

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

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their advertised regular meeting session at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 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
Guy Swift, Penn Public Works
Scott Steele, Chair, Planning Commission, Vice Chair, Historical Commission
Kathy Wandersee, Chair, Historical Commission
Ralph Churchill, Vice Chair, Planning Commission
Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Chester County Press
Sixteen attendees

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. The Board Chair asked if everyone had read the Board of Supervisors' statement regarding the Jennersville Hospital closure decision by Tower Health. Various Board members including Supervisors Mantegna, Mason and Ennis spoke regarding the decision expressing concern, sadness, and outrage regarding the decisions and the absence of community involvement in it. Board Chair Mantegna explained the postponement of the ribbon cutting for the outdoor classroom which was caused by the hospital closure announcement and impending weather. A date will be identified for the future.

Public Comment: Resident Donald May inquired about the Sunnyside Road restoration and the intersection pushing of the asphalt. Both issues were addressed by the Road Master. Sunnyside Rd. restoration is to be done by AGSD as part of the high school project and is delayed due to weather reasons. Red Rose Intersection – there is a meeting with PennDOT and RoadCon on October 12. Resident Larry Waltman inquired as to why surveyors were in the right of way on Baltimore Pike near Lawrence Waltman's house and requested the status on the condemnation of the Baltimore Pike property. Resident Jim Mundell complimented the Historical Commission on a beautiful and well-attended Red Rose Rent Day.

- 1. Approve Meeting Minutes:** Supervisor Sperratore made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the regular meeting on September 15, 2021. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Supervisor Sperratore made a motion to approve the invoices for payment. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Supervisor

Sperratore made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

- a. **Phillips Mushrooms Escrow Release #13** – Supervisor Ennis made a motion to release \$216,977.89 leaving a remaining balance of \$459,379.64. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. Supervisor O'Connell abstained. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. **Big Elk Escrow Release #2** – Supervisor Ennis made a motion to release \$428,704.31 leaving a remaining balance of \$421,027.54. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Supervisor's Reports:

- a. **Red Rose Inn** – Ready for Red Rose Rent Day.
- b. **Chester Water Authority** – Update on court decision.

3. Engineering Report (Dan Daley): No report.

4. Planning Commission Report: Planning Commission Chair Scott Steele reported that they would be presented with a sketch plan for Jenner's Commons at their next meeting on October 27.

5. Historical Commission Report: Historical Commission Vice Chair Scott Steele announced, "We paid the rent." 304 people toured the Inn on Red Rose Rent weekend. Tours will be held by appointment or the second Sunday of each month from 12 to 3 p.m. conducted by Historical Commission volunteers.

6. Active Recreation Committee Report:

- a. Sports Park update:
 - i. Fence/Security for the Environmental Education Area was tabled.
 - ii. Ribbon cutting for classroom postponed.
- b. Passive Park update: Roof estimated tabled. Epoxy tabled.

7. Road Master/Facilities Report: Supervisor O'Connell made a motion to award the neighborhood snow removal to Marvel's Landscaping for one year with an option to extend in the amount of \$32,000.00. Seconded by Supervisor Mason. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Emergency Management: No report.

9. Operations Report:

Public Comments: Al Gagliardi and Chris Herring also made comments in support of Jennersville Hospital.

Adjourn: Supervisor O'Connell made a motion to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. Motion passed 5-0.

Submitted by Caitlin A. Ianni, Township Secretary