

**PENN TOWNSHIP**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – Finnen Community Room**  
**Wednesday, May 19, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their advertised regular meeting session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

**Present:**

Victor Mantegna, Chair  
William O'Connell, Vice Chair  
Curtis Mason, Sr., Supervisor  
Jay Ennis, Supervisor  
Laura Sperratore, Supervisor  
Karen Versuk, Director of Operations  
Scott Steele, Chair, Planning Commission, Vice Chair Historical Commission  
Ralph Churchill, Vice Chair, Planning Commission  
Dan Daley, P.E., Penn Engineer  
Dennis O'Neill, P.E., Penn Engineer and Active Recreation Committee  
Rev. Jim Mundell, Resident  
Mrs. Betty Mundell, Resident  
Ron Hill, Resident  
Jim Davidson, Property Owner  
Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Chester County Press  
Chief Justin Gattorno, West Grove Fire Company  
President Neil Vaughn, West Grove Fire Company

**Call to Order:** Board Chair Mantegna called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The Board Chair announced the Board attended an executive session regarding legal matters with the Solicitor and Engineers prior to tonight's meeting.

**Public Comment:** None

- 1. Approve Meeting Minutes:** Supervisor Ennis made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the work session on April 14, 2021. Seconded by Supervisor Mason. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Supervisor Ennis made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Supervisor Ennis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
  - a. **Big Elk Bond Escrow Release #1** – Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to release the \$506,643.97 bond and replace it with a second bond in the amount of \$1,335,841.42. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
  - b. **Phillips Mushrooms Escrow Release #9** – Supervisor Ennis made a motion to release \$56,488.30 with a balance of funds remaining in escrow in the amount of

\$721,770.03. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Supervisor O'Connell abstained.

**2. Supervisor's Reports:**

- a. **Red Rose Inn** – Following a brief discussion, Supervisor Sperratore made a motion to approve a proposal by Esh Contractors to make repairs to the Red Rose Inn associated with the March 19 crash into the building by a contractor for the Avon Grove School District. Supervisor Mantegna further stipulated that the following be included in the proposal – downspout, bricks, mortar and top coat. Supervisor Sperratore amended her motion to include those items and to approve the proposal “not too exceed \$3000”. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0. Supervisor Mason abstained.
- b. **Chester Water Authority** – Supervisor O'Connell reported that CWA had recently won in court regarding a right to know ruling. More litigation is pending.

**3. Engineering Report (Dan Daley):**

- a. **AGSD Update:** Construction is continuing; dust issues are being addressed.
- b. **Phillips Mushrooms:** Construction continuing; addressing complaints regarding early morning work by contractors.
- c. **Big Elk:**
  - i. A motion for the approval of the Big Elk Phase II plans as approved by the Township Engineer was made by Supervisor O'Connell. Seconded by Supervisor Mantegna. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
- d. **Jennersville Farm:** The contractor has replaced trees and is mobilizing the basin conversion. He is planning to resurface roads in June. Planning Commission Vice Chair Ralph Churchill asked if the builder is planning to flush the stormwater system. Engineer Dan Daley replied he would be required to do that.

**4. Planning Commission Report:** Planning Commission Chair Scott Steele stated the PC will be working with the office and engineers on MS4 and that the PC would be entertaining a sketch plan from Star Roses for an expansion.

**5. Historical Commission Report:** Red Rose Rent Day planning is well underway for Sept. 24 and 25. A William Penn impersonator has been hired.

**6. Active Recreation Committee Report:**

- a. Request for appointments: Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to appoint Steve Ramsay, Star Roses, and Ralph Churchill, Jenner's Pond resident and Planning Commission Vice Chair to the Active Recreation Committee. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. Sports Park update: Boy Scouts are preparing to begin the outdoor classroom, benches and blackboard. The bridges and pedestrian boardwalk are being completed now.
- c. Passive Park update: The Active Recreation Committee toured the park and requested ideas from MacCombie Engineering to address/improve the Veteran's Memorial and the bathroom deck.
- d. Dockstader Grant: The township was awarded \$7500 toward the establishment of the Story Walk in the outdoor classroom at the Sports Park.

**7. Road Master/Facilities Report:** Road Master Karen Versuk posed the following items for discussion:

- i. Conley Doss proposal to repair sign – tabled. Supervisor Mason asked Versuk to contact Yo Sign Guy for a consultation.
- ii. Truck – Supervisor O'Connell made a motion to purchase a new Dodge Ram 4500 to

**8. Emergency Management:**

- a. **West Grove Fire and Ambulance:** Fire Chief Justin Gattorno and President Neil Vaughn made a presentation to the Supervisors in recognition for using the Sports Park for their official photos last year. The Supervisors were presented with a framed photo of the apparatus. In addition, Chief Gattorno stated that 20 years ago they ran 170 calls in one year for Penn, now they run that many in two weeks in Penn.

**9. Operations Report:**

- a. **Shredding Event outcome:** 8600 pounds of paper were shredded at the event. A second truck would be needed in November to handle the volume.
- b. **Resolution 2021-09:** Supervisor Sperratore made the motion to approve the updated fee schedule for 2021 with two minor revisions. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
- c. **Senate Bill 252.** Tabled.

**Adjourn:** Supervisor O'Connell made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. Motion passed 5-0.

Submitted by Caitlin A. Ianni, Township Secretary