

# Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

## December 4, 2024

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 12.4.2024 Supervisor Meeting at the Penn Township Municipal Building to order at 6:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance. Meeting was then turned over to Jim Bathgate for a Waiver from Section 412 of the Subdivision and Land Development hearing.

**Present included:** Supervisors: Isaac Ramer Jr., Mark Strawser, and Ross Smoker, Township Manager Julie Hartley and Solicitor Jim Bathgate

**Public Present:** Bill Kline, Chad Brandt, Jon Payne, Colin Rice, Paul Long, Brad Zeigler, Tim Thomson, Clair Ritter, Jan Ritter, Chris Fetter, Craig Soper, Matt Hackenberg, Jenna Mowery, Paula Schick, Cory Naugle, Matt Keller and Shellie McCurdy

Waiver from Section 412 Steep Slopes – Carl Leitzel – Jim noted that a waiver/modification from Section 412 Steep Slopes of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance was being sought for the Carl Leitzel subdivision. The proposed driveway would be located in slopes exceeding fifteen percent. The applicant has submitted an application for the waiver, the property was posted and adjoining neighbors were notified of the hearing. On October 28, 2024 the Planning Commission recommended approval by the Supervisors with conditions. Brad Zeigler is the surveyor for the project and is present. A Highway Occupancy Permit from Penn DOT was secured for the driveway. Jim asked if the slopes were greater than fifteen percent where the driveway is located and Brad confirmed that it is and that the driveway will be approximately seventy-five feet long. Jim also questioned the stormwater concerns from the driveway construction and Brad said stormwater can be taken care of. Jim stated that if problems occur from the driveway a stormwater plan will need to be filed. Isaac asked if the proposed home location was on steep slopes and Brad answered that it was not. Jim asked if there were any adjoining property owners that were present that wished to ask a question but no one responded.

**Executive Session:** An executive session was held from 6:12 pm until 6:18 pm to discuss legal matters.

**On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to approve the waiver from steep slopes, Section 412 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance with the following conditions:**

- 1) Follow all local, state and federal regulations
- 2) Follow all Highway Occupancy Permit requirements from PennDOT
- 3) Address any stormwater concerns immediately if problems arise

**On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to approve the Carl Leitzel Subdivision.**

**Minutes – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to approve the November 20, 2024 Supervisor's meeting minutes.**

**Persons Present to be Heard:**

Colin Rice, Selinsgrove Speedway – Colin Rice, Jenna Mowery, Paula Schick and some Selinsgrove Fair board members were present to discuss the Township's Amusement Tax. Because of financial difficulties that they need overcome, the new promoters would like a reduction in the amusement tax levied on the speedway. Colin noted that comparable speedways charge five percent instead of ten percent and would the Board consider a lower rate. Isaac asked if records were kept for the tax and Colin noted that it was on an honor system. The Fair Board has several bills that need to be paid. A question was asked about food trucks at the Speedway and that would be permitted with no fees because of the rescinding of the Transient Merchant Ordinance. Isaac asked if anyone had any more comments and Chad Brandt asked if the fee could be lowered temporarily.

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Isaac stated that the Board of Supervisors will discuss the Amusement Tax and revisit it at their December 18<sup>th</sup> meeting and hopefully make a decision at that time. Jim Bathgate noted that any changes would have to go through the ordinance process.

### **New Business:**

**Adopt 2025 Budget Resolution 2025-01 – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to adopt the 2025 State and General Fund Budgets, Resolution 2025-01.**

**Letter from Penn Valley Airport** – A letter was received from the Penn Valley Airport that requests that the Township withdraw from the Authority due to not providing a representative or financial support. Jim Bathgate explained that a public hearing would need to be advertised and held to officially withdraw from the Penn Valley Airport Authority.

**On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to authorize Jim Bathgate to advertise a public hearing for the January 15, 2025 meeting.**

**CDL Training** – Discussion was held on CDL Training for Tim Thomson. Isaac noted that the training should be held after work hours unpaid, authorization to run the truck and a volunteer CDL employee to ride along.

**On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser, and Board acclamation to seek a CDL Training Program for Tim Thomson.**

**Truck #7 Spreader Replacement** – Currently the electric spreader on the crew cab pickup is overheating and not spreading property. Two estimates were provided for augured systems. Discussion was held on which system should be purchased, the Boss or Salt Dog. Mark noted that the Boss spreader system on the quote will be discontinued next year. Isaac asked if Mark would like to look at Lewisburg's Boss spreader in action before making a decision.

**On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation to table the decision until more research can be conducted.**

**DEP Recycling Grant Award Letter & Agreement Signers** – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser with Isaac Ramer Jr. abstaining to have Julie Hartley and Isaac Ramer Jr. be appointed as signers of the DEP Recycling Grant agreement.**

**Old Business:** None

### **Reports**

- Julie Hartley, Township 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, Township Solicitor, No Report

### **Public Comment:**

**Shellie McCurdy** – Shellie shared that the REC had eight hundred and fifty-six visitors in November with a daily average of 53.5 students sometimes being as high as seventy. Two hundred and forty-four students are registered and fifteen new members joined this month. Drug, alcohol, and suicide prevention were topics this month and on November 22<sup>nd</sup> an art show was held. The Board asked about the future REC location and she noted that they are working with an entity to administer the grant and a political subdivision that could receive the grant.

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**FYI:**

- ESCRA Oct. 16th & Sept. 18th Meeting Minutes
- Payroll ACH Report 11.27.24
- Check Register 11.20.24 to 12.4.24

**Land/Subdivision:**

- Carl & Ladawn Leitzel, Subdivision, filed 7.23.24, due 1.19.25
- Carl & Ladawn Leitzel, Waiver from Land Development, filed 11.7.24, hearing 12.4.24
- ESCRA Zoning Variance, filed 11.6.24, due 1.6.24, hearing 12.17.24
- Village at Penns Creek Land Dev. & Subdivision, filed 11.15.24, due 2.13.25
- Lil Beavs Auto Outlet Land Dev., filed 11.25.24, due 2.21.25

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

**Adjournment - On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., second by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation the December 4, 2024 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley  
Manager