

**ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 3rd, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors' June 3rd, 2024 meeting convened at 7:01 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 – Library Update and Summer Plans**

Michael Corcoran announced that Ms. Bresler was not feeling well.

**Christine Jackson to Address the Board RE: 7880 Hickory Hill Rd. C1 District**

Christine Jackson provided informational folders to each of the Supervisors and then summarized the events leading up to her attendance tonight. Ms. Jackson went over, in detail, her property records, issues with the septic, the granted permits for a second system, the electric meter setup, and her tax assessment. Ms. Jackson commented on the demand for housing and the reduced traffic as positives for keeping the home as two dwellings instead of a single-family dwelling with a low-impact business. Ms. Jackson was hopeful the Board of Supervisors could allow two dwellings/addresses as a similar by right use in the C-1 District. There was commentary from Planning Commission member Melanie Ryan that this needs to go to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Estace Walters stated that the County handles well and septic permits and doesn't have open communication with the Township, to the extent we would be aware of the second dwelling because of the County permit, to the best of the Township's knowledge, up until now, this was a single-family dwelling.

Michael Corcoran commented that Township Solicitor, Winnie Sebastian, was traveling abroad and couldn't provide an opinion to the Board of Supervisors in time for the meeting. Michael also stated that the Township has several records for the property but no copy of the original electrical permit that led to the County Assessment changing from single-family to double dwelling. Ms. Jackson asked if she could obtain copies of the records and Michael said yes but could she please send a Right-To-Know Request.

Albert Jezyk thanked Ms. Jackson for coming in and Ms. Jackson thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

**Oxford Region Planning Commission Meeting**

Albert Jezyk gave the audience a summary of the most recent ORPC meeting, held May 22nd, the discussion topics included Herr's Farm Land Development, Rutter's interest in developing in West Nottingham Township, and the Moran Farm Development.

**Max O'Keefe Update**

Michael Corcoran explains that Max O'Keefe had received a Notice of Appeal for the most recent judgment we got from Judge Seavey. In accordance with the ruling issued by the prothonotary's office, the Township must file a complaint with the Court of Common Pleas within 20 days.

### **Solar Ordinance Update**

Milt Rudy provided an update on the Elk Township Solar Ordinance. Milton explained that he would need to follow up with Winnie Sebastian. The Ordinance will be ready for adoption in the next month or two.

### **Mason Dixon/Arc Corner HIP Task Force Meeting #4**

Milt Rudy will provide notes to Michael

### **Springlawn Trail Gate and Trail Damage**

Michael Corcoran informed the audience that DCNR's contractor, Shenandoah Habitats, had opened the trail gate and drove trucks on the wet trail, leaving ruts and damaging the gate. This sparked several emails and phone calls, ultimately DCNR would not take responsibility for the gate but would fix the ruts on the trail. Michael would provide the Board estimates to replace the gates at the next Township meeting.

Melanie Ryan discussed meeting with DCNR's Rob Campion to discuss the repairs to the trail. She reported that it went well and the repairs were acceptable. Melanie stated that better communication with DCNR would benefit the Township and that a sit-down meeting would probably be best for everyone involved so we can set some boundaries.

Anteia Consorto commented on the damage from the same contractor to Franklin's Mt. Olivet Trail and that DCNR doesn't seem to respect boundaries. Milt Rudy asked Anteia if Franklin Township owns their Trail, she responded yes they do but the end of Mt. Olivet trail is privately owned.

### **Big Elk Creek May 22<sup>nd</sup> Task Force Meeting**

Melanie Ryan reported that the meeting held on Resource Management was educational and the next meeting would be on July 1<sup>st</sup> regarding infrastructure. Anteia Consorto, Franklin Township's Appointee, added that the July 1 meeting has a site visit, and while the meetings are closed to the public, the site visits are not private. She also added that DCNR has not been providing the slide shows as agreed upon. Audience member Donna Ellingsen commented that she has an issue with DCNR keeping these meetings closed off to the public.

### **June BOS Meeting**

Albert Jezyk stated that the next BOS meeting would be held on July 1st.

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

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the May 6th, 2024, 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 May. 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**

May 2024: \$8157.88 Collected.

**Planning Commission**

No Report.

**Historic Commission**

No Report.

**Open Space Committee**

No Report

**Trails Coordinator**

No Report

**Zoning Hearing Board**

No Report

**Roadmaster**

Estate Walters read his monthly report and mentioned he spoke with Mike Pia about employees speeding on Lombard Rd. Estate discusses an issue raised about the Stop Signs on Media & Reisler Rd. We can not place Stop Signs on PennDOT roads but we can send a letter requesting they consider it. Michael Corcoran informed Estate that we can use Liquid Fuels for tree work related to the Glen Hope Rd. Project. Estate added that Strickersville Rd. will be closed while getting a new drain pipe and a paving repair.

**Emergency Management Coordinator**

Milton Rudy reported that there are no meetings until school starts. However, a grant was awarded to establish an Emergency Center in Jenner's Pond.

**Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)**

No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Estate Walters asked to add a discussion of the Open Space Tax to the next Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Corcoran

Secretary/ Treasurer