

Penn Township Supervisor Meeting

May 7, 2025

Chairman Isaac Ramer Jr. called the 5.7.2025 Supervisor Meeting to order at 5:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and turned the meeting over to Solicitor Robert Muolo for a Conditional Use Hearing.

Present included: Supervisors: Isaac Ramer Jr., Mark Strawser, Ross Smoker, Solicitor Robert Muolo and Township Manager Julie Hartley

Public Present: Bill Kline, Jon Payne, Paul Long, Shellie McCurdy, William Moyer, Jeremy Hummel, Todd Benner, Matt Caffrey, Mako Klisiewicz and Chris Fetter

Conditional Use Hearing – Selinsgrove Ford – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to deny the conditional use request of Selinsgrove Ford due to the project being new construction and not the expansion of an existing non-conformity.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to adjourn the Conditional Use Hearing at 5:45 pm.

Minutes – **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser to approve the April 16, 2025 supervisor's meeting minutes.**

Persons Present to be Heard:

Mako Klisiewicz, AYSO – Mako shared that last year DH&L Fire Company provided water at East Snyder Park for the youth football to enjoy and she was wondering if she could use ESP to bring her AYSO Soccer Team over for DH&L to provide the same experience. Supervisors said if the fields were rented and a certificate of insurance was provided, she could use the park for this activity.

Matt Caffrey, Berk's Homes, Village at Penns Creek – Matt noted that Berk's Homes is developing a 10.4-acre parcel along 18th Street which is zoned R-2 into twenty-four residential building lots with 2.75 acres remaining undeveloped. All documents, agreements, securities, escrow funds and permits have been secured and he said they are seeking final approval. After discussion the following motions were made:

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation that the request to waive the filing of a Preliminary Plan and move forward as a Final Plan was granted.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to approve the Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan subject to approval of the Developer's Agreement and Stormwater Agreement and the developer providing the Township a copy of the recorded documents.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to approve the Township to sign off on the Developer's Agreement.

On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to approve the Township sign off on the Stormwater Agreement.

Shellie McCurdy – Shellie shared that 796 students attended in April with an average of 41.9 daily. 351 students are registered and eleven new students were registered. Teen U addressed the students on April 1st and the Art Show on April 26th was a success.

New Business:

Fike Brother's Carpet, Financial Security Release – Isaac shared from Chad Shaffer's comment letter that the eight trees have been planted and the pipes have been regouted and are acceptable. **On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to release the security on the Fike Brother's Land Development project.**

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90 Day Extension for Village at Penns Creek – On motion by Mark Strawser, seconded by Isaac Ramer Jr., and Board acclamation to grant a ninety-day extension to the Village at Penns Creek's Land Development and Subdivision.

Keystone Communications quote for damaged park cameras – Discussion was held regarding the damage to two cameras at East Snyder Park. The cameras were damaged either by lightning or an electrical surge. Isaac questioned if there was anything to protect the new cameras from the same problem, how long will it take to place new cameras and whether or not it should be turned into the insurance company. **On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to table until these questions about surge protection and insurance coverage can be answered.**

Proclamation for EMS Week, May 18-24 – On motion by Isaac Ramer Jr., seconded by Ross Smoker and Board acclamation to declare May 18 through May 24 EMS Week.

Dates & times for Penn DOT meeting – The Board will make themselves available on Wednesday, May 21st at 4 pm for a meeting with Penn DOT.

Nicholas Rice, Summer Help at Park – Discussion was held regarding summer help and it was requested that applications be received and interviews scheduled before official employment is offered.

Application for Part-time Road Crew – Applications will be accepted for part-time road crew and interviews will be conducted in the near future.

Old Business:

Comcast Contract – Bob Muolo explained that Comcast would like to have an agreement so that they can proceed to install their infrastructure in the township's right of way. Existing poles will be used if they are available. Bob questioned whether or not the Supervisor's upon entering the agreement would like to charge a franchise fee which would be charged to Service Electric customers as well as the Comcast customers. He stated that they can charge up to 5% which would be added to the customer's invoice. Isaac asked for public comment on this subject. Jon Payne asked if the Township needs the extra revenue and can the rate be changed after it is set. Bob answered that the rate can be changed. After discussion the following motion was made:

On motion by Ross Smoker, seconded by Mark Strawser and Board acclamation to proceed with the Comcast agreement to use the Township's right of way and begin the process of charging a 3% franchise fee to both Service Electric and Comcast Communications.

Public Comment:

Isaac Ramer Jr. – Isaac asked about the quotes for apron repair and Mark explained what was needed. He then noted that the fencing installed around the stormwater swale looked nice. He shared with the crowd that the East Snyder Regional Recreation Association is working on parking solutions at the park and will be discussing this at their May 13th meeting.

William Moyer – Bill asked about the Roadmaster position and Isaac said that will be on the May 21st agenda.

Bill Kline – Bill asked about the damage to the swale at the park and about damage at a business in Kratzerville.

Reports:

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

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- James Bathgate, Township Solicitor

FYI:

- ESCRA Mar. 19th Minutes
- ACH Payroll Report, 5.1.25
- PTMA May 1st Agenda & Apr. 3rd Minutes
- Check Register 4.16.25 to 5.7.25

Land/Subdivision:

- Village at Penns Creek Land Dev. & Subdivision, filed 11.15.24, due 8.11.25
- 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.**

Adjournment - **On motion by Mark Strawser, second by Ross Smoker, and Board acclamation the May 7, 2025 Supervisor's Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Hartley
Manager