

**PENN TOWNSHIP  
Board of Supervisors  
Special Meeting Minutes –  
Finnen Community Room  
Wednesday, May 17, 2023  
6:00 P.M.**

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held an advertised special meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, in the Finnen Community Room, 260 Lewis Road, West Grove, PA 19390.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING ADVERTISED IN THE DAILY LOCAL NEWS on May 16, 2023.

The Board of Supervisors of Penn Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the Township Building located at 260 Lewis Road, West Grove, Pennsylvania 19390. The purpose of this meeting is for deliberation and or official action for the following township business to be considered at the meeting: Whether the township deems it necessary for the reserve parking area to be constructed in accordance with the plan note on page C2.02 of the Overall Land Development Plan for Avon Grove High School for the Avon Grove School District' and whether the parking of Avon Grove High School students in neighboring commercial lots constitutes a public safety issue and such other matters as may come before the Board.

**Present:**

Victor Mantegna, Chair  
William O'Connell, Vice Chair  
Curtis Mason, Sr., Supervisor  
Jay Ennis, Supervisor  
Laura Sperratore, Supervisor  
Karen Versuk, Director of Operations  
Winifred Sebastian, Solicitor  
Ralph Churchill, Planning Commission Vice Chair  
Karen Ambrose, Avon Grove School District  
Carlton Snow, Resident

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

**Public Comment:** None.

**Items of Business:**

1. **Whether the Township deems it necessary for the reserve parking area to be constructed in accordance with the plan note on page C2.02 of the Overall Land Development Plan for Avon Grove High School for the Avon Grove School District and whether the parking of Avon Grove High School students in neighboring commercial lots constitutes a public safety issue.**

Solicitor Sebastian provided the history regarding this special meeting which was held following the receipt of a letter (Exhibit A) from AGSD Solicitor Andy Rau in response to a Board motion made at the Penn Supervisors May 3, 2023 public meeting. Solicitor Sebastian read aloud from Rau's letter which she stated challenged the motion made by the Board of Supervisors made on May 3, 2023. She stated his challenge was "without merit". In an abundance of caution, she advised the Board to publicly advertise a special meeting to reaffirm the May 3 motion.

Presented by Solicitor Sebastian in addition to Exhibit A, was Exhibit B, the advertisement/posting for the special meeting, and Exhibit C, a letter from Township Engineer Dan Daley regarding the advertised Item of Business.

Vice Chairman William "Radar" O'Connell made a motion to find that Penn Township deems it necessary for the reserve parking area of 96 spaces to be completely constructed for student parking by September 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Curtis Mason, Sr. Supervisors Jay Ennis and Laura Sperratore voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Victor Mantegna abstained. Motion adopted 4-0-1.

Supervisor Laura Sperratore made a motion that the Penn Township Board of Supervisors finds that Avon Grove High School students parking in commercial lots and crossing public roads walking to public parking lots is a public safety issue. Seconded by Board Vice Chairman William "Radar" O'Connell. Supervisors Jay Ennis and Curtis Mason, Sr. voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Victor Mantegna abstained. Motion adopted 4-0-1.

In a final statement before requesting public comment, Board Chairman Victor Mantegna stated, "Our charge as a Board is to preserve the health, safety and welfare of all in our community."

**Public Comments:** None.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.**

Submitted by Caitlin A. Ianni, Township Secretary