

**ELK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
October 3, 2022**

The Board of Supervisors October 3, 2022, meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Township Building. The following Supervisors were present: Chairman Albert Jezyk, Jr., Vice Chairman Estace Walters, and Member Milt Rudy.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Executive Session/BRC Issue

Albert Jezyk went over the Secretary's notes from an Executive Session with Township solicitor Vince Pompo, regarding the Martin Six Acquisition. Albert highlighted a request during the meeting for Vince Pompo to investigate the issue of Brandywine Red Clay (BRC) not honoring hunting permits for the former DuPont property in Elk Township. Estace Walters read the follow-up e-mail Vince sent regarding this issue.

An Audience member stated she had spoken to Abbie Kessler (Land Preservation Director for BRC) and was told the CEO of BRC (Jim Jordan) would be hunting on the property with friends. Audience member Rick Orner (East Nottingham Township Planning Commission Member) added that on August 10th he sent an e-mail to Abbie Kessler and was contacted back by Jim Jordan who referred to himself as the owner of the property. Rick Orner suspects Jim Jordan may be using the property only for his own benefit and is requesting the Board of Supervisors get involved. Mr. Orner also cited Deed Declaration Article 3.5 "no additional restriction can be placed on the property." Mr. Orner suspects they changed the use of the property without county or state permission.

Resolution NO. 2022-08

Albert Jezyk read the Martin 6 property acquisition resolution in full. On a motion made by Estace Walters seconded by Milt Rudy, the Resolution Passed.

On a motion made by Albert Jezyk seconded by Estace Walters, the Agreement of Sale was approved.

On a motion made by Albert Jezyk seconded by Estace Walters, the Option to Purchase Agreement was passed.

Kaolin Letter of Credit Changes

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy the release of the Letter of Credit from Kaolin was approved. Joe Scalise, the Government Affairs Representative for Kaolin spoke briefly about the changes to the Letter of Credit that required this release, a switch from their company using Capital One to Bank of America.

Big Elk Creek State Park Meeting

Milt Rudy and Melanie Hess discussed their attendance at the public function held by the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources for the dedication of the 1700-acre Big Elk Creek State Park.

Camp Bonsul Bridge

Milt Rudy relayed that a signature was needed indicating the Elk Township BOS approved the county plan to rebuild Camp Bonsul Bridge. The new bridge will be very close to the original in appearance but will be considerably stronger. It will be tall enough to permit all local emergency service vehicles. Milt also noted that, fortunately, permitting for a new bridge was already in process prior to the loss of the old bridge so while the actual time to completion is unknown it will happen quicker than usual. BOS agreed to look into this and provide the necessary signature.

November BOS Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 7th at 7:00 PM. Election day (November 8th) will not interfere with the normal schedule.

Springlawn Trail Hunting Concerns

Melanie Hess and Lin Kline expressed their concerns and thoughts about hunting and the closing of Springlawn trail. Mrs. Hess would like the trail to remain open and asked if a 450-foot right of way was possible, similar to a home. Ms. Kline thought it would be nice if the trail were open one day a week during hunting season. Estace Walters stated that the trail was closed to protect the Township from liability. There was a comparison to Penndale Trail which remains open but would require the staffing of a park ranger. Milt Rudy expressed doubt that there would be funding for staff to monitor the trail.

STAFF REPORTS

Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Milt Rudy, the September 12, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

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

On a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Estace Walters, the Bill to be Paid for Roadmaster was approved. Estace Walters abstained from the vote.

Tax Collector

September 2022: \$174.24

Planning Commission

No new business.

Historic Commission

No activity.

Zoning Hearing Board

No activity.

Building/Zoning Report

No Report.

Open Space Committee

It was reported that there was one new party interested in participating in Open Space.

Trails Report

No Report.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Estace Walters reported that he and Chris Weaver cut up a large tree on Springlawn trail. Estace collected 22 tires and took them to the dump. Estace also reported that he had checked on the complaints about Elizabeth Way needing asphalt repairs. He had not heard back from Dave Harlan yet but would follow up that week.

Audience member Rick Orner commented that other townships are having a tire dumping issue as well and that it might interest the Township to know that the game warden will cross state lines to catch the offenders if enough information is provided. Mr. Orner also informed Estes that there are currently tires on Barron Rd.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Milt Rudy reported that he attended the Chesco Department of Emergency Services Quarterly Training. His notes were as follows:

- Scott McLaughlin is the new Health and Human Service Planning Coordinator
- COVID transmission rate in our area is so low, it is below the monitoring threshold.
- The Peach Bottom nuclear disaster exercise results are pending and there are still issues to address. The Limerick exercise will be in September of 2023. Evacuation planning for nuclear events has shifted to “keyhole” response determined by wind direction.
- There is a need for additional WEBEOC training as not enough people are adept. Local training is available.
- SAFE SCHOOLS training will focus on family reunification, stop-the-bleed, and ICS.
- Chris Christensen is the new Emergency Planning Coordinator.
- PEMA has updated EMC training requirements.
- There is a new, increased emphasis on cybersecurity and infrastructure security.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Corcoran

Secretary/ Treasurer