

**The Township of Greenwich
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Monday, August 5, 2019**

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chairman Victor Berger called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Members present: Alice Flyte, and Dean Spohn. Professionals present: Solicitors, Alex Elliker; Engineer, Peter Eisenbrown; Roadmaster, Bobby Follweiler; Secretary, Jane Werley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Chairman Victor Berger informed the audience to state their name and address if addressing the Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 1, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting made by DS, seconded by AF. Motion carried 3-0.

HEARING OF THE VISITORS:

1. Dodie Sable – Brake Retarder Restrictions.
2. Fred Germann – Gave BOS a copy of the report he completed and submitted to RATS.
3. Linda Wood – Questioned a topic discussed at the Planning Commission meeting held on July 15, 2019 in reference to a property on Dreibelbis Station Rd. P. Eisenbrown explained that the potential buyer of the property only had questions and his questions were addressed using a copy of the subdivision plan recorded with Berks County. No permit application nor LDP has been submitted for the property.
4. Denise Ruth – Voiced her concern with increased truck traffic and truck speed on Long Lane, Rt. 737 and Old 22. Particularly the intersection of Old Rt. 22 and Long Lane. The Board will look further into the issue and determine what can be done to better control truck traffic at the intersection.

PLANS TO REVIEW:

1. Subdivision of Land Development Plan Status Report. BOS reviewed the report.
2. Motion made by DS to approve a 90 day extension of time for Harmike Investments moving the BOS deadline to November 2, 2019 and the Planning Commission deadline to September 16, 2019. Seconded by AF. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion made by AF to approve a 30 day extension of time for Crossroads X Plan 2 moving the BOS deadline to September 9, 2019. Seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. H&K Group – Motion to authorize BOS to sign off on the approval of a road closure of Stump Road from August 12, 2019 to August 25, 2019 made by DS and Seconded by AF. Motion carried 3-0.

- a. H&K Group will notify the school, EMS, State Police and Fire Companies of the closure. Residents living in close vicinity of the closure will also be notified by mail.
 - b. Road damage will be restored or repaired at the end of the project.
- 2. H&K Group – Temporary Concrete Plant on Rock Road.
 - a. Concrete plant will be needed for the four year improvement project of Route I-78.
 - b. H&K Group discussed that entrance to the proposed plant would be off of Rt. 737 via Rock Road. This is a centralized location for all four points of the Route I-78 project. Plant would be in operation on weekdays; however, with weather delays it may need to be in operation on some weekends. This location gives trucks a direct route to the I-78 on and off ramps and would help to keep truck traffic off of Township roads. There would be a screened fence installed and road damage will be repaired by H&K. There would periodically be flaggers on Route 737 to direct traffic to ensure that buses and parents can pull in and out of the school safely. Land would be restored after project is completed.
- 3. Friend, Inc. – Fundraiser for “Brake for Cycle of Poverty” is requesting permission, via letter, to have 100-150 bike rider’s ride through the Township on August 10, 2019. No representatives of Friend, Inc. appeared at the meeting. Solicitor A. Elliker advised against granting permission without further information and will look into this request.
- 4. New Enterprise Stone and Lime Co. - Motion made by DS to allow a temporary Job Trailer be installed on the Township property with a 100 amp electrical hookup, from August to November 2019 for the repaving project of Old Rt. 22. Township will be compensated \$1000.00 per month.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Zettlemoyer Bridge – Contractor expects to begin by August 28, 2019 with a completed date by November 10, 2019.
- 2. Dodie Sable – BOS commented on the list she submitted at the July BOS meeting.
 - a. Brake retarding ordinance and signage had been requested by Dodie, who stated that there is a simple form to be filled out by the Road Master to get PennDOT approval. VB explained that whoever signs that form is responsible and the BOS does not feel that a Road Master is qualified to do the required study. It was further explained that along with the required form a study is still required to be done either by the Township or PennDOT, if done by the Township the study needs to be approved by PennDOT. After that the Township needs to create an Ordinance which also requires PennDOT approval. If PennDOT approves everything then the Township is responsible for cost and maintenance of signage and notifying the State Police. Ultimately the State Police would be responsible to enforce it. Motion made by AF to authorize PennDOT to complete a study. Seconded by DS. Motion carried 3-0.
 - b. False alarm ordinance information had been requested by Dodie. DS explained his conversations with several of our local fire companies and their responses. The Fire Companies agree that there is no immediate need for a false alarm ordinance at this time; however, if false alarms increase in the future they will revisit the subject. DS also explained that once an ordinance goes into effect it covers everyone in the Township, homeowners and businesses alike and will tax everyone to cover the costs.

- c. 2015 International Fire Code Appendix D adoption. The Township has addressed this topic numerous times. Solicitor Elliker explained that there is a reason that the State of Pennsylvania has not adopted Appendix D. VB explained that the Township SALDO sec. 515 also addresses emergency access driveways in the Township. Adopting the Appendix D could hurt small businesses and could lead to the denial of permitted uses throughout the Township, creating legal issues. If the State adopts Appendix D in the future the Township will revisit the subject.
- d. Special Exceptions – Dodie gave a list of seven suggested changes to the zoning ordinance. P. Eisenbrown explained that four of her suggestions are already covered by other ordinance sections. The other three suggestions are subjective and the BOS could use a case by case basis. Dodie will forward her examples from other surrounding townships to PE and he will take a closer look.
- e. Crossroads X, plan #2 HOP. Dodie would like the Township to appeal any Crossroads X plan #2 HOP if granted by PennDOT. It was explained that generally, in order to successfully appeal the granting of an HOP, the Township would need to prove that the studies, tests, or results were calculated in error, submitted illegally, or do not meet the objective requirements. Historically, proving that PennDOT erred in its review process with an HOP is difficult without established evidence of calculation errors, illegal submissions, or inconsistencies with the objective requirements.

REPORTS:

- 1. Roadmaster – Bobby Follweiler
 - a. New Enterprise to repave Old Rt. 22
 - b. Chip Sealing is Complete. They are starting to cut shoulders and make repairs.
 - c. New truck has been built but not shipped.
- 2. Engineer and Zoning Reports – Pete Eisenbrown –Board reviewed the reports. Motion made by DS to accept the reports as presented. Seconded by AF. Motion carried 3-0.
- 3. Solicitor –Alex Elliker – Asked Ms. Ruth for more detailed information on the trucks and intersections she mentioned earlier.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- 1. Motion made by DS and seconded by AF to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
- 2. Motion made by AF and seconded by DS to approve the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by AF and seconded by DS to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.
Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Werley
Secretary/Treasurer