

**ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
April 2, 2018**

The Elk Township Board of Supervisors April 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 no present.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No public comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Patrick McElhenny, PA Nature Conservancy Stewardship & Fire Program Manager & Keith Mullin, PA Game Warden - Hunter Access Program

Patrick McElhenny, PA Nature Conservancy Stewardship & Fire Program Manager, provided information on the Nature Conservancy and its work in the Chrome Barrens. (Keith Mullin was not in attendance.) Patrick stated that the Nature Conservancy is interested in putting the lower Chrome Barrens into the Hunter Access Program and would like to know if the Township would like to include its two (2) tracts. The program would include law enforcement, including ATV, and provide habitat funding opportunities. The Nature Conservancy is willing to help with the paperwork.

Estace Walters stated that these parcels should tie in together and asked if there are any drawbacks.

Patrick McElhenny responded that it is not perfect but is an additional resource.

Public Comment: Milt Rudy asked if the Township can back out of the agreement. Suzanne Dougherty asked if fox hunting would still be okay.

Patrick McElhenny responded that whatever is currently allowed under PA Game Commission rules would still be allowed. Patrick will follow-up with Keith Mullen on the terms of the agreement.

Jim George stated that this has been discussed previously and the Board is interested.

The Board thanked Patrick for providing information about the program.

Resolution No. 2018-05 Agricultural Security Area - Henry E. & Arie L. Yoder Tax Parcels #70-4-33.G & #70-4-33.2D

On a motion made by Jim George, seconded by Estace Walters, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2018-05 adding Tax Parcels #70-4-33.G and #70-4-33.2D owned by Henry E. & Arie L. Yoder to the Agricultural Security Area. The vote was unanimous amongst Supervisors present.

Oxford Library Correspondence dated 3/11/18

Estace Walters read aloud Oxford Library correspondence dated March 11, 2018 thanking Elk Township for its contribution.

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Conditional Use Hearing 3/12/18

Estace Walters stated that the Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless conditional use hearing was held on March 12th and that the Zoning Hearing Board granted conditional use with conditions.

2017 Municipal Annual Audit & Financial Report of Elk Township

Estate Walters stated that the 2017 Municipal Annual Audit & Financial Report of Elk Township has been completed. Estate thanked Auditors Annabella Hampton and Mona Kadow for their time and efforts.

STAFF REPORTS

Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Estate Walters, seconded by Jim George, the March 5, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes were approved with one (1) addition to Page 2 (approval of Bill to be Paid for Assistant Roadmaster Bill). The vote was unanimous amongst Supervisors present.

Treasurer's Report

On a motion made by Estate Walters, seconded by Jim George, the Bills to be Paid for April except for Roadmaster were approved. The vote was unanimous.

Tax Collector

March 2018: \$6,422.98

Planning Commission

March Meeting Minutes: Meeting cancelled due to weather.

Zoning Hearing Board

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Conditional Use Hearing held on March 12, 2018. Zoning Hearing Board issued Decision and granted Conditional Use with conditions.

Trail Report

Estate Walters reported that Pal Durborow picked up trash near Barren Road and cleaned off trails.

Building/Zoning Report

March 2018: No Building Permits issued; No Zoning Permits issued; 1 complaint received.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Estate Walters reported that he cut a tree off Barren Road, Brian took care of a storm, and he got a call about trash being dumped on Barren Road. Estate will follow-up on a few damaged yard edges and the Post Office signs.

Public Comment: Suzanne Dougherty asked about putting up cameras to catch illegal dumping.

Estate responded that he'll talk to Pal about putting up cameras.

Estate stated that Dave Harlan will take care of the wash out-on Barren Road.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Emergency Management Coordinator Stephen Roberts reported that the biannual Peach Bottom exercise will be on April 17th; OXREM will hold a training session on May 23rd and an emergency plan exercise on May 31st; and he and Milt Rudy attended a presentation about the Barclay Friends fire that occurred last Thanksgiving in West Chester. Stephen and Milt continue to attend County training and monthly OXREM meetings.

Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Milt Rudy reported that they will send a formal proposal request for the free communication radios. They are also trying to get antennae for the Township Building. The base station, antenna and radios will be at no cost to the Township.

Estate Walters asked if each Township will have its own channel.

Stephen Roberts responded that he will get clarification on the channels. Milt Rudy stated that we will need to have a secure area to keep the radios and charging station.

Estate thanked Stephen and Milt for their time and efforts.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority

March Report: Dog park ground breaking ceremonies will be held April 20th; construction on dog park will begin April 23rd; Kids to Park Day will be held on May 19th; second annual Pitch Hit and Run competition will be held on April 7th; OARA welcomed new member Candace Miller representing West Nottingham and is talking with local junior sports clubs on future facilities.

OLD BUSINESS

Fair Districts PA Resolution

Melanie Ryan asked if there was any follow-up on Fair Districts PA and if anyone has spoke with John Lawrence or Andy Dinniman.

Jim George responded that he did some on-line research but is unclear and concerned about qualifications of members.

Melanie Ryan stated that the details of the resolution can be worked out and that she thinks it's premature to discuss.

Public Comment: Milt Rudy stated that he spoke with John Lawrence who had hesitation. Milt stated that the only issue for the Board is the resolution, which doesn't have enough specificity.

Melanie Ryan stated that some Townships have amended the resolution.

Estate Walters stated that he doesn't like to pass anything without the details.

Jim George stated that in theory he agrees but can't imagine a citizen's board that doesn't have partisanship. Jim will look at the resolution to see if it can be revised into a format they can adopt.

Melanie Ryan thanked the Board for its consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Comment: Jim Whitesel stated that there is a speed limit sign down at Glen Hope Road and Route 472.

Estate Walters responded that he will call Brian.

Estate Walters stated that he is having a problem with people parking in Rabbit Run Road cul-de-sac. The cul-de-sac was put in to allow access for emergency vehicles and there is no place to push snow.

Jim George suggested putting up a “no parking” sign.

Estate Walters will follow-up with the Township Solicitor.

Public Comment: Alesia Steward asked if there’s any update on Route 472.

Estate Walters responded that he hasn’t heard anything, but the State will probably do Route 41 first.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No further public comment.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Kukoda
Secretary/ Treasurer