

WALKER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
August 2, 2023

Supervisors – Keith Harter
James Heckman
Deborah Zimmerman via Phone

Township Engineer - Don Franson

Zoning Officer - Mike Lesniak

Secretary - Sue Wagner

Guests: See attached list.

Supervisor Harter called the August 2, 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 July 5, 2023 Minutes: Supervisor James Heckman made a motion to approve the July minutes as presented; motion second by Supervisor Harter. Motion approved by all.

Guests:

- Lt. Justin Jones, with Rockview State Police, provided the Township's filings for 2022.

Agenda Items:

- John Sepp, Penn Terra Engineering, addressed the Board regarding a change needed to the approved Shady Farm Estates plan. They received a review from PennDot that a change was needed for the plan. The two entrances onto State Route 64 only met minimum sight distance and PennDot would like desirable sight distance. They also want appropriate signage and a raised traffic island to deter left hand turns from Redbud Road onto Route 64. The change includes adding 6 lots to Phase 1 for a total of 42 Lots:
 1. Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the Traffic Study was made; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all.
 2. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to sign the new plan and authorize the Zoning Officer to send a letter to County acknowledging the change and the Boards approval; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all.
 3. The Township Engineer provided a stormwater approval letter.
- Zach Gay, Fred Gay and Son, LLC presented the Darren and Kathy Fye Minor Subdivision Plan – CCPCDO – 93-23. The Subdivision is located on Snyderstown Rd and will create a new 1.38-acre lot from the existing 16.33-acre parcel. Because there will be 2 homes sharing the same driveway, the driveway needs to be named.
 1. Supervisor Harter made a motion to approve the road name Windy Acres Ln; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all.
 2. Supervisor Harter made a motion to conditionally approve the Non-Building Waiver pending receipt from SEO Stan Wallace; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all.
 3. Supervisor Harter made a motion to authorize the Zoning Officer to issue the Meets or Exceeds letter; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all.
 4. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept Parks and Rec Fee-in-Lieu recommendation of \$2,500.00; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all.
- A letter was received from John Glick requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for his property at 126 Hoy Road. No action was taken at this time

Guests con't:

- Rod Beard, representing the Walker Township Fire Department, submitted a letter from the Fire Company requesting \$100,000.00 from the American Rescue Grant Funds received by the Walker Township. The grant funds would be used for the purchase of personal protective equipment, fire suppression equipment, and apparatus to support provision of fire protection and safety services within the Township.

ENGINEER REPORT:

- Engineer Franson provided an update for 404 Hemlock Drive. He will survey the property on Tuesday, August 8th at approximately 6:00pm.
- The work is complete for the New Parking Lot on Zion Back Road and he has received the Notice of Termination to be signed and recorded. Supervisor Heckman made a motion to sign the Notice of Termination; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all.
- Mr. Franson received the final pay request from Bowman Excavation Paving Concrete in the amount of \$34,230.00 for stormwater work on Blue Ball Rd. After the maintenance bond is received, he authorized payment of the invoice.
- The Rodgers Rd Bridge inspection report was received and approved by Mr. Franson.
- Complaints were received regarding the work being done in the Forest Heights Development by Black Bear Fiber. Zoning Officer Lesniak and Engineer Franson will investigate the complaint.
- Complaints were received regarding the swales in the Springfield Development after work was done by a construction firm installing underground conduit. The Township Engineer and Zoning Officer will investigate this.
- A complaint was received regarding the site distance when pulling out of Cemetery Lane onto Zion Back Road. Engineer Franson will look at the sight.

Solicitor Report:

- Solicitor Miller received documentation from PennDot proving PennDot does not own property on Cemetery Lane.
- Mr. Miller is still waiting on the final draft of the Franchise Agreement from Zito Media.

ZONING:

- Zoning Officer Lesniak reported there were 8 Zoning Permits and 1 Driveway Permits issued in the month of July.
- There was a question regarding the wording on the motion made appointing Penns Valley Code, Inc. as the Township's Zoning Agency with Mike Lesniak our representative. Supervisor Harter made a motion to appoint Mike Lesniak as the Walker Township Zoning Officer with Justin Dashem and Christine Williams the Zoning Alternate.
- A reminder will be sent to the companies who are doing work in the Township Right of Ways that a Road Occupancy Permit is required.

ROADMASTER:

- The 2023 Road Project – Benner Rd is complete.
- The Roadcrew continues with routine maintenance.
- Deerhaven HOA requested the Township not trim the trees in the Right-of-Way for the Deerhaven Development. They said they hire landscapers and they will take care of any trees that need trimmed in the Township's Right of Way.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to allow the construction company who does the Hoy Rd Bridge Project to have a job office in the Municipal Building; motion second by Keith Harter and approved by all.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to hold a special meeting with Walker Township Water Association, Inc., include Spring Township and Marion Township to discuss the fire hydrant issue; motion second by Jim Heckman and approved by all.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-480 making September Suicide Prevention Month and September 10, 2023 Suicide Prevention and Awareness Day; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all three Supervisors.
- Supervisor Heckman made a motion to accept the resignation of Dave Salkind from the Zoning Hearing Board; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept the resignation of Brian Saiers; motion second by Deborah Zimmerman and approved by all.
- Supervisor Harter made a motion to accept the retirement letter from Sue Wagner effective March 2024; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all.

Supervisor Harter made a motion to amend the agenda to Adopt a Resolution to appoint Scott A. Strouse to the Zoning Hearing Board; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all.

- Supervisor Harter made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-481 appointing Scott Strouse to the Zoning Hearing Board; motion second by James Heckman and approved by all.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A letter was received from DEP stating they approve the proposed Plan of Study and Task/Activity Report for updating the 537 Plan.

Supervisor Heckman made a motion to approve the July 2023 General Fund Paid Bills in the amount of \$115,684.66; motion second by Supervisor Zimmerman and approved by all.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan L. Wagner