

Eden Township Board of Supervisors Minutes of the February 10, 2015 Meeting

The Eden Township Board of Supervisors' meeting originally scheduled for February 9, 2015 at 7 pm was cancelled due to icy road conditions and was rescheduled to February 10, 2015 at 7 pm. A notice was posted at the Municipal Building accordingly.

Call-to-Order: Supervisor Ellis Ferguson called the meeting to order at 6:55 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Supervisors Ellis Ferguson, David Rohrer and David Rineer, also Mark Rudy, Gerry Parker, Janice Longer and Szilvia Troutman, and the following members of the public: Beth Rudy, Joseph Rineer, Jesse Lapp, Jesse Lapp, Isaac F. Lapp, John S. Stoltzfus, David B. Smucker, Omar G. Esh, Jacob G. Fisher, Sam Smucker, David F. Stoltzfus, Blake Huber, Jacob Beiler, Michael Lee Esh, Vin Webb, Menno K. Stoltzfus, Aaron L. Lapp, Henry K. Stoltzfus, John U. Esh, John A. Esh, Jon L. Bittner, Jim Sheets, Tiny and Lynn Commero (Lancaster Newspapers). Several members of the public were not able to enter the building due to limited space and Fire Code restrictions.

Public Participation:

Joseph Rineer (45 Skyview Drive) and other residents and non-residents of the Township as listed above were in attendance to discuss the lane off Pumping Station Road that was previously used to access the D&J Hardware Store. Mr Rineer's questions about the closing and future use of the lane were answered by Township Solicitor Janice Longer, who explained that the future of the lane is currently unresolved and out of the Township's hands. DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers are involved due to the area being considered wetlands and possible bog turtle habitat.

Mr. Rineer questioned how the road closure would be enforced if the stones were moved and people started using the driveway.

Jim Sheets (138 Pumping Station Rd) voiced his opinion that the flooding issue on the road would be resolved by replacing the pipe under the driveway.

David Stoltzfus (65 Hess Road) explained that when he submitted plans to build his second house, the County requested an access agreement for the driveway, and a lease with the Township was not an option, the County was going to put the plans through as long as the driveway was shown on the map as closed.

Blake Huber (289 Camargo Road) asked whether the Township would be willing to reopen the driveway after all other issues (bridge, DEP, Army Corps, etc.) were resolved. Janice Longer answered that the Township was not prepared to respond.

The Supervisors explained that Mr. Stoltzfus had other options, such as another, circular driveway. Since the property was deeded as a public park, a court order would be required for it to be sold. Janice Longer will contact David Stoltzfus' attorney about this matter, as he had advised Mr. Stoltzfus differently. The piece of land in question is deeded separately, but reversing its park status would set precedence. David Rohrer explained that the Township's hands were tied at present and encouraged those present to contact their State representative.

It was decided that the Township would schedule a special meeting to discuss the matter further. The meeting will be held at a different location to accommodate more people and will be advertised. PennDot, DEP, the Army Corps. of Engineers, Bryan Cutler and Twp. Engineer Ed Fisher will be invited to attend.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 19, 2015 Board of Supervisors Meeting were reviewed. David Rohrer made a motion, seconded by David Rineer to approve the minutes, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report for January 2015, in the amount of \$173,413.34 (attached), was approved unanimously on a motion by Ellis Ferguson and second by David Rineer.

Payment of Bills: The list of bills to be paid in February 2015, in the amount of \$28,691.12, was approved on a motion by David Rineer, seconded by David Rohrer, motion carried unanimously.

SEO Report: The SEO report listed activity of \$500.00 for the month of January 2015 (attached).

Tax Collector's Report: The Tax Collector's Report listed activity of \$0.00 for the month of January 2015.

Zoning Officer's Report: Gerry Parker presented the Zoning Officer's Report in the amount of \$683.00 for the month of January 2015 (attached).

The Township has been notified by LCPC that as of January 2016, they would no longer be handling township subdivision and land development plans. Townships must adopt their own subdivision and land development ordinances.

Road Master's Report: Mark Rudy submitted the Road Master's report of activity in January 2015 (attached).

Solanco Public Safety Committee: No report.

Emergency Management: The minutes from the last meeting of the Regional Emergency Management Agency were reviewed. Szilvi will find out from Secretary Carmen Risk if the monthly phone bill can be paid in a lump sum for the year and how the \$500 due from each municipality will be billed.

Southern Lancaster County Inter-Municipal Council: Eden Township is currently not interested in pursuing the Council's request to contact the Amish community about the road issues caused by Amish horseshoes and steel wheels.

Correspondence: Received correspondence was reviewed and disseminated.

Old Business:

Update on Waterfall Issue on Jerome Rhoads' Property: To prevent water from running into the road, Jerome Rhoads agreed to cover the area where the water from the waterfall enters the grate in front of his property. Turning the water off would be a major project.

New Business:

Mailbox at 310 Springville Road (Robert Herr): Mr. Herr requested in a voicemail message that the Township pay for his mailbox that had to be replaced after being repeatedly knocked down by the Township while plowing. The Supervisors agreed that the Township cannot be responsible for mailboxes that are located within the Township's right-of-way. Mr. Herr could create a pull-off area in front of his property and set the mailbox back more than 16.5 feet from the center of the road. Szilvi will send Mr. Herr a letter with the Supervisors' decision.

Public Participation: None.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ellis Ferguson and seconded by David Rineer. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Szilvia Troutman

Ellis E. Ferguson

David R. Rohrer

David G. Rineer