

ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
July 10th, 2023

The Board of Supervisors' July 10th, 2023 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 Milton Rudy.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

Carey Bresler Provides Oxford Library Update

Ms. Bresler came to provide an update on library activities and to thank the Elk Township Board of Supervisors for their consistent financial support of the Oxford Library. Ms. Bresler informed the audience that over 1/4 of Elk Township residents have been using the Oxford Library and that their special activities, such as fishing tournaments and musical instrument classes, have all been well attended. The Oxford Library is developing a new committee to raise even more funding. Ms. Bresler stated that even though they had exceeded their recent fundraising goal by 92% they still see value in increasing their available resources.

Appointment of Marc Roy as Elk Township Representative for OARA

The Oxford Area Recreation Authority sent a request for the Supervisors to appoint Elk Resident Marc Roy as the local area representative so that he can participate in their monthly meetings. . Estace Walters made a motion appointing Marc Roy. Milt Rudy seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Sterling Update/Payment Plan Decision

Milton Rudy provided a summary of his July 7th visit to 1204 Old Forge for an inspection with Zoning Officer, Scott Moran and Township Solicitor, Max O'Keefe. Milton noted that several electrical violations were observed by Scott Moran and that the equipment that was in the bedrooms previously, hot plates, mini fridge, and coin-operated laundry had been removed and placed in the garage. Max O'Keefe advised that the use of the property is still in violation of the Township Ordinance as it is being used for transient purposes. Milton also informed the Audience that Mr. Sterling had requested a payment plan from the Township for his fine assigned by the Honorable Judge Massey in District Court. Estace Walters made a motion to deny the payment plan. Albert Jezyk seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Rental House Repairs

Milton Rudy requested the Board of Supervisors make a formal decision to tear down and possibly replace the fence at the rental house next door. The fence is in a state of disrepair. Estace Walters made a motion to remove the fence. Milton Rudy seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Township Building Floor Estimate

Michael Corcoran informed the audience and Supervisors that he obtained an estimate from Blank's Quality Builders to have the linoleum floor in the township building replaced with high-quality, waterproof laminate. The cost will be between \$8,955 and \$10,744 depending on the material thickness. Albert Jezyk commented that Blank's did a good job on the Joist repairs and

the Board agreed to keep the estimate in mind going forward, but they would like to wait on a decision.

Open Space Funds to Truist CDs.

Michael Corcoran announced he had spoken with a local Truist branch Associate about moving funds in our Open Space Account to Truist CDs. Michael explained that Truist is offering a 7-month rate at 5% interest, offering significantly better returns than our current account. Albert Jezyk suggested it would be best to use multiple CDs in case we needed to undo one for any Open Space activities. Milton Rudy commented that he thought it sounded like a great idea. Albert Jezyk made a motion to move the Open Space Funds to CDs. Estace Walters seconded; the vote was unanimous.

August BOS Meeting

Albert Jezyk stated that the next BOS meeting would be held August 7th at 7:00PM

STAFF REPORTS Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Estace Walters, the June 5th, 2023, Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Michael Corcoran reported the totals of the bills to be paid for the month of July. On a motion made by Albert Jezyk seconded by Estace Walters, the bills to be paid, except Roadmaster, were approved. On a motion made by Albert Jezyk, seconded by Milt Rudy, the Roadmaster bill was approved. Estace Abstained.

Tax Collector

June 2023: Tax Collected \$1,937.67

Planning Commission

Michael Corcoran reported that the Planning Commission had requested he begin working with Kaolin to monitor their monthly groundwater usage. No New Business.

Historic Commission

No Report

Open Space Committee

No Report

Trails Coordinator

Pal Durborow noted that Barrens needs mowing.

Zoning Hearing Board

No action.

Roadmaster

Estace Walters reported that he walked Springlawn Trail with Steve Snyder, and all the dead and dangerous trees have been taken down. Estace and Steve also handled a downed tree on Hickory Hill Rd. near the covered bridge that required a bucket truck. Estace informed the audience that Dave Harlan's estimate to repave Blake Rd. was \$88,000. Harlan will also be replacing a drain

pipe on Briarcroft Dr. that has failed and caused a sinkhole. Estace also announced that Chris Weaver would be mowing throughout the Township and on Springlawn, knocking back briars. Estace thanked Michael for getting PECO to come removed a large tree near power lines on Old Forge Rd. Estace also asked Michael to investigate if the Bridge on Stickersville Rd. is County or State-owned.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Milton Rudy informed the audience that the Adverse Weather Event Training he planned to attend was postponed.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)

No New Business

OLD BUSINESS

Milton Rudy gave an overview of the information sheets he provided for the audience showing a prioritized list of uses for the Township ARPA funds. Milton also discussed his conversation with Dolores Coligan at Chester County Department of Community Development about specific “Community Resources” and “Assistance for Residents” Programs that are available. 32% of Elk Township Residents meet the income requirements necessary to participate in these programs.

Suzane Dougherty informed the Supervisors that she believes Kaolin is operating outside of the time restrictions set by the Township to control truck traffic. Estace Walters asked Michael Corcoran to work on obtaining the original list of conditions.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Corcoran announced he had attended a meeting about planning for Big Elk Creek State Park Stakeholder Meeting, hosted by DCNR and their Engineering Consultants. The focus was to find out what everyone was expecting/hoping to see in the new park. Attendees were placed in groups to brainstorm then a representative from each group shared their collective thoughts with the audience.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Corcoran
Secretary/ Treasurer