

ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
August 2, 2021

The Board of Supervisors August meeting began at 7:00 PM at the Elk Township Building. The following Supervisors were present: Chairman Albert Jezyk, Jr., Vice Chairman Estace Walters, and Member Milton Rudy.

Public Comment

No public comment

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

Brandywine Conservancy Presentation on the Developable/Preservation Opportunity

Analysis for Elk Township

Sarah Sharp of the Brandywine Conservancy gave a presentation on preserved lands and developable possibilities in Elk Township. Parcels over five (5) acres were considered and steep slopes, wetlands, etc. were deducted. There are a total of 6,480 acres in Elk Township with 1,889 acres being developable. There was no update on the Martin property.

Mary Gruber Presentation on the Proposed Mason-Dixon Heritage Interpretation

Connectivity Plan Project

Elk Township Historic Committee Member Mary Gruber and Jim Martin of Friends of the White Clay Preserve provided an overview of the Mason-Dixon Heritage Interpretation Connectivity Plan Project. Mary explained that the plan is to get various townships together to map out existing and proposed trails and that they have tentative agreements with three (3) townships. Tours of the Mason Dixon Line will be held on Thursday, August 19th from 5:00-7:00 pm and on Saturday, August 21st from 12:00-3:00 pm and meet at the park office for the preserve.

Sheila Fleming of the Brandywine Conservancy explained that there has been discussion about municipal partners and that Elk Township is the last stop. London Britain Township would be the lead on getting grants and each municipality would need to appoint a Board member or two. The funding goal is to get \$45,000 in grants and \$20,000 from member municipalities (\$5,000 per municipality). All that is needed now is a letter to London Britain Township indicating that Elk Township will participate.

Kaolin RE Holdings Corporation Letter of Credit Release Request No. 1; AECOM Correspondence dated 7/28/21; Kaolin RE Holding Corporation Correspondence dated 7/14/21

Albert Jezyk stated that Kaolin RE Holdings Corporation (formerly known as TOJO Mushrooms) has requested a reduction in the amount of financial security for site improvements associated with the mushroom project. The Township Engineer has reviewed the status of the improvements and has recommended release of the requested amount.

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the Board approved the Kaolin RE Holdings Corporation Letter of Credit Release No. 1 in the amount of \$949,005.32. The motion was unanimous.

Kaolin RE Holdings Corporation Peat Moss Building Relocation; AECOM Correspondence dated 7/28/21; Town Square Engineering Correspondence dated 7/15/21

Albert Jezyk stated that the Township Engineer is reviewing revised plans for the relocation of the peat moss building. Kaolin RE Holdings Corporation (formerly known as TOJO Mushrooms) is relocating the peat moss building to the west side of the site.

Southern Chester County Emergency Medical Services, Inc. Correspondence dated 8/1/21
Requesting 2022 Funding of \$7,980

Albert Jezyk stated that Southern Chester County Emergency Medical Services, Inc., is requesting funding of \$7,980 for 2022.

Auditor Jennifer Mason Resignation Letter dated 6/23/21

On a motion made by Milt Rudy, seconded by Albert Jezyk, the Board accepted the resignation of Auditor Jennifer Mason. The vote was unanimous.

Union Fire Company No. 1 2021 Contract (UFC overcharged \$2,489 by mistake and issued a refund; this is the corrected agreement)

Albert Jezyk stated that Union Fire Company No. 1 mistakenly overcharged \$2,489 on the 2021 Contract and has issued a refund with the corrected agreement for signing.

STAFF REPORTS

Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Milt Rudy, seconded by Albert Jezyk, the Board of Supervisors' July 12, 2021, Meeting Minutes were approved with one correction to Page 3 (remove "Albert suggested looking into getting broadband.""). The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

On a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Milt Rudy, the Bills to be Paid for August were approved except for Roadmaster. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Milt Rudy, the bill to be paid for Roadmaster was approved. Estace Walters abstained from the vote.

Tax Collector

July 2021: \$0

Planning Commission

July Minutes: P.C. reviewed and discussed the variance appeal for Harvey and Jennifer Arter; P.C. feels that the applicant should provide screening and not be granted the variance.

Zoning Hearing Board

Harvey and Jennifer Arter Zoning Hearing is scheduled for August 24th. The Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor will provide the public notice.

Zoning/Building Report July 2021

No report.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Estace Walters reported that he talked to Dave Harlan about possible upcoming projects – Hickory Hill Road, Blake Road, Elk Mills Road, pipe, Reisler Road; and that he picked up and got rid of trash at the recreation authority fields.

Trails Report

No report.

Emergency Management Coordinator

No activity.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority

OARA July Report: OARA is in receipt of the \$6,500 grant from E. Kneal Dockstader Foundation for creation of a natural playground on the Oaks Road Parcel; has submitted an application for a \$10,000 grant from Giant to hopefully be used for a gazebo on at the Oaks Road site; needs more fundraising to make improvements possible; OARA is not receiving federal funds directly under the American Recovery Plan and is submitting a letter to municipalities requesting consideration when developing American Rescue Plan funded projects.

Open Space Committee

No activity.

OLD BUSINESS

Old Forge Road Easement

Albert Jezyk stated that the Township Solicitor sent a letter to the Beliers on July 29th requiring compliance with the Township ordinances.

Enforcement Notice 1204 Old Forge Road

Albert Jezyk stated that there's nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Milt Rudy stated that the County is finalizing its structure for prioritizing, requesting, and reviewing proposals that would most effectively spend the County's American Rescue Plan Act funding allocation. The County will establish evaluation teams to address priority areas and is looking for volunteers from the community. Milt has filled out the form to volunteer as a member of the County's evaluation team.

September Board of Supervisors Meeting

The Board agreed to hold its September meeting on Monday, September 13th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Kukoda
Secretary/ Treasurer