

Penn Township Supervisor Workshop Meeting

September 15, 2021

Chairman Jon Payne called the 9.15.2021 Supervisor Meeting to order at 6:00 pm and turned the meeting over to Solicitor Jim Bathgate for four Conditional Use Hearings.

Conditional Use Hearings – Ronald Herman, John Kline, Kevin Gray and Joshua Hoover

Chairman Jon Payne called the 9.15.2021 Supervisor Meeting back to order at 6:32 pm.

Present included: Supervisors: Jon Payne, William Moyer and Township Manager Julie Hartley, James Bathgate - Solicitor

Public Present: William Kline, Brian Hipple, Fausto Volpe, Shannon Rudy, Melissa Galfano, Philip Gesumeria, Colin Rice, Jeremy Soper, Jason Kaufman and Beth Gesumaria

Minutes – The September 1, 2021 meeting minute approval was tabled until the October 5, 2021 meeting.

Persons Present to be Heard:

Shannon Rudy of SEDA COG went over the preliminary plans of the sidewalk and senior fitness equipment park with the Board. She noted that the sidewalk connecting Grayson View and the walkway will have to be constructed in the right of way along University Avenue to avoid easements. She will proceed in obtaining quotes for the senior fitness equipment and concrete.

Philip and Beth Gesumaria of 1483 Salem Road shared that they are in the process of refinancing their home and are having difficulties with their flood insurance policy designation. A flood zone “A” runs through half of their house and the back portion of their parcel. They would like the Township to have a hydrological study done by an engineer for the whole flood plain area to see if their home could be taken out of the flood plain.

An Executive Session was called at 6:50 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 pm and during the Executive Session legal issues were discussed with no decisions made at that time.

Jim Bathgate addressed the group by noting that the Township is in compliance with FEMA and has an active CRS program. The township does not have any obligation or liability to conduct a hydrological study on a flood plain but if the homeowner wishes to seek a lower flood plain designation or to be removed from the floodplain they must file as an individual with FEMA and secure any necessary studies.

Brian Hipple reported that there were 220 calls for the ambulance in August with many breathing issues. Colin Rice gave the report for the fire company noting that there were thirty-four incidents in August with seven in Penn Township and no fire loss. Jason Kaufman, Jeremy Soper and Colin Rice reported on the progress of purchasing a new ariel platform ladder truck. They requested from the Board that an additional five years be added making the pledge a total of ten years for the ariel ladder truck. Jim Bathgate was asked to research a fire tax option to help secure the necessary funds.

New Business:

Bid Opening for Front St. Project- **On motion by Jon Payne, second by William Moyer, to make a decision at the October 5th meeting regarding the bids received.**

Newsletter – The Board reviewed the Fall/Winter newsletter.

Diane Reynolds Two Year Review – The Board reviewed the evaluation.

Marvin Weaver Conditional Use Findings - **Tabled**

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60 Day Extension on Zoning Ordinance – On motion by Jon Payne, second by William Moyer, to give a sixty-day extension to the Planning Commission to review and revise the new Zoning Ordinance.

Extension Letter for VFW Subdivision – On motion by Jon Payne, second by William Moyer, to grant an extension for the VFW Subdivision until November 17, 2021.

Extension Letter for RBBB Holdings Land Development – On motion by Jon Payne, second by William Moyer, to grant an extension for the RBBB Holding's Land Development until November 17, 2021.

Old Business:

Approval of minutes, August 18, 2021 – Tabled

Public Comments: None

Approval of Accounts Payable (State and General Funds)- On Motion by William Moyer, second by Jon Payne, to pay bills.

On motion by Jon Payne, second by William Moyer, the September 15, 2021 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

FYI:

- PTMA Minutes, Agenda and 2022 Meeting Dates
- Penn Valley Airport April & July Meeting Minutes

Land/Subdivision:

- Bright Farms – Final LD, filed 6.17.20, due 11.9.21
- RBBB Holdings/Ron Brubaker – Final LD, filed 8.25.20, due 11.17.21
- VFW Subdivision, filed 1.5.21, due 11.17.21
- Lester Sensenig Land Development, filed 3.22.21, due 11.15.21
- Marvin Weaver – Final LD, filed 6.11.21, due 12.8.21
- John Kline/Trinity Solar Conditional Use, filed 7.12.21, due 9.10.21, hearing 9.15.21 (continuance), 6 pm
- Kevin Gray/Trinity Solar Conditional Use, filed 7.16.21, due 9.14.21, hearing 9.15.21 (continuance), 6 pm
- Ronald Herman/ReNu Solar Conditional Use, filed 7.16.21, due 9.14.21, hearing 9.15.21 (continuance), 6 pm
- Joshua Hoover/Trinity Solar Conditional Use, filed 8.9.21, due 10.8.21, hearing 9.15.21 at 6 pm
- Douglas Klinger Add-On Subdivision, filed 8.18.21, due 11.16.21
- Brad Bailor/Powerhome Solar Conditional Use, filed 8.31.21, due 10.30.21, hearing 10.5.21 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager