

**WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**March 1, 2023**

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

**Solicitor** – **John Miller III**

**Staff** – **Sue Wagner - Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Don Franson – Township Engineer**  
**Mike Lesniak – Zoning Officer**

**Guests** – **See Attached List**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Keith Harter called the March 1, 2023, monthly meeting of the Walker Township Board of Supervisors 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 February 1, 2023, Minutes:** Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the February minutes as presented; motion second by Supervisor Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**Sign-in Sheet - See attached list:**

- No guests wanted to address the Board

**Agenda Items:**

- David Palmer and John Fisher with Berks Homes representing the Shady Lane Farm parcels presented a sketch plan for a portion of the parcel they looking to develop. The plan would be done in 3 phases. It is located between Cemetery Lane and Walker Meadows. A traffic study has been initiated.
- Mr. Henry representing the Daniel Mattern 2-Lot Subdivision was not present at the meeting.
- Leah Burd, Walker Township's Centre County Tax Collections Committee representative gave an update from the most recent meeting.

**Engineer's Report:**

- An invoice for \$500.00 from DEP for the NPDES Permit Fee for the Bellefonte Youth Football League. Engineer Franson spoke with DEP and will complete a termination notice, which will take care of this matter.
- There are no updates regarding Cemetery Lane.
- Mr. Franson reported the stop sign and street sign at the intersection of Mountain Stone Road and Pebble Lane in Stony Pointe have been fixed and the existing Bond can be sent back to Kish Bank.

**Solicitor Report:**

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to rezone the properties owned by Mark and Kim Bair; Centre County Parcel No. 14-011-047, 14-011-045, and 14-011-045A from Urban Residential to General Commercial. The motion was seconded by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement from Big Mountain Lumber to use .25 miles of Zion Back Road; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the Road Maintenance Agreement from Brookside Lumber to use .50 of Blue Ball Rd; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- The Deed of Dedication for the Thomas Harris Subdivision was tabled until the April Board meeting.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-276 approving the Franchise Agreement with Comcast dated 1-19-2023; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors. The Township has received notice that Comcast is doing an overbuild in the Zion area.

**Solicitor's Report (con't):**

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to conditionally approve the Agreement between the Township and Fire Company for snow removal at both stations pending the Fire Company's approval and signing; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**ZONING:**

- There were 14 Zoning Permits issued and one Road Encroachment Permit.
- Walker Township Water Association is requesting a Road Encroachment Permit for the use of Snyder Rd and Hecla Rd. The Board has no issue with this. Engineer Franson will inspect the restoration of the road after the work is completed.

**ROADMASTER:**

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to have Matt Kenepp, PennDot prepare bid sheets to pave Benner Rd, T-463; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors. The Bids will be opened at the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 5, 2023 at 6:30pm. Engineer Franson and Supervisor Harter will come up with a list of culverts to repair.
- There was no action on the 2023 Dirt Gravel and Low-Volume Roads Maintenance Program.

**PARKS AND REC REPORT:**

- The Nittany Valley Little League President and Vice President attended the Parks and Rec meeting in February. They will be doing work on the Tee Ball field and are hoping to have financial help from the Board.
- The Easter Egg hunt will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- There was no action taken on the Susan E. Homer, Ivan & Miriam Esh, Adrienne Heidt-Nixdorf Lot Addition Proposal – CCPCDO #22-23.
- The 2023 Summer Camp Proposal was received. The camp will run from June 26, 2023 – August 3, 2023 from 9 am to 2 pm for ages 5 through ages 12. Supervisor Harter made a motion to authorize the 2023 Summer Camp with a budget not to exceed \$12,000; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday March 28, 2023 at 6:00pm to discuss and finalize an Ordinance for Solar Energy Systems; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to close the Fire Ten Year Plan bank account and give any interest earned to the Fire Company; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all three Supervisors.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the February, 2023 General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$38,172.44 and February Treasurers Report; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.

**At 8:14pm the Board recessed for an Executive session to discuss pending litigation, Conditional Use Appeals No. 2023-420 and No. 2023-421. The meeting reconvened at 8:39.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully Submitted, Susan L. Wagner