

ELK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2025

The Board of Supervisors' July 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.

Bid Awards

Albert Jezyk read the bids received by the Township, one from Carter & Sons and another from Harlan Construction. Albert compared the hourly rates from the prior year bid from Carter & Sons to the new winter maintenance bid. Estace Walters compared the new Harlan Construction rates to the prior year road contract. Albert Jezyk made a motion to award the Road Paving contract to Harlan Construction, Estace Walters seconded, the vote was unanimous. Albert Jezyk made a motion to award the Winter Maintenance Contract to Carter & Sons. Estace Walters seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Armstrong Fiber Install Update

Michael Corcoran informed the Board of Supervisors that Armstrong Cable would begin connecting the new underground fiber-optic service to homes and businesses in Elk Township over the next few months.

Hickory Hill Rd. Bridge Closure Extended

Michael Corcoran informed the Board of Supervisors that Chester County discovered the trusses of the bridge were in poor condition and would be replaced, extending the closure of the Bridge an additional month. The expected reopening date was now approximately the third week of August 2025.

ORPC Meeting Update

Albert Jezyk gave the audience an update on the June ORPC meeting. The Herrs Farm Preliminary Plan is still under discussion. Christiana Care has a grand re-opening for Jennersville Hospital this month, open to the general public, on July 25th

No Impact Home Occupation 837 Old Forge Rd.

Michael Corcoran discussed an application for a no-impact home occupation sent by Sara Beiler to make baked goods in her home to sell off-site. As Zoning Officer, Michael required that an outstanding Zoning violation on the property be resolved at the end of the growing season, requiring a Hoop House located in the front yard be relocated to the rear or side yard of the property. Estace Walters motioned for the approval with the conditions mentioned, Milt Rudy seconded, the vote was unanimous.

Mason-Dixon Arc Corner Heritage Interpretation and Connectivity Plan Public Meeting

Milt Rudy stated that he planned to attend the public meeting with Michael Corcoran and Mary Gruber on behalf of Elk Township. There was a brief discussion regarding the extensive expectations and financial burden that this project could place on the Township if we agreed to participate.

Big Elk Creek Oversight Committee Update

Anteia Consorto gave the Board of Supervisors an update on information gathered from Representative John Lawrence's recent Right to Know Request to DCNR, all of which is available on his website.

Anteia stated that in the most recent oversight committee meeting, every Stakeholder appointee advocated for a return to Preserve Status on the Strawbridge Property.

STAFF REPORTS

Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Milt Rudy, the June 2nd, 2025, 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 June. On a motion made by Albert Jezyk seconded by Milt Rudy, the bills to be paid, except Roadmaster, were approved. The Vote was unanimous. On a motion made by Al Jezyk, seconded by Milt Rudy, the April and May Roadmaster bill were approved.

Tax Collector

Michael Corcoran read the Tax Collector Report

Planning Commission

Albert Jezyk read the notes provided by Mary Gruber from the most recent Planning Commission Meeting regarding the Walters Subdivision Plan. Estace Walters commented that he is subdividing land so that his daughter can build a house, but currently they are working through requirements for nitrate testing and sewer module planning

Historical Commission

No Report.

Open Space Committee

No Report.

Zoning Hearing Board

No Report.

Roadmaster

Estace Walters read his monthly report; Harlan Construction will begin repaving Elk Mills Road in the next 1-2 weeks. Harlan will also be doing some repairs to Hickory Hill Rd. to control water runoff and patchwork on Dougherty Drive and Baker Drive. Estace also commented that 7-8 dead trees within the right of way on Kings Row Rd. need to be removed.

Emergency Management Coordinator

No Report.

Oxford Area Recreation Authority (OARA)

Albert Jezyk read the highlights from the minutes provided by OARA.

TRAILS REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Albert Jezyk noted that there was a Special Meeting on June 13th with Abbie Kesler of Brandywine Red Clay to discuss Elk Township's participation in their Lewisville Rd. Conservation Easement project. The Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed to commit \$355,000 from their Open Space Funds to preserve approximately 132 acres, pending approval by the Township Solicitor of the final Easement Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Corcoran
Secretary/ Treasurer