

Brecknock Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
August 13, 2024

The regular meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors, Lancaster County that was scheduled for August 13, 2024, was held at the Brecknock Township Building, 1026 Dry Tavern Road, Fivepointville. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Long at 7:00 p.m.

At this time the Pledge of Allegiance took place.

Present were Jerry Long, Andrew Baum, Carol Martin and Dave Leinbach.

Mr. Reinert was absent, and Matthew Fessler was present for Elizabeth Magovern as Township Solicitor.

Phil Horning from Gehman Mennonite Church provided an invocation.

Public Comment Session –

Ron Hershey of Hershey Surveying was present to discuss a potential zoning hearing application for John Zimmerman that he requested feedback on conceptually from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Zimmerman would like to subdivide a two-acre parcel for residential use off of an existing property he owns on Oaklyn Drive, however the subject tract no longer has any subdivision rights associated with it. Mr. Zimmerman also owns several additional properties adjacent to the tract in question, which would have remaining subdivision rights associated with them. Some of the tracts are bisected by existing roadways and the Turnpike. Mr. Hershey would like input on whether the Board of Supervisors would have an opinion on “transferring” the subdivision rights from one of the adjacent properties to the tract proposed for subdivision that has none. After discussion, there were no objections to this concept provided matters were documented on the properties involved. No further action was taken.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING WAS HELD AT THIS POINT IN THE MEETING.

Court reporter took over minute taking: Matthew Fessler gave an overview of the application of Merle Ray and Beth Ann Weaver to have a dog kennel at 136 Spook Lane. The Weavers were represented by Seth Hiller of Blakinger Thomas. After testimony by all the hearing was closed and a motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to grant the conditional use as presented. All in favor, motion approved.

GUEST

At this time the floor was given to Jesse Wienckoski, representing a group of pickleballers who read a statement opposing the possibility of re-adding tennis court lines to what was a tennis court but is now a brand new pickleball court. (statement and petition will be added to these minutes). Andy stated that the township has been trying to multiuse courts as much as possible and that he thought tennis lines would be painted on a court all along. Jerry felt with the community outpour of support on leaving it just tennis and he feels there just is not a lot of tennis players, he felt the court should remain as dedicated pickleball courts. Long made a motion to keep the courts as dedicated pickleball courts. No second motion died. Dave stated he would like to hear from tennis players. Dave stated that the room is full of pickleball players not wanting the tennis lines, but we have not heard from any tennis players. Long restated that he felt that the tennis courts were not used to its potential as tennis courts but are used every day by many people as pickleball courts. Long make a motion to leave the courts as dedicated pickleball and not paint tennis lines. No second motion died. Dave stated that he would like to see the park board reach out to the community to see how the tennis players feel. Dave stated is okay with leaving it as is for now but would like to hear from tennis players at least try to reach out to the community an see if there is any interest in tennis. Long made a motion to leave the courts as dedicated pickleball courts at this time until we see a need for tennis and it was seconded by Leinbach, Baum voted no. Motion was approved.

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The minutes of the July 9, 2024, Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to approve the bills as presented. All in favor, motion was approved.

Roadmasters Report – Baum stated the Chestnut Hill Rd project went good. Talked about the Gehman School Rd bridge. East Cocalico board is looking to close it all together, prior to our next board meeting. After a lot of discussion and it was decided to convey to East Cocalico that Brecknock Township is very reluctant to close it without getting some alternative costs to repair or replace, they prefer that it stay open. This will be conveyed to East Cocalico.

Board also discussed that if a possible joint township meeting is needed that Carol and Andy will coordinate.

Engineers Report - The following items within the engineering report require Board action/approval this month:

1. **Joseph & Erin Adamow SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation dated July 24, 2024 in the amount of \$873.32.
2. **Seth & Ann Detavernier SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation dated July 24, 2024 in the amount of \$190.91.
3. **Ryan Miller SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation dated July 24, 2024 in the amount of \$800.00.
4. **559 W. Maple Grove Road Land Development** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated July 18, 2024 in the amount of \$9,205.90.
5. **Zach Martin SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation dated July 16, 2024 in the amount of \$2,500.00.
6. **Jason Zimmerman SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation dated July 16, 2024 in the amount of \$3,000.00.
7. **1334 Reading Road Land Development** – Received stormwater management agreement for action by the Board.
8. **Deer Country Farm & Lawn Land Development** – Received memorandum of understanding for acceptance by the Board.
9. **Villages at Hawk Valley Phase 1** – Issued maintenance security release recommendation letter dated August 2, 2024 in the amount of \$282,204.00.
10. **Stephen Huber Land Development** – Received memorandum of understanding for acceptance by the Board.

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Legal council had no issues with the recommendations. A motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to accept and approve all of the recommendations noted by the Township Engineer. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to accept the Roadmaster, Engineer, SEO & Zoning reports as presented. All in favor, motion approved.

PARK & RECREATION

The Board reviewed the Park Board meeting minutes. There were discussions on the need for some additional waste cans and benches around the pickleball court. They talked about what the difference between a dog run and dog park and which one they were suggesting the park board look at. A dog run was the intended suggestion. The park board will continue its options for a dog run.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to authorize the advertisement for a propose amendment to the zoning ordinance **“ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRECKNOCK, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRECKNOCK, CHAPTER 110 ENTITLED “ZONING”, ARTICLE XI ENTITLED “ZONING HEARING BOARD”, SECTION 110-101 ENTITLED “FUNCTIONS”, LETTER D. ENTITLED “SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS”, AND LETTER E. ENTITLED “VARIANCES” TO INCREASE THE TIME TO OBTAIN A ZONING PERMIT FOLLOWING A DECISION OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD TO TWO YEARS**” for consideration at the next Board of Supervisors meeting. All in favor, motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to authorize the updating of the code of ordinance with General Code. All in favor, motion approved.

Motion was by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to purchase a new binding machine in the amount of \$1,053.99. All in favor, motion approved.

Motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to renew the existing agreement with PennDOT for winter maintenance/snow removal. All in favor, motion approved.

Public Comment Session – Josh Peiffer from Bowmansville Fire Company gave the Board of Supervisors an update on the fire companies. Their main focus/reason for coming and giving an update is their need for funds to replace a fire truck and that they are on a 15-year-old replacement. They did mention other items that need to be replaced in the future as well as the decline in funds. They stated that their fundraisers and fund drive are not bringing in enough money to support the replacement of equipment. They also stated that in the future they will need to replace radios because the county system is changing. The board thanked them for coming and asked them to provide something in writing for them to consider in the future.

A motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to adjourn at 8:48 pm. All in favor, motion approved.

Carol L. Martin
Secretary/Treasurer/Admin.