the ordinance was adopted unanimously, 5-0.

9. **MS4 PRP and TMDL Plans:** David Biloon of MacCombie Engineers asked if the audience had any public comments regarding the township's PRP and TMDL plans. There were no public comments.
10. **Willowdale Chapel** – With the condition of withdrawing the original approved land development and providing proof of the withdrawal. Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to approve the 845-square foot addition to the chapel. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
11. **WGFC Request – Resolution 2017-10:** Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-10 which designated Penn Township's approved, fire company, basic life support and advanced life support emergency providers. Supervisor O'Connell seconded. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
12. **Fair Districts PA Presentation;** Penn Planning Commission member Ron Hill made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of Fair Districts PA. Fair Districts PA wishes to obtain resolutions from municipalities in support of their goal to remove the redistricting process from the legislature as is being outlined in HB 722 to avoid gerrymandering. He brought a petition with signatures from residents. Supervisors Mason and Bryson stated they were opposed to the Special Master clause in the bill. Supervisor O'Connell stated that the process as outlined in the bill needed to be streamlined. While the Board members supported the spirit of the request they stated they would not sign a resolution until the bill was 100 percent accurate. Supervisor Mantegna stated the Board would table the request, "We cannot support it in its present form."
13. **Renovation: No report.**
14. **Chester Water Authority Request:** Resolution 2017-11 in support of the CWA Board's decision to NOT sell to AQUA. Supervisor Mason stated it was important to support this move not to sell to protect the residents and businesses who could be subject to huge increases in water bills. Supervisor Mantegna made the motion. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. Supervisor O'Connell abstained. Motion passed 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Penn resident, Greg Sykes, stated his support for the Board's decision to not support the resolution for Fair Districts PA as "it is not township business". He also inquired about the township's tree removal policy.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Caitlin Ianni  
Township Secretary