

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 7, 2023

Supervisors – **Keith Harter**
 Deborah Zimmerman
 James Heckman

Solicitor – **John Miller III**

Engineer - **Don Franson**

Zoning Officer - **Mike Lesniak**

Supervisors called the June 7, 2023 meeting to order at 6:00pm in the Walker Township Municipal Building.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Harter led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of May 3, 2023 Minutes: Supervisor James Heckman made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented; motion second by Supervisor Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Solicitor Miller announced an Executive Session was held for discussion on pending litigation at approximately 9:00pm on May 23, 2023

Agenda Items:

- John Sepp, Penn Terra Engineering, presented the revised preliminary plan for 234 Shady Farm Estates Preliminary Plan (CCPCDO No. 42-23). The changes requested by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors were made.
 1. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the 234 Shady Farm Estates Preliminary Plan; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
 2. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Road Names Basswood LN, Honey Locust LN, and Redbud LN for the plan; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
 3. Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept Parks and Rec Fee-in-Lieu in the amount of \$85,000 for 34 residential homes for Phase 1 of the plan; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
 4. Supervisor Heckman made a motion for the Zoning Officer to Issue a Meets or Exceeds letter for the plan; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Sign-in Sheet (see attached list):

- Richard and Denise Poorman, Hemlock Dr, discussed with the Board the ongoing condition of the ditch on his property. Engineer Franson will send the Poorman's an intent to enter form to sign that allows him on the property to locate the property pin. After the letter is received back, Engineer will be on site within 3 weeks. Further discussion will be held after the location of the property pin.
- Jeff Seymour, Township Resident, presented a letter to the Board regarding the letter Chairman Keith Harter sent out with the Walker Talker Newsletter. A copy of the letter is part of the Township's correspondence file.

Engineers Report:

- The final invoice was received for the new parking lot (off Zion Back Rd). Supervisor Heckman made a motion to pay the final invoice out of the American Rescue Funds after Engineer Franson reviews it; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- A speed study was recommended by the Township's Traffic Engineer for the 234 Shady Farm Estates Subdivision.
- Engineer Franson said the construction and inspection of Phase 2A of Deerhaven Subdivision is complete and the Surety can be closed out. A maintenance bond will be needed. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to close out the Surety; motion approved by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Mr. Franson has contacted the Larson Group to design the beam repair for Rodgers Road Bridge.

Solicitor Report:

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 219 adding Section 430 (Solar Energy Systems) to Article 4, Supplementary Use Regulations, Regulating Solar Energy Systems in the Township of Walker and making minor changes to the other Sections of the Zoning Ordinance; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman. Supervisor Harter said no. Motion passed 2-1.
- Solicitor Miller asked approval of a Settlement Resolution Agreement that has been negotiated with the 2 applicants we have had Conditional Use Hearings for - - CE Shady Farm Lane (234 Shady Farm Lane and Curtis and Michelle Krape) and Confer 1, LLC - - Robert Confer and the Estate of Ned Dietrich). The applications were denied 2-1 and then appealed. The Conditions were read. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept the use of Conditional Use Appeal Resolution Agreement for both the 234 Shady Lane/Curtis and Michelle Properties and Robert Confer/Estate of Ned Dietrich properties; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman. Supervisor Harter voted no. Motion carried 2-1.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-478 accepting the Deed of Dedication designated for a portion of Dietrich Road (T-474), as directed by Thomas and Janet Harris; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to return the Bond to Big Mountain Lumber for the use of .25 miles of Zion Back Road as they are finished using the road; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to return the Irrevocable Letter of Credit which was posted for the use of .2 miles of Snyderstown Rd and 1.30 miles of Nittany Ridge Road as they are no longer using the roads; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement from Kish Logging Co. to use .75 miles of Zion Back Rd; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- There are no updates for Cemetery Lane. Solicitor Miller is waiting to find out what documentation there is which would show PennDot condemned this land. Where is the proof.
- Zito Media answered the requests the Township made regarding the Franchise Agreement renewal. The only requests they did not agree with is they cannot offer complimentary internet. They will give the Township and Fire Company Super Speed and a fee of \$40.00 a month instead of \$66.08. Modems will continue to be free to both the Fire Company and the Township.

ZONING:

- Zoning Officer Lesniak reported there were 12 Zoning Permits issued in May, 2023. He continues to work on active complaints for Pine Street, Lisk Street, and Nittany Valley Dr.

ROADMASTER:

- The invoice was received for the work done on Benner Rd (2023 Road Project). Supervisor Harter asked that we do not pay it until some minor issues are fixed. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to pay 75% of out of Liquid Fuels and 25% out of General Fund when issues are complete; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Fees for Right-of-Way Permits were tabled until July.
- The Road Crew has been busy replacing culverts on Blue Ball Road and routine maintenance.

PARKS AND REC REPORT:

- Sanitation trash cans will be added to the Park Restrooms.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A special thank you to Patti Correll for all the hard work in putting the newsletter together
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept Greg Poorman's resignation from the Planning Commission Board; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to appoint Jennifer Moyer to the Zoning Hearing Board; motion second by Keith Harter. Deborah Zimmerman said no. Motion passed 2-1.
- Supervisor Heckman presented an Emergency Shelter Protocol in case of emergencies. Supervisor Harter made motion to accept the Emergency Shelter Protocol; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- There was no action for the donation request from Centre Care.
- There was no action for the donation request from Centre County Farmland Trust.

SUPERVISOR HARTER MADE A MOTION TO AMEND THE TO INCLUDE SUMMER CAMP WAGES AND REPLACING THE CEILING TILES; MOTION SECOND BY JAMES HECKMAN AND APPROVED BY ALL THREE SUPERVISORS.

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the Summer Camp Wages for 2023; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept the quote to replace the Ceiling Tile in the amount of \$8,946.20; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the May 2023 General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$53,578.08 and May Treasurers Report; motion second by Supervisor Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner

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ROWLEY SUPERVISOR:
meeting
7/5/2023

Daise Poorman

Rich Poorman

Tom Little

Tim MEYER

Jennifer Mayer

Paul Esh

John Sapp

Karen + Roy Brooks

Shirley Brunger

Zane Sherman

Jacqueline Burr

Wed Deenrich

Rod Beard

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