

**PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2010 STATE ROUTE 903
Meeting Minutes**

June 4, 2018

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Penn Forest Township Board of Supervisors is being held at Penn Forest Township Municipal Building, 2010 State Route 903, Jim Thorpe, PA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Warren Reiner asked that all in attendance stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance".

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Warren Reiner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; Roll Call by Township Secretary.

Members:	Warren Reiner, Chairman Roger Meckes, Vice-Chairman Judith Knappenberger, Supervisor- Absent Scott Lignore, Supervisor Tom Cross, Supervisor
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Office Staff:	Dana Vitale, Secretary
Solicitor:	Thomas S. Nanovic

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:30 -7:00 p.m. to discuss Real Estate Legal & Litigation.

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B. PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS ONLY - (3 Minute Limit)- None

C. MEETING MINUTES:

(1) REGULAR BOS MEETING ON MAY 7TH, 2018

MOTION made by Supervisor Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to approve the BOS Meeting Minutes from May 7th, 2018.

ROLL CALL: JK- Absent; SL-Yes; RM-Yes; TC-Yes; WR- Yes **MOTION** Passed

D. SECRETARY: ACKNOWLEDGE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

1) UPDATE ON PIPELINE (No Motion Required)

May Report to Carbon County Stakeholders- PennEast/UGI Pipeline Project.

2) PENN KIDDER LIBRARY & DIMMICK LIBRARY

Penn Kidder Library and Friends of PKLC have submitted their Financial Statements to the BOS. Penn Kidder Library and Dimmick Library are respectfully requesting the contribution from PFT.

MOTION made by Supervisor Reiner, Second by Supervisor Meckes to **approve** the donation of \$5,000.00 to each Library, Penn Kidder & Dimmick.

ROLL CALL: JK- Absent; SL-Yes; RM-Yes; TC-Yes; WR- Yes **MOTION** Passed

3) STAY AT HOME CELEBRATION

American Legion Post 304 is holding their July 4th Stay At Home Celebration at Jim Thorpe Memorial Park on Saturday July 7th. They are requesting PFT Fire Co. #1 & #2 to assist with traffic control after the conclusion of the event.

MOTION made by Supervisor Reiner, Second by Supervisor Meckes to **allow** PFT Volunteer Fire Co. #1 & #2 to assist with traffic control at the Stay At Home Celebration on July 7th.

ROLL CALL: JK- Absent; SL-Yes; RM-Yes; TC-Yes; WR- Yes **MOTION** Passed

4) UNITED DREAM RIDE

American Legion Riders Post 927 is planning for the United Dream Ride that will take place on August 26th, which will travel through PFT from West End American Legion to Knoebles Amusement Park. They are requesting PFT Fire Co. #1 & #2 to assist with traffic control at different intersections to allow a smooth flow of traffic.

MOTION made by Supervisor Reiner, Second by Supervisor Cross to **allow** PFT Volunteer Fire Co. #1 & #2 to assist with traffic control at the United Dream Ride on August 26th.

ROLL CALL: JK- Absent; SL-Yes; RM-Yes; TC-Yes; WR- Yes **MOTION** Passed

E. TREASURER’S REPORT:

(a) MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY (Statement balance as of 05/31/2018)

Township General Fund:	\$ 4,516,479.94	State Liquid Fuels Fund:	\$ 408,097.47
Capital Reserve Fund:	\$ 75,205.32	Sanitation Fund:	\$ 469,089.52
Septic Fund:	\$ 216,834.77	Park/Recreation:	\$ 653,871.96
SALDO	\$ 9,209.53	Payroll:	\$ 23,994.04
Debit Card Account	\$ 4,563.73		
TOTAL:			\$ 6,377,346.28

(b) MAUCH CHUNK TRUST COMPANY – Certificates of Deposit (as of 05/31/2018)

Account Ending: 3394/ #5851 -	\$ 252,317.74 (6 month CD)
3382/ #4619 -	\$ 252,381.16 (6 month CD)
3383/ #4686 -	\$ 507,961.11 (1 yr CD)
TOTAL:	\$1,012,660.01

(c) JIM THORPE NEIGHBORHOOD BANK – Certificates of Deposit (as of 05/31/2018)

Account Ending: 1495 -	\$ 103,100.97
1710 -	\$ 104,688.07
0064 -	\$ 101,822.68
TOTAL:	\$ 309,611.72

TOTAL FUNDS ON DEPOSIT: \$ 7,699,618.01

- 1) **MOTION** made by Supervisor Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to accept Treasurer’s Report for MAY 2018 (Subject to Audit).

ROLL CALL: JK- Absent; SL-Yes; RM-Yes; TC-Yes; WR- Yes **MOTION** Passed

2) **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS FOR MAY 2018**

MOTION made by Supervisor Reiner, Second by Supervisor Meckes to pay the bills for MAY 2018.

ROLL CALL: JK- Absent; SL-Yes; RM-Yes; TC-Yes; WR- Yes **MOTION** Passed

F. NEW BUSINESS:

WARREN REINER, CHAIRMAN

1) **ROADMASTER REPORT FOR MAY 2018**

We went over all the roads. Township roads are looking pretty good. The roads that have not been paved will be done next year. Pot holes were done we had a problem with the rain. One road tar and chipped was never paved.

G. PFT PARK AND RECREATION

1) **CONCESSION STAND PROJECT**

Project is 99% finished. Inspection was supposed to be done today but about 1% still has to be done. Septic is up to date. The well is in, bathrooms done; it’s all painted and should be open this week.

2) PENN FOREST RECREATIONAL PARK

Park & Recreation Committee would like to appoint Todd Fox as an alternate on the Park Advisory Board.

MOTION made by Supervisor Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore to **appoint** Todd Fox as an alternate on the Park Advisory Board.

ROLL CALL: JK- Absent; SL-Yes; RM-Yes; TC-Yes; WR- Yes **MOTION** Passed

3) PURCHASE PARK & RECREATION ITEMS

Park Advisory Board is requesting the following items to be purchased for the Park:

- 4- Bleachers for Baseball Fields- \$1,179/each= **\$4,716.00**
- 2- Construction Site Storage Boxes for Baseball Fields- \$272.16/each= **\$544.32**
- 2- Combination Padlocks est. & Chains \$15.00/each? -will get from hardware store.
- 10- Additional Trash Cans with lids- will get from hardware store.

Material for construction of 11 player benches for the Soccer Fields.

MOTION made by Supervisor Reiner, Second by Supervisor Meckes to **approve** the purchase of 4 Bleachers for Baseball Field at the park price of \$4,716.00.

ROLL CALL: JK- Absent; SL-Yes; RM-Yes; TC-Yes; WR- Yes **MOTION** Passed

MOTION made by Supervisor Reiner, Second by Supervisor Meckes to **approve** the purchase of 2 Construction Site Storage Boxes for Baseball Field at the park price of \$544.32.

ROLL CALL: JK- Absent; SL-Yes; RM-Yes; TC-Yes; WR- Yes **MOTION** Passed

MOTION made by Supervisor Reiner, Second by Supervisor Meckes to **approve** the purchase of the lumber from Smiths Hardware to have Jim Thorpe Youth Soccer Association to build (11) benches at price of \$61.00 per bench.

ROLL CALL: JK- Absent; SL-Yes; RM-Yes; TC-Yes; WR- Yes **MOTION** Passed

Golf cart has been requested by the Park Committee to move equipment around 30 acres. Supervisor Reiner called and got some prices today, \$4,500 with a dump on the back and hitch to tow trailer. Another quote was in 3,500.

Supervisor Reiner, will inquire about the sand for the playground for the kids. Soft sand 23 ton the price is \$1,000 a load. I will put the numbers together for the next BOS meeting.

H. REPORTS:

WARREN REINER, CHAIRMAN

TRANSFER STATION -

1) GARBAGE INVOICES HAVE BEEN MAILED FOR NEW BILLING CYCLE

**Attention Residents: Remember payments are due by JUNE 30TH
to avoid \$25.00 late fee**

Residential Card--\$50.00 and Commercial Card-- \$175.00

2) ELECTRONIC RECYCLING EVENT- JULY 21ST

**Please note: The 2018 Electronic Recycling Event date is July 21st from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
or until trucks are full. Towamensing Trails posted in their Bulletin the incorrect dates. This
event is for one day ONLY!!!**

3) BULK AMOUNT for MAY 2018---\$ 1,036.00 Year to Date Total: \$ 4,310.00

2016-2017 Residential Permits	(4)	\$ 400.00
2017-2018 Pro-Rated Permits	(11)	\$ 126.66
2017-2018 Residential Permits	(10)	\$1,000.00
2018-2019 Commercial Permits	(5)	\$ 875.00
2018-2019 Residential Permits	(1,356)	\$67,800.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS		\$ 70,201.66

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4) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A) RIGHT-TO-KNOW REQUESTS FOR MAY 2018

Administrative & Financial Requests: (See Attached Lists)

Submitted: 27 / Responded: 27 / Total Hours: 17.45 hrs

Zoning & Septic Requests: Submitted: 13 / Responded: 13

I. ZONING DEPARTMENT

1) **Zoning Officer**--- Kathryn Forry submitted Zoning Report for MAY 2018.

Kathryn Forry stated it has been insanely busy.

J. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (3 Minute Limit)

Marcus Laurence- Wind Turbines Ordinance- read the restrictions for a R1 rural district. Things I cannot do in a R1 district such as trailer park, night club, pet cemetery, etc. If we have map problem then we need to address it. Supervisor Lignore explained why the township cannot just exclude wind turbines.

Alan Ingrasia- My concern is the private water supply and our wells and this company that we are dealing with lied to people in Scotland and there water is now poisoned and they have to have water tanked in and have 10 times of the allowable Chlorine to their drinking water. Attorney Nanovic stated it's not for the BOS decision which company gets in and which does not, it's not how the board works.

Marcia Smith- Towamensing Trails- If we have an ordinance and rules and regulations and a person is coming into our area I don't understand why we are being bullied into this and be inhabited. Why should we have to find another place? Attorney Nanovic stated we have a Zoning Ordinance since 2011 and if the application complies with the special exemptions they will be permitted unless it creates a health, safety concern then a regular wind turbine farm.

Jenna, Sarah- Bear Creek Lake- we live across the street from the park and all water runs off from the park into our yards. It drains from the Smith property on 903 and right into our yards. Supervisor Reiner stated that the pipe that goes under Smiths property was put in by the state. Our park was created by engineers and we had them in a few times to check it and the water is not coming in from the park. It's the lowest point and all the water settles there. We can't do anything on the road on that side of Bear Creek Lakes. Attorney Nanovic stated that we didn't create the problem. Supervisor Reiner stated that Penn Dot was contacted before, I have heard about this problem for years now.

Judy Salvy- I apologize for my behavior at the last meeting I was really irate. I do have a question has the BOS been educating themselves on Wind Turbines so that you can make an educated decision? Come to the meetings and educate yourselves. I went down to that road on Hells Hollow Road, why are we plowing if it is a no winter maintenance?. Supervisor Reiner stated its not on Hells Hollow Road that we plow its all the way down from Penn Peak and make a left that is the road and we own only the part that is paved. We don't send our trucks down there that is why we have Ahner Plowing.

Catherine Cintrion-TT- when you say you are trying to the best for everyone who are you speaking of? Supervisor Reiner stated the Township Residents. It sounds like everyone is worried about being sued by this company. Lignore stated we didn't say company. Nanovic stated it would a federal law suit. You don't have insurance to protect yourselves? Lignore lets wait until our workshop and you can go from there.

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:03 P.M.

MOTION to adjourn meeting by Supervisor Reiner, Second by Supervisor Lignore

ROLL CALL: JK- Absent; SL-Yes; RM-Yes; TC-Yes; WR- Yes **MOTION** Passed

REMINDERS:

- 1) *The Next Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held Monday, July 2nd at 7:00 p.m.*
- 2) *The Park and Recreation will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, June 18th at 6:30 p.m. at the Township Building.*
- 3) *The Planning Commission will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, June 25th at 6:00 p.m. (if needed).*

DANA VITALE
TOWNSHIP SECRETARY

WARREN R. REINER
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS