

ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
April 7th, 2025

The Board of Supervisors' April 7th 2025, 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.

Lewisville Conservation Easements

Estace Walters stated that the Board of Supervisors was waiting for Township Solicitor Winnie Sebastian to review the funding request and advise the Township on what to do next.

ORPC Meeting Summary, ORPC Goals and Objectives Review

Albert Jezyk explained that the ORPC is working on the final goals and objectives for the Regional Plan, which has nine chapters. Milt Rudy read through the list of goals and objectives from 2012 when the last Regional Plan was formed. Estace Walters commented that he would prefer the Regional Plan manage solar installations rather than encourage them. Albert Jezyk stated that the next ORPC meeting would be Thursday, May 1.

MD Line Arc Meeting Summary

Milt Rudy read from his notes on the Mason/Dixon Heritage program meeting: Rob Campion has moved to another position in DCNR. Some want DCNR's historical efforts to be separated from the B.E.C. effort. DCNR may want to get involved with the "freedom seekers" but doesn't want their trails to connect to M/D Heritage access. The B.E.C. property has 3 M/D markers; marker 4 is accessible from the Old Stone parking lot. Chester County Planning Commission will have a graphics template for signage.

Mary Gruber commented that ORPC HC is taking charge of Elk Township signage, and the Township is not obligated to commit to CCPC's Plan presented in the Mason Dixon Line program. Michael Corcoran mentioned that organizer Elizabeth Burns from Brandywine Conservancy, who hosted the last MD Line Arc Meeting, told him they planned to share the costs for the entire project evenly among the townships, which would be financially unfair for much smaller Elk Township.

Union Fire Quarterly Meeting Summary

Milt Rudy read from his notes for the Quarterly Meeting. Union Fire reported that the number of incidents is up, and the number of responders is down. Multiple simultaneous incidents overwhelm resources. They are actively pursuing grants with a grant writer. They are saving money where possible. Construction starts in July/August to renovate the Fire House building to accommodate the night crew. A wealthy donor is funding the entire project. Insurance premiums are rising due to the "Cancer Presumption Act." This is why our Elk Township contribution to workman's comp insurance more than doubled. Michael added that it would be worth approaching Kaolin for a donation to offset the fire costs they're adding for the Township since it is 4x the cost of what we collect in property taxes.

896 Detour Update

Albert Jezyk read the minutes from the PennDOT meeting held with Franklin Township. The highlights are they have a start date in 2026. Strickersville Rd. is closed again for repaving and repairs. Anteaia

Consorto stated that there is no weight limit on the Strickersville Rd. Bridge and PennDOT does not want to put one on it.

Hickory Hill Rd. Bridge and Kings Row Rd. Bridge Repairs

Michael Corcoran informed the audience that Chester County will be closing both Bridges in June for repairs to the underside metals.

Fee Schedule Review

The Board of Supervisors reviewed an updated Fee Schedule provided by Michael Corcoran. Michael intended to bring an update on the Application and Escrow Fees in areas where the Township is losing excessive amounts of money on the time and expense requirements.

Resolution 2025-04 Fee Schedule

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, Resolution 2025-04 was adopted. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

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

Tax Collector

Michael Corcoran read the March Tax Collector Report

Planning Commission

Regarding the Dakota Noon placement of her 30 x 40 pole barn going through Zoning Hearing. If the building was turned 90 degrees, it would be within the setback limits. There were not enough PC's present for a balanced comment.

Historical Commission

No Report

Zoning Hearing Board

Mark Plauger commented there was a Zoning Hearing scheduled for April 14th at 7:00 PM

Roadmaster

Estace Walters read his monthly report. Trees were removed on Hickory Hill Rd and Springlawn Trail, and Estace repaired a cold patch on Dougherty Drive and picked up tires on Barren and Hickory Hill Rd.

Emergency Management Coordinator

Milt Rudy read his notes; Ben Fassman reported that Ava will start on March 24th in a resilience and Public Information position. The CERT class will begin on March 24th with 24 enrollees. Avon Grove Charter School's active shooter drill was held March 17th. The National Fire Academy is now shut down. There will be a PA asset review expo in early May at Oaks. The Chesco EOP template now matches the municipal EOC templates and is available on the EOC website. Police departments are looking to upgrade their radios. There will be a "Drive To Survive" class on April 30th at Station 23 – all lectures – focusing on the safe operation of response vehicles. The Delaware County Crozier Healthcare facility is closing, and most Delaware County Medic

units will shut down. Londonderry EMCs have asked to join AGREM, and it has been approved.

MEDIC 94: Christiana Health will open the Jennersville ERC on August 4th; the new director, Kate Ramirez is a former Jennersville nurse; EMERUS will be the operator; There will be 20 beds, 10 of which will be for overnight observation; EMERUS will partner with Medic 94 for the blood program. London, Britain's 300th anniversary will be at Nichols Park on 27 Sept.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)

Albert Jezyk read the report from OARA announcing the park is open and their Easter Egg Roll event would be this month.

TRAILS REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Anteia Consorto commented that the next Big Elk Creek oversight committee meeting date is still unknown, but it will be later in may. John Lawrence got 300 pages back after an appeal was granted for his denied Right To Know request from DCNR. Antia highlighted one important document received from the RTK from DCNR, which stated the property would be part of the White Clay Preserve and for low-impact use and that DCNR has violated the terms of the grant agreement. John Lawrence has found some useful case law, and Anteia says these documents will help us if we ever decide to take DCNR to court. The next step is to wait and see what the master plan says. Cindy Dunn will not put anything in writing regarding taking camping off the table.

Anteia added that Hibernia Park is county-owned and has a campground. There are discussions about letting DCNR take the Campground if they commit to no camping at Big Elk Creek.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Corcoran
Secretary/ Treasurer