

PENN TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors held their Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at the Penn Township building, in the Finnen Community Room, 260 Lewis Road West Grove, Pennsylvania.

Present:

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

Karen Versuk, Director of Operations
Dan Daley, Penn Township Engineer
Scott Steele, Planning Commission Chair
Ralph Churchill, Planning Commission Vice Chair
John Auerbach, Avon Grove School Board
Seth Ross, Resident
Chris Marchese, Avon Grove School Superintendent
Andy Rau, Solicitor, AGSD
50 attendees

Call to Order: Board Chair Mason opened the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on February 5, 2020. He announced that the Supervisors attended an information session on Jan. 16 & 30, 2020. The Supervisors attended a legal meeting on Jan. 20, 2020 and an information session with CWA on Jan. 29, 2020.

Public Comment: Bill Steele commented on behalf of Ralph Holcomb thanking the Board and especially Denis Newbold of the Planning Commission for looking out for the residents. Resident Herb MacCombie also thanked the Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board for their patience and sage decision making with regard to the handling of the Avon Grove high school application.

1. **Approve Meeting Minutes:** Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the Jan.15, 2020 Work Session meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0. **Treasurer's Report/Approve Invoices:** Supervisor Mantegna made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and pay the invoices. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
2. **Supervisor's Reports:** Supervisor Ennis stated that there was no report on the Red Rose this meeting. Supervisor O'Connell provided an update on Chester Water Authority stating that there is a lawsuit pending which will be heard in May.

3. **Planning Commission Report:** Planning Commission Chair Scott Steele stated that the Planning Commission granted conditional approval for the Avon Grove High School preliminary plan.
4. **Historical Commission Report:** No report
5. **Road Master Report:** The Supervisors were presented with roads to consider for 2020 liquid fuels and for MS4 work.
6. **Operations Report:** The Director of Operations requested the Board consider Resolution 2020-02 which authorizes the DOO to apply for the Chester County Municipal Grant for the Sports park. Mantegna made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Supervisor Ennis. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
7. **Roseview Update:** DOO Versuk requested that the Board consider approval of escrow release #1 in the amount of \$4,432.00? Supervisor Mantegna made the motion to approve. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.
8. **AGSD:** Solicitor Andy Rau of the Avon Grove School District presented the preliminary plan as approved by the Penn Planning Commission along with the Penn Zoning Hearing Board conditions and requested preliminary plan approval from the Supervisors. Prior to the discussion, Board Chair Curtis Mason made a statement abstaining from the pending vote and discussion as he owns land on either side of the proposed school site. At this time, he handed off the meeting to Vice Chair Mantegna who assumed control.

A brief discussion of the resolution to approve ensued. Solicitor Rau stated that the school district “essentially accepted the Zoning Hearing Board, TIFAC, and Planning Commission conditions”. Mike Strohecker and Terry DeGroot presented the site plan and architectural plan on behalf of the school district. Solicitor Rau requested four changes to the resolution prior to adoption. At 6:30 p.m., the Board continued the meeting briefly to enter Executive Session to discuss the request. Upon their return, they agreed to amend the resolution with regard to item 5, 8 and 11. They did not agree to amend item 2.

Vice Chair Mantegna called for a “roll call” vote with regard to Resolution 2020-03 which would grant conditional preliminary approval for the Avon Grove High School site plan prepared by Terraform Engineering, LLC, dated June 14, 2019 last revised December 31, 2019. Mason abstained. Vice Chair Mantegna made the motion. Seconded by Supervisor Sperratore. Mantegna – aye, Sperratore – aye, Ennis – aye, O’Connell – aye. Motion passed 4-0.

9. **Big Elk:** The Board considered Resolution 2020-04 which grants conditional approve to Big Elk’s stormwater controls and BMP operations, maintenance and inspection agreement subject to the Solicitor’s review, 15% for 3 years, to be signed outside of a public meeting when approved to do so by the Solicitor. Vice Chair Mantegna made the motion. Seconded by Supervisor O’Connell. All in favor. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjourn: Adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Submitted by Caitlin A. Ianni, Township Secretary