

**ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 4th, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors March 4th 2024, meeting convened 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 ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No public comment.

**DCNR Big Elk Creek Stakeholders Meeting Summary**

Milt Rudy discussed the recent Stakeholders Meeting hosted by Franklin Township. The meeting was hosted for each of the 7 Stakeholders to attend and announce their appointees for the Big Elk Creek State Park oversight committee. The Stakeholders are as follows; Elk Township, Franklin Township, Representative John Lawrence, Senators John Kane and Carolyn Comitta, the Chester County Commissioners, and lastly, DCNR. Milt added that DCNR, for reasons unknown, chose not to attend the meeting and there was still a lack of clarity on the specifics of how these future meetings will work but that they would likely be hosted by Franklin Township. Milt Rudy read aloud the appointees from each Stakeholder; Elk Township selected Judy Jordan and Melanie Ryan. Franklin Township appointed Anteia Consorto and Eileen Butler, the County Commissioners chose Gary Schroeder and Henrieta Bellman, Representative John Lawrence selected himself, and James Nowland. Senators Kane and Comitta both appointed themselves with one selection to be determined and DCNR's remained unknown.

Michael Corcoran, who was also present at the meeting, commented that George Strawbridge had phoned in to express his remorse for what DCNR is doing to the Preserve and that he believed the deal that was made with the State protected the land from being developed.

**ORPC Kick-Off Meeting Summary**

Albert Jezyk discussed the first ORPC Meeting to develop the new Regional Comprehensive Plan. Al explained that the process will take 2.5 years to complete. Estace Walters requested that height limits be on the ORPC's agenda. Al responded that it would be discussed. Milt Rudy inquired about the large housing project on Route 472. Melanie Ryan asked if the sewage treatment plant had been updated, Estace Walters responded that yes it had been.

**William Sterling Court Date Change**

Albert Jezyk read the updated document from the courts, the new court date will be March 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 at the Kennett Square Borough District Court. A resident who lives near 1204 Old Forge Rd. commented that lately there has been some yelling or arguing happening outside on the property and this was new.

**PennDOT Road Project and Detour Through Elk Township**

Albert Jezyk read notes sent to Elk by Franklin Township, showing the potentially concerning detour routes through Elk Township during the planned 896 Construction. Estace Walters highlighted some concerns he had, specifically the detour down 472 which will inevitably cause trucks to take Old Forge Rd. as a shortcut. As well as heavy use of State Rd. and trouble at the sharp curve near where Old Forge Rd. intersects.

### **Camp Bonsul Bridge Update**

Michael Corcoran gave an update on the Camp Bonsul bridge. Eric Quinn from Chester County had notified Elk Township that bids for reconstruction would be received and opened on March 28<sup>th</sup> this month.

### **Easement Robbins Property Update**

Trails Coordinator Pal Durborow suggested that the easement trail stay closed throughout the hunting season for safety reasons. Pal also suggested the township get some new signs made for next year that suggest people on the trails wear Orange to place up starting next September.

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

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the February 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 February. 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**

February 2024: \$0.00

### **Planning Commission**

Albert Jezyk read the minutes aloud, the Planning Commission discussed the Draft Solar Energy Ordinance and found it to be acceptable.

### **Historic Commission**

Mary Gruber addressed the Board of Supervisors about the large sorting desk recently brought to the Township Building. Initially, it was believed to be historically relevant to Elk Township but it seems that it came from the Oxford Post Office and would be finding a new home soon. Mary also added that "Chesco 250" is wanting Elk Township to participate and possibly have open houses, however this 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is 18 months away. Mary Gruber ended with a thought about how the Big Elk Creek State Park could be beneficial in carrying the responsibility of costs and time needed to maintain and pay for historical artifacts and information displays.

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

No action.

### **Roadmaster**

Estace Walters read his Report, the Township Truck is back on the road. Chris Weaver helped remove a tree off Spring Lawn Trail. Brian Carter will be ordering signs to put up on Media Rd. warning of Horses and Tractors. He also added that in 2024, Elk Mills Rd. and Glen Hope Rd. will be the Road Projects in Elk Township.

**Emergency Management Coordinator**

Milt Rudy reported that Chesco DES held a 27 Feb. radio check for all EMCs and a WEB EOC test run to assess EMC familiarity with the system. Jason Sheffield provided a 1 on 1 session to refresh EEB EOC skills. The February 18<sup>th</sup> AGREM Meeting included an extensive emergency response demonstration by Colonial Pipeline. Issues with the AM 1670 radio station were discussed with Comcast. FreCom donated 3 AGREM radios to Elk Township. Two are in the comm center and one is with Milt. There will be an update on the 896 road project(s) at the Franklin Township March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting (held tonight).

**Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)**

No Report.

**TRAILS REPORT**

No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Milt Rudy noted that Winnie Sebastian had edited the Solar Ordinance and that it still needed some minor adjustments before being presented to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Corcoran  
Secretary/ Treasurer