

**Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting**

**August 7, 2023 6:30 PM
East Penn Township Community Center**

The East Penn Township Board of Supervisors conducted their August 7, 2023 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:

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

ANNOUNCE TO PUBLIC:

The office will be closed on Monday, September 4th. The Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 5th.

The office will be closed the week of September 25th.

The Ashfield Playground Community Day will be held on August 20th

COURTESY of the FLOOR:

None

PUBLIC HEARING: Ordinance #2023-01 – Hearing opened at 6:31 p.m. to accept comments regarding Ordinance #2023-01 which is: “to amend the East Penn Township Zoning Ordinance to establish regulations for roof installation and ground array installation of solar energy systems, and amending the East Penn Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to provide land development review when a principal solar energy production facility is proposed.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None
Hearing closed at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVALS:

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| 1 | Minutes- | <i>Motion by Gary Kuehner, seconded by Keith House, to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2023, Regular Meeting as presented. AIF. Motion Carried.</i> |
| 2 | Treasurer's Report- | <i>Motion made by Gary Kuehner, seconded by Dennis L. Pearson to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 1st through July 31, 2023 as presented. AIF. Motion Carried.</i> |
| 3 | Invoices for payment- | <i>Motion made by Gary Kuehner, seconded by Dennis L. Pearson to approve the transfers and invoices for payment as presented. AIF. Motion Carried. (Schwab abstained from BRC, Pencor Hydraulics, and Times News House abstained from any Union or Employee payments)</i> |

ROADS:

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| 4 | Road Report- | <p>The Roadmaster informed the Board and public of the following activities for the month of July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shoulder mowing. One complete trip has been made around the Township. Richard is working on his 2nd round. - Cut shoulders in Penns Mountain Estates. - Cleared all drainage pipes/boxes in Penns Mountain Estates. - Finished paving East Sunset. - Re graded and re shaped Wertman Hollow Rd. Repaired driveway that was damaged in the process. - Started base work in Penns Mountain Estates. - Normal equipment maintenance and breakdowns. - Normal drain and road cleanup after storms. - Truck 29 was repaired at PVC. DEF and nozzle replaced. - Truck 25 was repaired and inspected. Most likely it's the last year it can inspected due to rust issues. - Truck 22 was repaired and inspected. Replaced the brake lining, transmission cooler lines and front axle shafts. - The grader is currently out of order. It will not go into reverse or gears 5-8. In the process of diagnosing the issue. - The end of August the Tar & Chip project should take place on Germans, Lauchnor, Stone Mtn., Nothstein and Hollow Rd. |
| 5 | <p>ROAD ITEMS-</p> <p>S. Kittatinny Rd.-</p> | To be discussed during Executive Session in September with Solicitor Frycklund. |

SUBDIVISIONS, LAND DEVELOPMENT, STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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| 6 | Updates on civil complaints: Berger Creek Rd. – | No new updates. |
| 7 | GRANTS- D&L Trail Development Grant- LSA Lehigh County- (Community Center) LSA Monroe County (Recreation)- DCNR Land Acquisition Grant (2nd Submittal)- T-Mobile Grant- | Awaiting the final contract from DCED. |
| 8 | Sewer: Budget- Infiltration Issues- | <p>No updates.</p> <p>Site visit on July 14th detected no significant flows. There have been no updates since then.</p> |

NEW BUSINESS:

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| 9 | Ordinance# 2023-01 Solar Energy | <p>Having no public comments before the motion to adopt:</p> <p><i>Having considered any comments made during the Public Hearing, motion made by Dennis L. Pearson, seconded by Gary Kuehner, to adopt Ordinance #2023-01 known as the “East Penn Township Solar Ordinance”. AIF. Motion Carried.</i></p> |
| 10 | Interviews for Road Crew- | <p>The Roadmaster has decided who will be interviewed.</p> <p><i>Motion made by William G. Schwab, seconded by Dennis L. Pearson to proceed with holding interviews with selected applicants on Monday, August 14th starting at 6:30 pm. AIF. Motion Carried.</i></p> |

PARKS AND RECREATION:

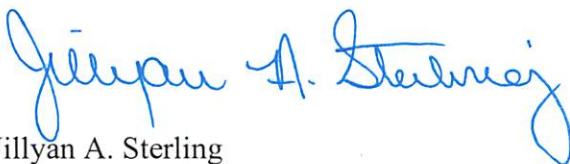
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| 11 | Updates- | None |
| 12 | Riparian Planting Habitat Restoration Agreement- | <p>Agreement to allow Wildlands Conservancy to undertake riparian tree planting activities on land owned by the Township. There is no cash required by the Township, however there is a 25-year maintenance agreement and hole auguring help requested. They will address planning a walkway between the plantings and the campsites.</p> <p><i>Motion made by William G. Schwab, seconded by Dennis L. Pearson, to agree to the Riparian Planting Habitat Restoration Agreement authorizing Wildlands Conservancy and/or its Partners to undertake riparian tree planting activities. Stroczkoz/no comment; Schwab/yes; Kuehner/yes; House/yes; Pearson/yes. Motion Carried.</i></p> |

REPORTS, COMMUNICATION, MINUTES:

√ - Parks Commission √ - Planning Commission √ - Recreation Board √ - Zoning/Building √ - SEO

Adjournment: Being nothing further before the Board, *motion by John M. Stroczkoz, seconded by William G. Schwab, to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM. MOTION CARRIED, House, Stroczkoz, Kuehner, Schwab, Pearson voting yes.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Jillyan A. Sterling
Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer