

**ELK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2017**

The Elk Township Board of Supervisors October Meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Elk Township Building, Lewisville, PA. The following Supervisors were present: Vice Chairman Estace Walters and Member James George. Chairman Albert Jezyk, Jr. was not present.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Session Re: Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

Estace Walters announced that the Executive Session scheduled for this evening was not held.

Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor

The Board agreed to table this item until next month.

John S. Stoltzfus, Jr. General Site Plan & Details dated 8/7/17 Last Revised 9/10/17; Ragan Engineering Correspondence dated 9/18/17; AECOM Correspondence dated 9/12/17

Estace Walters stated that the Township Engineer has confirmed that all review comments have been addressed.

Simplified Approach Stormwater Best Management Practices Operation, Maintenance, & Inspection Plan and Agreement between John S. & Katie S. Stoltzfus and Elk Township

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Jim George, the Board agreed to sign the Simplified Approach Stormwater Best Management Practices Operation, Maintenance, & Inspection Plan and Agreement between John S. & Katie S. Stoltzfus and Elk Township. The vote was unanimous amongst Supervisors present.

Proposal for the Creation or Modification of an Agricultural Security Area – Tax Parcels #70-4-33.2G (14.7 acres) & #70-4-33.2D (14.7 acres) Property Owners Henry E. & Arie L. Yoder

Estace Walters stated that the Township has received a Proposal for the Creation or Modification of an Agricultural Security Area for Tax Parcels #70-4-33.2G (14.7 acres) & #70-4-33.2D (14.7 acres) owned by Henry E. & Arie L. Yoder

Public Comment: Donna Ellingsen asked what are they proposing.

Estace Walters responded that this would add parcels to the agricultural security area (ASA), parcels must be in the ASA if selling development rights, and the ASA protects farms from nuisance ordinances.

Anita Callaghan Stormwater Management Site Plan dated 9/14/17 Latest Revision 9/11/17; AECOM correspondence dated 9/14/17

Estace Walters stated that the stormwater management plan was conditionally approved last month and all conditions have been satisfied.

Chester County Conservation District Correspondences dated 9/22/17 & 9/20/17 Re: To-Jo Mushrooms NPDES Permit Application and E&S Control Plan; AECOM Correspondence dated 9/14/17 Re: To-Jo Mushrooms NPDES

Estate Walters stated that the Chester County Conservation District has issued a NPDES (National Pollution Discharge and Elimination System) Permit to To-Jo Mushrooms

McCormick Taylor Correspondence dated 9/6/17 Re: Notification of Chapter 105 General Permit Registration for Camp Bonsul Road Bridge

Estate Walters stated that McCormick Taylor is preparing the DEP permit package on behalf of the County.

Public Comment: John Groce asked if this is State initiated

Estate Walters responded that the County owns the covered bridge.

Lobar Site Development Correspondence dated 9/15/17 Re: Notice of Commencement of Construction for State Road Bridge

Estate Walters stated that Lobar Site Development will commence construction on the State Road Bridge on October 4, 2017.

Public Comments: Donna Ellingsen asked how long will it take.

Estate Walters responded that he is not sure but probably between three of four months. Estate will follow-up with the State.

2018 Budget Work Meeting

The Board agreed to hold the 2018 Budget Work Meeting on October 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

Resolution No. 2017-05 (outlining methods & agencies to fulfill public safety needs for the efficient administration of the emergency communications systems of the Chester County Department of Emergency Services)

Estate Walters explained that the fire company has talked about having the ability to determine all mutual aide.

Public Comment: Milt Rudy asked if this means 911 calls go to the fire company.

Estate Walters responded that calls will still be coordinated by 911.

Jim George stated that he thinks the fire company would like to circumvent the next person on the list and go to someone that can respond.

Public Comment: Jim Whitesel asked if no one is responding at 911.

Jim George responded that is not the problem at all but that the fire company would like more discretion in getting an active unit.

Public Comment: Donna Ellingsen asked if this affects rates.

Estate Walters responded that this does not affect rates.

STAFF REPORTS

Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Jim George, the September 5, 2017 Public Hearing Minutes and September 5, 2017 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous amongst Supervisors present.

Treasurer's Report

On a motion made by Jim George, seconded by Estace Walters, the Bills to be Paid for October, with exception of Roadmaster Payroll, were approved. The vote was unanimous.

Tax Collector

September 2017: \$43.54

Trail Coordinator

Estace Walters reported that the Chrome Barrens were mowed and the Nature Conservancy will conduct controlled burns from October 15th to December 29th.

Planning Commission

No September meeting.

Public Comment: Donna Ellingsen asked who is on the Planning Commission.

Planning Commission member Thomas Shar provided the names of members.

Estace Walters thanked Planning Commission members for serving.

Zoning Hearing Board

No action.

Public Comment: Donna Ellingsen asked who is on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Estace Walters provided the names of the members.

Building/Zoning Report

August/September 2017: 2 Zoning Permits; 7 Building Permits

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Estace Walters reported that he sprayed the intersection of Chesterville and Brick Meeting House Roads for weeds; picked up trees and trash on Barren Road and in parking lot; Dave Harlan paved Hickory Hill Road, patched Covered Bridge Lane, and did work on a pipe on Camp Bonsul Road; and Chris Weaver mowed the Barrens trails.

Estace read aloud a draft letter to Congress opposing longer double trailer trucks and heavier single trailer trucks. The Board agreed to sign and send the letter to Congress.

Historic Commission

No report.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority

No report.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Stephen Roberts reported that he submitted the 2017 NIMS (National Incidence Management System) Compliance Form to the County, had a table at Applefest, and OXREM will hold a Smart911 presentation on October 26th. Stephen will continue to attend County training and monthly OXREM meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

Peacedale Court Dedication

Estate Walters stated that the Township Solicitor sent a letter and spoke to the developer's attorney. The developer will submit the original deed of dedication.

NEW BUSINESS

Regional Planning Committee Meeting

Estate Walters stated that the Regional Planning Committee has talked about the opioid crisis. Estate provided an informational handout and announced that the Committee will hold a community meeting.

Public Comment: Donna Ellingsen spoke about the public referendum on the November 7th ballot regarding the homestead exception.

Public Safety

Jim George reminded everyone to be aware of their surroundings when in public and to talk to their families about it.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No further public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 8.05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Kukoda
Secretary/ Treasurer