

**ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 8th, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors' July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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.

**Max O'Keefe, Update**

Albert Jezyk read comments from Max O'Keefe regarding the complaint which will be filed in response to Sterling's appeal of the most recent District Court decision, in favor of the Township. Michael Corcoran added that the complaint filed on behalf of the Township was reviewed and signed by Scott Moran.

**Oxford Region Planning Commission Meeting**

Albert Jezyk gave the audience a summary of the most recent ORPC meeting, discussion topics included Herr's Farm Land Development, sold to a company interested in building warehouses on the property. There is interest from developers in raising the maximum building height in East Nottingham Township from 33' to 50'. Estace Walter's stated that this would have negative consequences and invites in Hotels and other commercial development. Audience member Eileen Butler, member of the Planning Commission for East Nottingham Township, added that a significant portion of the Herr land sold is a PNDI (Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory) site.

**Big Elk Creek Oversight Committee Meeting Discussion**

Melanie Ryan reported to the Board of Supervisors that she, along with other appointees, visited two possible sites for a visitor center. Melanie added that everyone seemed to prefer the same area. Audience member, and Franklin Township Oversight Committee appointee, Anteia Consorto, commented that DCNR is limiting necessary discussions about development. Offering two locations to build a visitor's center rather than asking if the Committee even wants a visitor center. Anteia added that DCNR doesn't want the building to be visible from the road but the downside of that is more new impervious surface for the road, longer runs for utilities and more disruption for wildlife.

Michael Corcoran asked if there was any discussion regarding complying with the Township Zoning Ordinance rules. Anteia responded that DCNR did not mention working with either Elk or Franklin Township for a proper permitting process. The Building discussed would be a combined Administrative Office and Visitor Center, between 2400-5300 square feet. Anteia proposed using the old Crossan Farm for the construction. Albert Jezyk added that the Old Mill by the Creek would be good choice as well. Eileen Bulter, also a member of the oversight committee, explained that this park does not need to match the system of DCNR parks with the same cookie-cutter buildings and amenities. Anteia added that their 4 hour meeting only got through half of the Agenda.

### **House GOP Committee Hearing**

Albert Jezyk explained that the next day, July 9<sup>th</sup>, Estace Walters would give testimony for Elk Township at the House Committee Hearing regarding the Big Elk Creek State Park. Estace added that this testimony is important because it impacts policymaker viewpoints.

### **Springlawn Trail Gate Replacement Estimates**

Michael Corcoran provided two sets of estimates for the Supervisors to consider, each with 3 different prices and options for gate materials. Albert Jezyk made a motion to choose Option 3 from Smoker Fabrication, Milt Rudy seconded, the vote was unanimous.

### **Open Space Tax**

Estace Walters discussed reducing or eliminating the Open Space Tax. Estace requested Michael Corcoran investigate whether eliminating the tax would make the Township ineligible for Challenge Grant funding.

### **Bid Awards; Snow Removal/Road Paving**

Albert Jezyk read the bids received by the Township, one from Carter & Sons and another from Harlan Construction. Albert added that this coming winter Elk Township will monitor winter maintenance schedules more closely. Estace Walters commented that Carter had bought a larger truck this year and that should reduce their billable hours when plowing. Albert Jezyk made a motion to award the Road Paving and Snow Removal Contracts, Estace Walters seconded, the vote was unanimous.

### **David King – Plan Review and Sign**

The Supervisors each looked at a final copy of drawings for David King's house and barn construction plans. The Plan was reviewed and recommended for approval by Stan Corbett at AECOM, the Board elected to sign the drawings at the end of the Township Meeting.

### **August BOS Meeting**

Albert Jezyk stated that the next BOS meeting would be held on August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **STAFF REPORTS Secretary's Report**

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the June 3rd, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes were approved minutes. The vote was unanimous.

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

### **Tax Collector**

June 2024: \$344.05 Collected.

### **Planning Commission**

No Report.

### **Historic Commission**

Mary Gruber reported to the Board of Supervisors that she attended the Chesco 250 kick-off meeting, 150 people attended. They divided Chester County into 4 regions, Elk is in the Agricultural Heritage region. Also, on July 24<sup>th</sup> the Oxford Area Historical Subcommittee will be stopping at Old Stone for lunch at noon and the Supervisors are welcome to attend. Albert Jezyk thanked Mary.

### **Open Space Committee**

No Report

### **Trails Coordinator**

No Report

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

Michael noted that there were no permits issued but he had several complaints in The Bluffs from different residents, which he resolved.

### **Roadmaster**

Estate Walters read his monthly report to the audience, he discussed the Wave Runner which was dumped along Hickory Hill Rd. The PA State Police were too busy to assist. Estate also informed the audience that work would begin on Glen Hope Rd. soon. Estate thanked Mr. Simoff for cutting his trees back along Glen Hope Rd. Estate ended by noting that Michael had replaced the 16' broken bridge rails on Springlawn Trail. Estate would also be looking into replacing some of the other older bridge rails along the trail.

### **Emergency Management Coordinator**

Milton Rudy discussed places to put up the new road sign he obtained advertising 1670 AM radio for local travel and weather information.

### **Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)**

Albert Jezyk read the most recent communication for OARA.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Corcoran