

# Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

## October 3, 2023

Chairman Jon Payne called the 10.3.2023 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present included:** Supervisors: Jon Payne, Ross Smoker and Isaac Ramer Jr. (via phone from 6 - 6:13 pm), Township Manager Julie Hartley and Jim Bathgate – Solicitor

**Public Present:** Bill Kline, Andrew Porter, Mike Schrey, Shellie McCurdy, Catherine Wikboch, Margaret Hill, Zach Showers and Chris Hennessy

**Conditional Use Hearing – Andrew Porter for Mike Schrey, Ground Mounted Solar, called to order at 6:01 pm.**

Chairman Jon Payne called the meeting back to order at 6:12 pm

**Minutes – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to approve the September 20, 2023 supervisor's meeting minutes.**

**Isaac Ramer Jr. left the meeting.**

### **Public Comment:**

**Shellie McCurdy** – Shellie introduced herself and noted that she is involved with running the Selinsgrove Drop Off Program which runs during the school year from 3 to 6 pm during the weekdays. The funding for the program comes mostly from contributions and grants. There is also a new teen leadership club that will be starting.

### **Persons Present to be Heard:**

**Zachary Showers, Selinsgrove Fifth Grade Camp** – Zachary thanked the Board for past contributions to the Selinsgrove Fifth Grade Camp and noted that one hundred and ninety students attended last year. This year camp will cost \$45,000 to go to camp at \$250 per student. There are thirty-two fifth grade students from Penn Township this year which totals \$8,000. The Board responded that they will address the contribution at their budget meetings.

**Bright Farms** – Jim asked that the following items be addressed by Bright Farms as a condition for the Board to sign the Land Development Plans: 1) NPDES permit. Bright Farms has submitted to DEP and waiting on comments or approval. 2) PTMA's position as to whether the processed wastewater that Bright Farms is hauling to Milton constitutes sewage as defined by the Holding Tank Ordinance. Bright Farms has submitted their opinion. 3) Bright Farms will be in the process of connecting restroom trailers to the PTMA lines. PTMA needs to conduct any necessary inspections and grant any approvals required. 4) Water Consumption issue. Bright Farms was originally approved for only 14,000 gallons per day or 5.1 million gallons per year. It appears that the current average use is 33,000 gallons per day or 12 million gallons per year. The Township is requesting PTMA's involvement on this issue. Bright Farms seems to believe that PTMA is aware of the situation. However, it would seem that because of a public well being involved it could be a significant issue. PTMA should review this issue as to what is required of Bright Farms. 5) The Township would like confirmation as to whether Bright Farms is in violation of any of the Rules and Regulations of PTMA. Bright Farms representative noted that the NPDES permit should be secured before the end of the year. It was also noted that the restroom trailer is in the process of being connected to the sanitary sewer and should be completed by the end of October. Bright Farms submitted an extension letter for their Land Development Plans until January 26, 2024 to allow them sufficient time to address all the requests.

**On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to grant a 90-day extension to the Bright Farms. On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to rescind the motion. On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to grant an extension until January 26, 2024 to the Bright Farms Land Development.**

### **New Business:**

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Meeting Dates for 2024 – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to advertise the 2024 meeting dates.

Township Engineer Bi-Weekly Cottontail Solar 6 Inspections – The Planning Commission met and recommended that the Board of Supervisors have the Township Engineer and Zoning Officer visit the Cottontail Solar 6 site every other week until completion to see that the plans and zoning ordinance are being followed.

**On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to have the Township Engineer and Zoning Officer do twice a month site visits to the Cottontail Solar 6 site.**

Base Repair on Beaver Road by Fairchild Brothers – It was discussed that after the road crew did some grading on Beaver Road that they noticed a large area along the berm needed base repairs so an estimate was secured from Fairchild Brothers. After discussion the following motions were made: **On motion by Ross Smoker to hire Fairchild Brothers to pave the berm. Died for lack of a second. On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to table the decision until Isaac Ramer can look into the situation with the Roadmaster.**

Planning Commission and Park Committee 2024 Appointees – Planning Commission Members that need re-appointed to four-year terms are: Laura Fellencer, Ken Herman Jr., Jon Payne and Alternate Robert Grayston. **On motion by Jon Payne, seconded by Ross Smoker, and both voting yes, except Jon Payne abstaining on his re-appointment; to re-appoint Laura Fellencer, Jon Payne and Alternate Robert Grayston to four-year terms on the Planning Commission starting January 1, 2024.**

ESRRA Members that need appointed or re-appointed for 2024 are Dean Schreiber, Fritz Heinemann and Jon Payne. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and both voting yes, except Jon Payne abstaining on his appointment; to re-appoint Dean Schreiber, appoint Fritz Heinemann and appoint Jon Payne to a four-year term on the East Snyder Regional Recreation Association.**

Agreement to retain Larson Design for CBDG Park Project – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation to sign the agreement to retain Larson Design as the engineer for the park path paving CBDG funded project.**

**Old Business:** None

**Executive Session:** Chairman Jon Payne announced that two executive sessions were held by the Board. One was on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:42 pm to 4:00 pm to discuss plans for the East Snyder Park and today at 5:30 pm to discuss legal issues with no decisions made during either session.

### **Reports:**

Julie Hartley, Manager ∞ Written Report Provided  
Mark Strawser, Roadmaster ∞ Written Report Provided  
Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer ∞ Written Report Provided  
Colin Rice, Emergency Management Coordinator – No report  
Jim Bathgate, Solicitor – No report

### **FYI:**

- ESCRA August 16th, 2023 Minutes

### **Land/Subdivision:**

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 1.26.24
- Daniel Habegger, Subdivision, filed 7.6.23, due 1.2.24
- Michael Schrey, Conditional Use, filed 7.19.23, due 9.15.23, hearing 9.6.23, continued to 10.3.23

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- Ronald & Ryan Herman, Add-on Subdivision, filed 8.24.23, due 11.22.23

Approval of Accounts Payable (State and General Funds)- On Motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation, to pay bills.

Adjournment - On motion by Ross Smoker, second by Jon Payne, and Board acclamation the October 3, 2023 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley  
Manager