

Penn Township Work Session

Conditional Use Hearing

June 21, 2017

Chairman Moyer called the 6.21.2017 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm, followed by Pledge of Allegiance. The Supervisors worksession was immediately recessed for a public hearing on the Conditional Use application for Susquehanna University.

Hearing was conducted by township Attorney James Bathgate.

Present for hearing included: Supervisors Payne, DeWire, Moyer and stenographer Sally Thomas

Others present included: Robert Row, Michael Finio, Mike Coyne, Chris Bailey, Jen Lee, Rodney Ries, Richard Gilker, Jack Copus, Darrin Hunt and Henry Chiarkas.

Testimony and comments were provided.

The Board of Supervisors called an Executive Session at 7:03 for review and discussion.

Hearing resumed at 7:30, after consideration of testimony and exhibits provided, on motion by Brenda Moyer, second by Jon Payne and acclamation, the Board of Supervisors do approve the Conditional Use requested by Susquehanna University with each of the following conditions met:

1. Applicant shall comply with all federal, state and local rules and regulations, i.e. E+ S, SW etc.
2. Applicant shall provide a landscape buffer zone for properties most affected , i.e. Hunt and Housley properties
3. Applicant shall adhere to the Performance Standards for Nuisances, Article X of the Penn Township Zoning Ordinance 2005-01
4. Applicant shall provide bond w/out surety. If in the event, the array is not in operation for 90-days the applicant will then have 90-days for complete removal of the array. Estimate of removal cost shall be determined by an engineer plus 10% (ten percent) and provided to Penn Township.
5. Applicant shall maintain solar array and immediate accessories in good condition that shall include field mowing of array and fenced area inside and out.
6. Panels shall never exceed 20% (twenty percent) of overall lot area.
7. Applicant shall provide proposed solar array plan to the SCCD (Snyder County Conservation District) and provide any comments thereof to Penn Township.

Attorney Bathgate will provide a written determination for Supervisor signatures for the 7.12.17 Board of Supervisors regular meeting, commencing a 30-day Right to Appeal period.

The hearing concluded at 7:38pm and a brief recess was called.

The Supervisor Work Session resumed at 7:41 pm.

Present included - Supervisors: Pete DeWire, Brenda Moyer, Jon Payne, and Solicitor James Bathgate.

Public Present - Fred Ulrich, DHL.

Persons Present to be Heard –

- Fred Ulrich, Chairman of the Board of Directors, DHL, provided the Supervisors with an update. Ulrich assured the Board all fire company meetings are "open to the public". Ulrich noted 250K was still owed on the new apparatus. All purchases made by the fire company now require a Purchase Order. The general audit of the Fire Co. is underway and results would be provided to Penn Township. Ulrich noted he would provide to Penn Township:

1. the recently revised and approved by-laws of the Fireman's Relief Association

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2. a letter recently prepared by Attorney Cravitz intended to be provided to Penn Twp
3. a complete list of the Fireman's Relief Board, Board of Directors and the Fire Company.

After further discussion and feeling confident the fire company is running smoothly, **On motion by Jon Payne, second by Pete DeWire and acclamation, the Penn Township Board of Supervisors agreed to release to DHL, the quarterly donations currently being withheld.**

Reports -

- Isaac Ramer, Roadmaster – no report provided
- Jacqueline Anders, Secretary – no report provided
- Ray Cerezo – no report provided
- Monty Anders, Park Maintenance – no report provided
- Fred Ulrich, EMC – no report provided
- James Bathgate, Solicitor – nothing to report

New Business –

1. **CSV T – Route 522 Ramp Discussion** Representative Keller and Commissioner Kantz are advocating that PennDOT consider adding a slow-speed southbound exit ramp in the area where the current Selinsgrove By-Pass ends. This would allow for a smoother northbound exit for those heading onto the "strip" and a more direct southbound exit to Rt 522 and Market Street. The GSVCC has been asked to take a position on this and also advocate for this option. The Chamber is looking for support of the affected municipalities. A discussion was held on Friday, June 16, 2017 with the available municipalities after which the GSVCC has confirmed they are willing to write a letter to PennDOT and will recommend the proposal by Kantz and Keller. A follow up discussion and review of a draft letter is scheduled for Friday, June 23, 2017. Supervisor Moyer will attend this discussion.
2. **PlayPower / Andy Russell Foundation / East Snyder Park** This Foundation is proposing to build a 9600 sq ft play space in ESP. Details are yet to be confirmed but the Board is behind the idea. An informal meet and greet with Cindy and Andy Russell will take place on Sunday, June 25, 2017 in the park.

Old Business –

1. **Amusement Tax** – After research and agreement of the Board, Solicitor Bathgate will prepare a DRAFT for review to revise the Penn Twp Amusement Tax Ordinance.
2. **Pawling Station** – It has been brought to the attention of the Board, lots for sale in the Pawling Station Business Park are advertised as having gas "on-site". A new tenant learned the gas is only at Rt 522 and not inside the business park. Supervisor DeWire has been in contact with a member of the SIDCO Board and the tenant has been advised to contact the SIDCO Board as well.

FYI -

The Board was provided documents on the following:

1. Proposed Penn DOT Road Projects:
 - MCR – Kuster to Mulls
 - MCR – Route 35 to Kuster Road
 - Route 522 – Hillside Dr to US 15 Monroe Twp, Penn Twp, Selinsgrove Boro
2. Workman's Comp and the SWIF (State Workers Insurance Fund)
 - Email to Fred Keller's office asking for input

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3. SEDACOG – will attend the July 6, 2017 PTMA meeting to discuss the viability of any sewage disposal system extensions or upgrades or possible water line projects.
4. PSATS – adopted resolutions, fulfilled resolutions, Act 172(tax credit volunteer firefighters)
5. PSATS – News Bulletin 6/2017
6. District 3 Newsletter

Public Comment –

No public comment was heard.

Executive Session –

An executive session was called at 8:25 pm to discuss personnel matters.

Meeting resumed at 8:35 pm with no decisions made during the executive session.

On motion by Brenda Moyer, second Jon Payne and acclamation, the Board agreed Ross Smoker shall receive a second 3% increase (.37) for all hours work from 4/2016 (180-day review) to present.

Accounts Payable –

Motion by Pete DeWire, second Jon Payne and acclamation, the Board will pay the bills presented.

Executive Session –

An executive session was called at 8:47 pm to discuss personnel matters.

Meeting resumed at 8:50 pm with no decisions made during the executive session.

On motion by Jon Payne, second Pete DeWire and acclamation, the Board will request Jacqueline Anders provide the Township with a doctors return to work evaluation/confirmation and an anticipated full time return to work date.

On motion by Pete DeWire, second Jon Payne and acclamation the June 21, 2017 Supervisors Work Session was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Moyer
Assistant Township Secretary