

**BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES
March 26, 2019**

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Jake Meyer at 8:40 p.m. in the Bethel Township Meeting Room, Bethel PA.

Attending the meeting were Jake Meyer, Mike Graby and Lee Groff. Also, in attendance were Solicitor, Eugene Orlando Jr., Engineer, Gary Kraft, Zoning Officer, Robin Royer and Township Secretary Treasurer, Jayne Seifrit. Several interested residents were in attendance.

Public Comment on Agenda

Hearing of Visitors

Zoning Officer – Robin Royer

203 Kline Rd – Biochar operation. The standards/requirements will be communicated when issuing permit.

491 Frystown Rd – Robin Royer stated the activity appears to be back at the property. Does the Board want enforcement again? Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Robin Royer to enforce, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Complaint received – Robin Royer gave the Board members the complaint to read. She asked if they would like her to look into complaint? Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Robin Royer to check into complaint, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Supervisors Comments

Lee Groff – Lee Groff stated he has spoken to a couple of other Townships concerning pensions. Tulpehocken Township does not offer a non-uniform pension, Bethel Lebanon is the same as ours and Upper Tulpehocken is a seven-year vested term. He stated he also talked to PSATS, they said the vesting period ranges from 5 year to 10 years and the multiplier varies from 1.25% - 1.5%. Lee Groff mentioned PSATS stated they have an RFP sample. Jake Meyer stated he would like to see it. Lee Groff will get it to the Board.

Lee Groff stated he has a list of maintenance issues that should be checked into at the Township Office Building. He gave the list to Jake Meyer.

Jacob Meyer – Jake Meyer stated they have scheduled a joint meeting with the Bethel Township Municipal Authority for May 1, 2019. Jake Meyer asked Eugene Orlando if he is available to attend. Eugene Orlando has a meeting that night but will check to see if Chris Garrell can attend the other meeting.

Mike Graby – nothing at this time

Actions from Planning Commission

Solicitor – Eugene Orlando

Frystown Park Use Agreement with Viking – Eugene Orlando stated he sent the Board a draft of the agreement. He stated he received an email from Lee and Jayne with a couple of changes. He still

has a couple of questions and concerns; those being parking, insurance amount not high enough for the activities proposing and use by them versus the community, need a schedule.

Central Blvd dedication – Eugene Orlando stated we have received descriptions, he needs to do the deed. He stated we can address this next month.

Traffic Ordinance – Jake Meyer made a motion authorizing Secretary and Solicitor work together to amend traffic ordinance, seconded by Lee Groff. All agreed. Motion carried.

Rec Agreement with Viking – Lee Groff made a motion to sign the agreement once satisfactory to the Township and signed by Viking Baseball Club, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Engineering – Gary Kraft

Airport Road Recreation Project – Gary Kraft stated the bid process was authorized prior but timing is too short for advertising and when we wanted them back for opening. He also has a conflict with the April 15th meeting. He would like to have it done in May. Mike Graby made a motion to have the bid opening for the Airport Road Rec. Property Project on May 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

DCNR Grant – Resolution 2019-28, Lee Grant made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-28 for the DCNR Grant, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Lee Groff made a motion authorizing Secretary to sign PNFI documents for the grant, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Junk Fair – It is time to release the junk fair prizes to the Bethel Elementary. Jake Meyer made a motion to send the \$150.00 to the Bethel Elementary for their Junk Fair prizes, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Crossing Guard Back up- Rebecca Randler will again be the backup crossing guard.

New Business

Recreation Board Member Resolution – Lee Groff stated Dale Stump and Mark Shirk would like to change rolls on the Recreation Board. Mark Shirk member and Dale Stump alternate member. Lee Groff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-29 making that change to the Rec Board, seconded by Mike Graby. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioners Breakfast – The one coming up is in April and at Brecknock Township. The next one will be held September 27, 2019 with place to be determined. The Board will let Jayne Seifrit know attendance plans.

UCC Audit letter – Jayne Seifrit stated there was an audit of three commercial projects within the Township. The letter states the results.

Lee Groff stated the financials will be given to each township for the joint recreational venture.

Public Comment

Larry Schmehl asked about the littering. It was stated some clean up was done but there is still lots to do.

Larry Schmehl asked about the storm grate on School Road and 501. It has yet to be determined whose responsibility it is to bring it level. Larry Schmehl stated it is very dangerous.

It was asked when Old Route 22 will be repaired, it is terrible. Pete Davis stated it should be May 13, 2019.

Lloyd Brubacker was asking about pot hole repairs to Daub Road. Jake Meyer and Pete Davis will look at the road tomorrow.

Bob Kessler asked about underdrain work on Old Route 22 prior to repaving. Pete Davis stated they will be doing work in April.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mike Graby, seconded by Lee Groff to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Jayne K Seifrit, Township Secretary