

**PENN TOWNSHIP  
Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting Minutes –  
Finnen Community Room  
Wednesday, October 5, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their work session meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, in the Finnen Community Room, 260 Lewis Road, West Grove, PA 19390 immediately following a fact finding session with the West Grove Fire Company at 5 p.m..

**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, Historical and Planning Commissions  
Jim Davidson, property owner  
Larry Waltman, Historical Commission  
Denis Newbold, Planning Commission  
15 Attendees

**Call to Order:** Board Chair Mantegna called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:** Resident Donald May stated that there is a bump at the approach to the Sunnyside Road which will be checked by the Penn Public Works crew. Township resident and Avon Grove High School student Ryan Grablewski requested that the Board open the high school's Sunnyside Road emergency access road to bus traffic. He stated that the School Board members supported his request. Resident Herb MacCombie addressed the issue stating that Sunnyside Road residents would be opposed to such a request. Further, he stated that there is an issue with poor sight distance and poor visibility due to a berm. Resident David Maicher stated that his reply to such a request was "Absolutely not." Board Chair Victor Mantegna read from the 2007 conditional use decision and order regarding the matter in which the school district agreed to keep that as emergency access only. He further stated that there is a standing promise by the Board of Supervisors that that access would be used only in the case of an emergency for public safety purposes. Supervisor O'Connell stated that in an emergency scenario that road would be absolutely essential. Supervisor Mason stated that the conditions established in 2007 were for the safety of the community at large and "cannot be changed."

1. **Approve Meeting Minutes/Approve invoices/Treasurer's report:**  
Supervisor Sperratore made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the October 5, 2022. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. Supervisor Sperratore then made a motion to approve the invoices and the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
  - a. Phillips Mushrooms – Escrow Release #15 – in the amount of \$77,959.26 leaving an amount of \$346,907.38. Supervisor Sperratore made the motion to approve the release. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. Motion passed 4-0-1 with Supervisor O'Connell abstaining.
2. **Supervisor's Reports:**
  - a. **Red Rose Inn** – Supervisor Ennis stated the shutters and door painting is complete.
  - b. **Chester Water Authority** – Supervisor O'Connell – no report
  - c. **Jennersville Hospital – No update.**
3. **Engineering Report:**
  - a. AGSD: Waltman Way is to be paved the week of October 10.
  - b. Big Elk – A motion to approve the hydrant agreement between Big Elk and the Township was made by Supervisor O'Connell. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. A further motion was made to sign this outside the meeting when authorized by the Solicitor. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously – 5-0.
  - c. Jennersville Farm Update – The paving should be done the week of October 10 by Charlestown paving. The township engineer will inspect.
4. **Planning Commission Report:** Planning Commission Secretary Denis Newbold presented the variance request of Big Elk addressing the setback requirements of nine proposed homes which back up to the Casa Carmen Winery. The PC is recommending a denial of the variance.
5. **Historical Report:** Red Rose Open House is October 9.
6. **Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee:**
7. **RoadMaster/Facilities Report:** Snow Removal is set for winter 2022-2023.
8. **Operations Report:**
  - a. **Fall Fest** is Saturday, October 15, 2022 in the Penn Township Park.
9. **199 Elkview Road:** A waiver request to use an alternate method of stormwater management approved by the DEP and Township Engineer Dennis O'Neill was considered. Supervisor Mason made the motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor O'Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
10. **MS4 Proposal:** Township Engineer Dennis O'Neill recommended to the Board that they take no action on the MS4 proposal until the conclusion of the PennDOT 30 day comment period.

**Public Comments:**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.**

Submitted by Caitlin A. Ianni, Township Secretary