

PENN TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes – Finnen Community Room
Wednesday, August 5, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. This was the first in-person meeting since the Commonwealth of PA had the stay at home order lifted.

Present:

Curtis Mason, Chair
Victor Mantegna, Vice Chair
Jay Ennis, Supervisor
William O'Connell, Supervisor
Laura Sperratore, Supervisor

Karen Versuk, Director of Operations
Sam McMichael, Township Solicitor
Scott Steele, Planning Commission Chair
Ralph Churchill, Planning Commission Vice Chair
Dan Daley, Township Engineer
Dennis O'Neill, Township Engineer
Steve Giampaolo, Township Engineer
Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Chester County Press
Seth Ross, Resident
David and Jennifer Santucci, Residents
Bob Eastwood, Resident
Bob Davis, Resident, ZHB Chair and Historical Commission
Larry and Anita Waltman, Residents
David Maicher, ZHB
Jim Mundell, Resident
Sue Simmons, Resident
Donald May, Resident

Call to Order: Board Chair Mason opened the board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None from public. Director of Operations Versuk notified the Board that the township solicitor asked that the Board move the discussion of the Avon Grove High School final plan to item number 1.

1. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Vice Chair Mantegna made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 3, 2020 virtual meeting. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Report/Approve Invoices: Vice Chair Mantegna made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the invoices. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

2. **Supervisor's Reports:** Supervisor Ennis provided an update regarding the Red Rose Inn and requested the Board's approval to hire Vince Malchione to make some repairs to the drywall on the first floor including frame, finish, and moldings with an estimated cost of \$1200. The motion was made by Supervisor Ennis and seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Supervisor O'Connell reported that Chester Water Authority is still working their way through court.
3. **Planning Commission Report:** No report.
4. **Historical Commission Report:** No report.
5. **Active Recreation Committee Report:** Director of Operations Karen Versuk and Township Engineer Dennis O'Neill provided updates with regard to the committee and the sports park. They requested approval of McMahon's traffic study proposal for the park entrance in the amount of \$7,500. A motion to approve was made by Supervisor Mantegna. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
They also presented a proposal from Green Grazer Goats in the amount of \$7,225.00 to use goats to clear the invasive plants in the forest and the irrigation ditch at the sports park. A motion was made by Supervisor Mantegna. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
6. **Road Master Report:** Road Master Versuk provided an update and discussed the upcoming Award presentation at the Red Rose Inn for the intersection award.
7. **Emergency Manager Update:** While Emergency Management coordinator, Chuck Freese was not on hand for the meeting. DOO Versuk did provide an update in light of the recent rain events including a Tropical Storm. She stated that a PEMA flyover was being conducted, folder started of damage, three roads had been closed (Sunnyside, Paschall Mill and Valley). Damage had been sustained by Pusey Mill Road. An extensive discussion ensued with the engineers and the public and Board regarding recent events with the Avon Grove high school site. Residents were encouraged to copy the township office on all complaints so that the engineer and director of operations could follow up on progress.
8. **Operations Report:** DOO Versuk provided a financial overview of the township for the public meeting. Township Solicitor Sam McMichael discussed the potential for an eminent domain declaration on the house at the corner of Jenner's Pond Road and Baltimore Pike. The intent would be to use it to establish a public safety building. After a brief executive session, the meeting reconvened. Supervisor Mantegna made the motion to ask Solicitor McMichael to move forward by beginning the eminent domain process. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to advertise the zoning amendment with regard to pool setbacks in the RS district upon receipt of Chester County Planning Commission and Penn Planning Commission comments. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
It was with regret that the Board accepted the resignation of longtime Zoning Hearing Board member Jane Tripp. The motion to accept was made by Supervisor Mantegna. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. DOO Versuk requested the Board consider the appointment of one of the alternates to Zoning Hearing Board as a permanent member. The alternate with the longest tenure is resident David Maicher. Supervisor Mantegna made the motion to appoint David Maicher as a permanent member of the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Supervisor Curtis Mason. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. A final item of discussion with the director of operations was the issue of a Peco pole and guy wire at the Red Rose intersection. The Board tabled the issue pending the receipt of more information from Peco regarding options.

9. **Eastwood Property:** Township Engineer Dennis O'Neill presented a simple subdivision application for Bob and Frannie Eastwood. Supervisor Mantegna made the motion to adopt Resolution 2020-12 which would authorize the subdivision. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
10. **AQUA –** Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-11 to allow for an amendment to the township Act 537 Plan. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
11. **AGSD –** As seen above, continued discussions with regard to the storm water management and storm damage caused by the basin failure.
12. **10, Phillips Mushrooms:** An escrow release in the amount of \$41,121.81 was approved by the Township Engineer. Supervisor Mantegna made the motion to release. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 4-0 with Supervisor O'Connell abstaining.

Public Comments: None.

Adjourn: Adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by Caitlin A. Ianni, Township Secretary