

**Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting**

**May 2, 2022 6:30 PM
East Penn Township Community Center**

The East Penn Township Board of Supervisors conducted their May 2, 2022 regular meeting at the East Penn Township Community Center. Chairman John M. Strockoz called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Supervisors Present	Chairman John M. Strockoz Vice Chairman William G. Schwab Keith House Gary Kuehner Dennis L. Pearson
Supervisors Absent	None
Other Township Officials Present	Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer Jillyan A. Sterling Roadmaster Brandon Bradford

ANNOUNCE TO PUBLIC:

Ashfield Playground Fishing Derby will be held on May 28th from 8am until 2pm. There is a \$10 entry fee, there will be a Chinese Auction and food for sale.

The Township Electronic Recycling Event will take place at the East Penn Township Community Center on November 19th from 9 am – 11 am.

COURTESY of the FLOOR:

None

APPROVALS:

1	Minutes-	<i>Motion made by Keith House, seconded by William G. Schwab to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2022 Regular Meeting as presented. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
2	Treasurer's Report-	<i>Motion made by Dennis L. Pearson, seconded by William G. Schwab to approve the Treasurer's Report for April 1 through April 30, 2022 as presented. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
3	Invoices for payment-	<i>Motion made by Dennis L. Pearson, seconded by Gary Kuehner to approve the transfers and invoices for payment as presented. AIF. Motion Carried.</i> <i>(Schwab abstained from BRC, Pencor Hydraulics, and Times News</i>

ROADS:

4	Road Report-	<p>April Road Report: Roadmaster Bradford</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Finished up street sweeping -Replaced a pipe on Church Hill Rd. -Installed 2 new boxes and pipes on Blue Mtn. Rd. -Replaced the crossing pipe that connects Blue Mtn. to the playground. -Assembled and installed the 2 new office desks. -Installed extension pipe on Lauchnor Rd. Reinforced the shoulder and bank with rip rap. -Hauled in trial mix for the parks. -Hauled in 2a for the parks parking lot. -Normal equipment maintenance and breakdowns. -Normal cleaning of grates and drains after storms. -Attended PSATS. -Put together and made sure all paving equipment is ready to go.
5	<p>ROAD ITEMS-</p> <p>S. Kittatinny-</p> <p>Cunfer Rd.-</p> <p>Ashfield Rd.-</p>	<p>Hanover Engineering made the following summary of recommendations regarding the slope stability along Ashfield Rd.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Township Solicitor will have to review the documents a final time and proceed with the final steps in vacating the portion of the road. -The Township will need to physically close the road, barricading it with the coordination and approval of Mr. Wehr. We will then need to place the permanent barricades, road closed signs, no outlet sign and remove the "Ashfield Rd.", stop and slow sign from the intersections of Ashfield Rd. and S.R. 895. <p><i>Motion made by William G. Schwab, seconded by Gary Kuehner to proceed with the recommendations made by Hanover Engineering in order to vacate and close Ashfield Rd. AIF. Motion Carried.</i></p> <p>No new updates</p> <p>No new updates</p>

SUBDIVISIONS, LAND DEVELOPMENT, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

6	Updates on civil complaints: Berger Creek Rd. –	No updates to date- Oral argument was scheduled for March 28, 2022 at 10am, courtroom #3.
7	Permit Matters-	Deadline for property owners to comply was April 15, 2022. All but 2 have complied to our requests for information and or have gotten the permits required. <i>Motion made by Keith House, seconded by John M. Strockoz to authorize the Zoning Officer to do a site inspection if possible and to send a Notice of Violation to the property owners. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
8	Amendment to Resolution 2022-12-LSA Grant	<i>Motion made by William G. Schwab, seconded by Dennis L. Pearson to approve the amendment to Resolution 2022-12 known as the “LSA Grant Application” to include the grant requested amount of \$241,826.23. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
9	Ashfield Playground Bathroom-	The Chairman of the Horsehead Grant informed the Township that they do not give money to any organization that is a “arm” of any municipality with an exception to Palmerton Borough. They recommend the Township pay for the restroom and raise taxes if necessary.

NEW BUSINESS:

10	Short-term Rental/Airbnb’s-	<i>Motion made by Gary Kuehner, seconded by Keith House, to authorize Tim Dow to gather Ordinances and make recommendations on regulating Short-term Rentals/Airbnb’s. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
11	Bowmanstown Borough- 1. Sewer Issues (Inflow and Infiltration)- 2. Sewer Finances-	Tabled
12	Township Newsletter-	<i>Motion made by Gary Kuehner, seconded by John M. Strockoz, to authorize the Administrative Office to work on a Spring 2023 Township Newsletter. AIF. Motion Carried.</i>
13	Community Center Mold Report-	Awaiting the remediation report.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

14	Updates-	None
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Supervisor Pearson informed the Board and Public about COG related news.

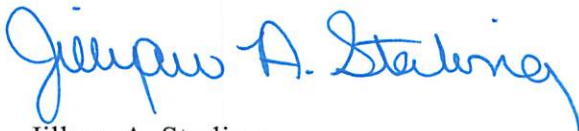
REPORTS, COMMUNICATION, MINUTES:

√- Parks Commission no mtg- Planning Commission √- Recreation Board √- Zoning/Building

Adjournment: Being nothing further before the Board, *motion by Gary Kuehner, seconded by Keith House, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM. MOTION CARRIED, Schwab, House, Strokoz, Kuehner, Pearson voting yes.*

The East Penn Township Fire Company presented a plaque and recognized Former Fire Chief Robert Kleintop for 50-years of service this year. There were many attendees present to acknowledge the surprise and for the 1st time ever Bob was speechless. Thank you, Bob, for all your years of serving the Community!

Respectfully Submitted,



Jillyan A. Sterling
Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer