

**MINUTES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC MEETING
JULY 19, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – DECLARATION OF QUORUM:

The Penn Township Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, July 19, 2021. President Heiland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a roll call of members. Present were Commissioners Black, Brown, Cromer, Elksnis, and Heiland. Also present were Solicitor Hovis, Township Manager Rodgers, Police Lieutenant Merwede, Fire Chief Clousher, Township Engineer Bortner, Zoning Officer Smith, and Township Secretary Sweeney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD OF SILENT MEDITATION:

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, which was followed by a period of silent meditation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Commissioner Heiland announced that an executive session was held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 after the Health & Sanitation Committee meeting to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Heiland also announced that after the public meeting this evening the Board of Commissioners would convene in an executive session with the Solicitor to discuss personnel, and other legal matters involving attorney/client privilege.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of the June 21, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting were approved as submitted.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD – CITIZEN’S COMMENTS:

Richard Druck, 23 Scott Street, inquired what the next steps that will be taken for 4 Scott Street. Zoning Officer Smith stated that the property has been cleaned out. Attorney Hovis further explained that the Township had gone to the Court of Common Pleas in order to get a court order allowing the township to go in and clean, and then a lien will be placed on the property for the cost of mediation. The order also allows the property owner to return once property has been cleaned. Commissioner Brown stated that the Township has been working through the court system on this situation for over four years.

Tyler Keach, 77 Gardenia Drive, He wanted to make the Board aware that he is in the process of repairing the retention pond and the sink holes located at 77 Gardenia Drive.

He has been in contact with Zoning Officer Smith, as well as surveyors, engineers and has also reached out to the York County Conservation District. He has also contracted a service for bi-weekly lawn mowing service for the property.

Joe Farley, 5 Scott Street, expressed concern with the resident at 4 Scott Street, stating that hording is a mental disease, and is worried the property owner will return to his hording practices. He inquired if the resident will be receiving mental help. Commissioner Heiland stated that help was offered many times, but the resident declined.

Villette Maynor, 134 Moore Drive, expressed concern in regards to the parcel between her property and 174 Moore Drive. She stated that the property was mowed regularly last year, however this year the edge has been mowed, but the middle of the property is overgrown. She asked if this could be taken care of. Commissioner Heiland stated that ownership of the property is still in question, but should be resolved shortly.

Donna Boone, 204 Jasmine Drive, expressed concern regarding the wetlands by her property. She stated that someone has been dumping yard waste, and grass clippings which has piled up and the area is also overgrown. Commissioner Heiland requested Zoning Officer Smith to inspect the area.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS – STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety – Commissioner Brown:

Commissioners Brown/Cromer moved to approve the Southwestern School District Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Works & Recreation – Commissioner Black:

There were no additions or changes to the Engineer's Report.

The MS4/Stormwater Inspector is available Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm to answer any questions.

Commissioners Black/Elksnis moved to adopt Ordinance No. 840, adopting as public roads portions of Red Rock Run, Ripple Drive, Pearl Drive, Whispering Lane (East), Whispering Lane (West), and Bair Road. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

Commissioners Black/Brown in accordance with Resolution 939, resolved and enacted on August 19, 2019, by the Board of Commissioners of Penn Township moved to support Plan 5C of the Eisenhower Extension and requested York County Planning Commission to support Plan 5C as an alternate to the TSM. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Elksnis moved to approve an agreement with Michael G. & Jean M. Trone for the permanent right-of-way and temporary construction easement for road improvements for the Bankert Road Bridge Replacement Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Cromer moved to approve an agreement with JMT for the redevelopment of the Creative Playground at the Penn Township Community Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning – Commissioner Black:

Commissioners Black/Brown moved to reduce the bond amount for Whispering Run – Phase 2A from \$64,204.00 to \$5,995.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Elksnis moved to reduce the bond amount for Whispering Run - Phase 2B from \$228,866.00 to \$53,674.50. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Brown moved to reduce the bond amount for Whispering Run - Phase 2C from \$118,179.82 to \$10,250.24. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Cromer moved to set the bond amount for High Pointe at ROJEN Farms South – Phase S2 at \$2,753,301.65. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Black/Elksnis moved to deny a request dated May 27, 2021, from Entech Engineering on behalf of Campbell Snack's requesting a waiver to Section 405 (Sheet Size) of the Subdivision and Land development Ordinance and Section 303.B (Volume Controls) of the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no additions or changes to the Zoning Officer's Report.

There were no Subdivision and Land Development plans submitted for formal filing.

Commissioners Black/Elksnis moved to approve the following Subdivision and Land development plan:

SL21-04 Jennifer Swartz & Russ Rill, 4655 Grandview Road.
Motion carried unanimously.

There were no Subdivision and Land Development Plans to be extended.

Finance – Commissioner Cromer:

Commissioners Cromer/Brown moved to approve Township warrants in the amount of \$882,468.81. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners Cromer/Brown moved to approve a request dated June 11, 2021, from St. Joseph Parish requesting a waiver of permit fees to hold their annual yard sale fundraiser. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel – Commissioner Brown:

Commissioners Brown reported that Police Chief Hettinger and Township Manager Rodgers have selected a candidate for the vacant Police Officer position.

Health & Sanitation – Commissioner Elksnis:

Commissioners Elksnis/Black moved to adopt Ordinance No. 841, approving the plan of construction of sanitary sewers within and to that portion of Penn Township consisting of Bair Road, Whispering Lane, Pearl Drive, Ripple Drive and Red Rock Run. Motion carried on a 5-0 roll call vote.

MANAGER’S REPORT:

There were no additions or changes to the Manager’s Report.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD/CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: None.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PRESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioners Elksnis/Brown moved for adjournment at approximately 7:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Sweeney,
Township Secretary