

# **Penn Township Supervisor Meeting**

## **April 2, 2025**

Vice Chairman Mark Strawser called the 4.2.2025 Supervisor Meeting to order at 5:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present included:** Supervisors: Mark Strawser, Ross Smoker, Isaac Ramer Jr. (arrived at 6:27 pm) Solicitor Jim Bathgate and Township Manager Julie Hartley

**Public Present:** Bill Kline, Jon Payne, Chad Brandt, Paul Long, Seth Berry, Greg Pysher, Joe Burgett, Bruce Teats and Shellie McCurdy

**Conditional Use Hearing – ESCRA Ground Mounted Solar Array** – Vice Chairman Mark Strawser turned the meeting over to Attorney Jim Bathgate to conduct the Conditional Use Hearing for the ESCRA Ground Mounted Solar Array system. An executive session was held from 6:02 pm until 6:09 pm with no decisions being made at that time. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser to approve the ESCRA Ground Mounted Solar Array conditional use with the following conditions:**

- 1) Follow all local, state and federal regulations
- 2) Obtain a flood plain permit
- 3) File a Land Development Plan
- 4) Follow all requirements for an Accessory Solar Energy System
- 5) Provide an Emergency Plan & provide training to DH&L Fire Co.
- 6) Provide a PPL interconnection letter
- 7) Keep inverters seventy-five feet from property line
- 8) Cannot be changed to a principal solar energy system

**Minutes** – On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Ross Smoker to approve the March 19, 2025 supervisor's meeting minutes.

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

**Shellie McCurdy, REC** – Shellie shared that the REC had seven hundred and fifty-seven in attendance in March with an average daily attendance of fifty and a half. Three hundred and thirty-seven were registered with fourteen new. An art show and bake sale will be held at the REC on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

**Award Stone Bids** – On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser to approve the stone bids with the following awarded upon favorable review by Solicitor Jim Bathgate: Meckley's Limestone - 2RC Stone, AS2 Anti-Skid, 19mm Amesite and 25mm Amesite; New Enterprise Stone - #8 Stone/1% Wash and B3 Stone; National Limestone - #57/2B Stone, 2A Stone, #3 Stone, R-3 Rock, R-4 Rock and R-5 Rock which were the low bidders except for AS 2 Anti-skid because of excessive dirt, 19mm and 25mm Amesite because of waste and inconvenience.

**Opening Restrooms** – Discussion was held regarding when the restrooms at the East Snyder Park should be opened. If they are opened on April 11<sup>th</sup>, they would be available for Little League Rally Day on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Isaac Ramer Jr. joined the meeting during this discussion. **On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to turn on the water on April 10<sup>th</sup> to check for leaks and then opening the restrooms on April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Signage on S. Front Street** – Discussion was held regarding the pedestrian traffic on South Front Street. No decisions were made regarding signage.

**Executive Session** – An executive session was held from 6:43 pm to 6:55 to discuss legal matters with no decisions made during this time.

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Comcast Contract – Tabled until the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Approve County Aid Project, Berm Paving of Foxboro & Quarry – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to approve the berm paving of Foxboro and Quarry as the county aid project for 2025.**

Set Conditional Use Hearing for Selinsgrove Ford – **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to set the Conditional Use Hearing for Selinsgrove Ford on May 7, 2025 at 5:30 pm.**

Penn DOT Connects Project Initiation Form – A letter was received from Penn DOT regarding a resurfacing project set for 2029 and asked the Supervisors to sign a letter to indicate if there were any issues with the project and if they would like to schedule a meeting. The subject was tabled.

Township's Auditor's Letter – The Auditor's letter to the Supervisors was discussed. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to have groups seeking donations from the Township have their donation suggestion in letter form. On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Mark Strawser to accept the Auditor's report and letter.**

**Old Business:** None

**Public Comment:**

Bruce Teats – Bruce noted that he supplied a certificate of insurance to the township for the EMS training event and that they are expecting twenty entities to participate.

Chad Brandt, Road Crew – Chad thanked the Supervisors for purchasing the new post pounder which works well and is very efficient.

**Reports:**

- Julie Hartley, Township Manager, Report Provided
- Mark Strawser, Roadmaster, Report Provided
- Julie Hartley, Zoning Officer, Report Provided
- Colin Rice, Emergency Management Coordinator
- James Bathgate, Township Solicitor

**FYI:**

- ESCRA Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
- Snyder Co. Planning Grant Application Notification Letter
- Payroll ACH Report, 4.3.25
- Check Register 3.19.25 to 4.2.25

**Land/Subdivision:**

- Village at Penns Creek Land Dev. & Subdivision, filed 11.15.24, due 5.13.25
- ESCRA Conditional Use, filed 2.17.25, due 4.18.25, hearing 4.2.25 at 5:30 pm
- Selinsgrove Ford Conditional Use, filed 3.21.25, due 5.20.25, hearing 5.7.25 at 5:30 pm
- Selinsgrove Ford Land Development, filed 3.21.25, due 6.19.25

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

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Adjournment - On motion by Mark Strawser, second by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation the April 2, 2025 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley  
Manager