

Eden Township Board of Supervisors
Minutes of the August 12, 2024 Meeting
489 Stony Hill Road, Quarryville, PA 17566

Call-to-Order: Supervisor Joseph Rineer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance: Supervisors Joseph Rineer, David Rineer and Lawrence Stoltzfus; JD Shaubach and Szilvia Troutman. Also, the following members of the public: Rick Ely, Jason Skonberg, Marcella Peyre-Ferry, Brian Masterson, Peggy Gordon, Melvin Stoltzfus, Elam Stoltzfoos, Jacob Zook, Elmer S. Zook Jr. and Lois Skiles.

Public Participation:

Brian Masterson (Register Assoc.) presented the Ammon H. & Edna Mae Stoltzfus subdivision and stormwater plan (3083 White Oak Rd), and three waiver requests as follows: Section 302 – preliminary plan processing, Section 305.a.2.c – loading ratio and Section 305.A.1 – offsite stormwater capture. On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus, the Supervisors granted approval of the plan conditioned on the Township Engineer’s comments being satisfied and they approved the three waiver requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Peggy Gordon (Quarryville Library) gave an update about the Quarryville Library’s finances and services and requested the Township’s continued support.

Elam Stoltzfoos (Solanco Building Supply) updated the Supervisors about the progress at lot 3 on Quarry Edge Drive. A sketch plan has been submitted to the Borough and the Township. A land development plan will be presented once the Borough and Township engineers’ comments are received. The process is moving slower than the timeline set by the Township, but progress is being made toward compliance. Mr. Stoltzfoos was asked to make sure no trash blows from his lot onto the road or neighboring properties.

Supervisors Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the July 8, 2024 Supervisors meeting were reviewed. Joseph Rineer motioned, David Rineer seconded to approve the minutes; motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s report for July 2024, in the amount of \$909,206.84 (attached), was approved on a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus; motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills: The list of bills to be paid in August 2024, in the amount of \$139,004.56 (attached), was approved on a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer; motion carried unanimously.

SEO Report: The SEO report listed activity of \$300.00 for the month of July 2024.

Tax Collector’s Report: The Tax Collector’s report listed activity in the amount of \$5,793.90 for the month of July 2024.

Zoning Officer’s Report: The Zoning Officer’s report listed activity in the amount of \$3,901.80 for the month of July 2024 plus \$6,400.00 in escrow.

Road Work Report: The Road Work report of activity in July 2024 was reviewed. A discussion was held about potentially purchasing a small dump truck (2006 Freightliner) from Colerain Twp for \$40,000 and selling the 10-wheeler (2013 Peterbilt) to Sadsbury Township for \$83,000 (incl. spreader but no plow).

Solanco Public Safety Committee: No report. An important meeting is coming up on December 12, 2024.

Emergency Management There were a few recent traffic incidents in the Township, including a fatal motorcycle crash. Jason gathered feedback from local police and firefighters about the Dry Wells Rd and Rt 472 intersection for future reference. He also obtained a quote for a speed monitoring sign – \$3,500. Jason attended the Chesapeake Bay clean water meeting where an idea was raised to share a grant writer among municipalities for stormwater-related funding. The National Weather Service has scheduled weather spotter classes for the plain sect community.

Southern Lancaster County Inter-Municipal Council: No report.

Correspondence: Received correspondence was reviewed and disseminated.

Old Business:

Planning Commission Alternate Appointment – John Ellis: On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer, the Supervisors appointed John Ellis as an alternate member to the Eden Township Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Rail Trail MOU: No update.

Rail Trail Improvement Project Update: The contractor has started laying down the subbase; the final surfacing will follow. The trail near Hollow Rd will have to be re-surveyed as it is off grade. Potential washout spots were addressed. The project is still ahead of schedule. JD will move the gates back to protect the Township’s material storage piles. The grant may not cover paving all the areas the Township was planning on and the Township may end up relying on PA American Water’s previous offer to pave the parking lot area.

Belt Loader Co-Op Update: Bart Twp is in agreement with Eden Twp about the proposed changes to the co-op.

Rail Trail Directional Signs Update: Mitchell Knorr (contractor for the trail improvement project) already purchased the signs. Szilvi will look into signing an agreement with the Signage Trust and having the signs installed.

Dry Wells & Hess Rd Safety Study Report: The Twonship will move up the stop bar and the stop sign to create more of a T intersection.

Elmer Zook (418 Camargo Rd) Engineering Charges: Mr. Zook stated that he created a swale so water runoff would avoid his neighbor’s property. The Supervisors decided that Mr. Zook was not responsible for paying the Twp engineer’s charges as the complaint process may not have been handled properly.

Echo House Agreements Approval Process: The Township Solicitor advised approving echo house agreements on a case-by-case basis.

New Business:

Conditional Use Hearing – Christina Olexa & Richard Reitmeyer (Short-term rental/966 Valley Rd): A conditional use hearing has been scheduled for August 27, 2024 at 7 pm.

Return of SW Escrow – Omar F. Stoltzfus (3570 White Oak Rd): On a motion by Joseph Rineer and seconded by David Rineer, the Supervisors approved returning \$4,400 held in SW escrow to Omar F. Stoltzfus at 3570 White Oak Rd. Motion carried unanimously.

SW Escrow Return/Enforcement Decision – David D. Stoltzfus (920 Valley Rd) – L/C \$27,118.96: Twp Engineer Ed Fisher does not recommend returning the SW escrow as the business has expanded beyond what was

approved in the land development plan and by the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Stoltzfus is drawing up as-built plans and will be applying for permits from Solanco Engineering. The matter of escrow release will be re-visited by the Supervisors.

Short-term Rentals Approval Process – Keep as Conditional Use of Change to Special Exception: The decision about potentially changing the approval process was tabled until January.

Lawrence Lucarino – Leave of Absence from ZHB: Lawrence Lucarino has requested a leave of absence from the Zoning Hearing Board due to medical reasons. The ZHB alternate will be asked to fill in.

Public Participation: None.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joseph Rineer and seconded by Lawrence Stoltzfus; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Szilvia Troutman

Joseph L. Rineer

David G. Rineer

Lawrence M. Stoltzfus