

**PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2010 STATE ROUTE 903
JIM THORPE, PA 18229**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022

The Public Hearing 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 Roger Meckes asked that all in attendance stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance".

CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Roger Meckes called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm; Roll Call by Township Secretary

Members: **Roger Meckes, Chairman**
 Christian Bartulovich, Vice-Chairman
 Scott Lignore, Supervisor
 Patrick Holland, Supervisor (absent)
 James Denier, Supervisor

Solicitor: **Thomas S. Nanovic---Solicitor**
Office Staff: **Dana Vitale---Twp. Secretary**

- A) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** was held from 5:30-6:05 p.m. to discuss personnel and potential litigation.

Public Comment:

Tim Kennedy- discussed he questioned at the last meeting regarding designating the land for nature preserve for the future. He discussed that this land is a R2 Zone no building or trucking are in the work, nothing can be put on the land at the moment. The Supervisors discussed it a legal defensibility and being proactive in regulation. Mr. Kennedy expressed his concern as he noticed someone taking pictures of the Municipal Building and the land.

Dave Hudack- discussed with the Supervisors if anyone wanted to build they would need to own the land or could they lease the land? He was confused and could not understand why the CCPC stating there was a conflict of interest. Attorney Nanovic explained the conditional use procedure.

Eileen Rugh- VIA ZOOM- discussed her understanding of the legal defensibility and wanted to clarify. Supervisors and Attorney Nanovic discussed the regulation exclusionary zoning and having more property. She discussed the CCPC letter of recommendation. She expressed her disappointed with how this has been handled and residents not understanding. Supervisors would be happy to discuss at a later date.

Jeanie Nelson- VIA ZOOM- discussed her confusion with the industrial properties and her concern with changing the R2 to C1A and the wetlands. The Supervisors discussed they will have legal defensibility to fall back on.

Seth Isenberg- discussed the size of the properties owned by the township and they being too small for a Distribution Centers. Attorney Nanovic addressed the size matter from the Ordinance.

BOB Rhodes- Hickory Run HOA-discussed the golf course property and the warehousing possibility. The Supervisors discussed this Ordinance is an additional hurdle and regulation.

B) ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2022- AMENDMENT TO PFT ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AND MAP TO ESTABLISH A NEW C-1A ZONING DISTRICT AND TO LOCATE THE DISTRICT SOUTH OF PA. ROUTE 903 AND TO ESTABLISH NEW REGULATIONS FOR WAREHOUSING, STORAGE, DISTRIBUTION CENTER AND TRUCKING COMPANY TERMINAL USES

MOTION made by Supervisor Meckes, Second by Supervisor Lignore, to **ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2022** - AMENDMENT TO PFT ZONING ORDINANCE - TRUCK DIST. CTRS.

ROLL CALL: RM-yes; CB-yes; SL-yes; PH-absent; JD-yes **MOTION PASSED**

C) ADVERTISE TO APPOINT CPA FIRM- for examination of all accounts for fiscal year 2022

MOTION made by Supervisor Meckes, Second by Supervisor Bartulovich, to **ADVERTISE** for 12/1/22 to appoint CPA Firm for examination of all township accounts.

ROLL CALL: RM-yes; CB-yes; SL-yes; PH-absent; JD-yes **MOTION PASSED**

Terry Baughn- Maintenance Supervisor- BCL presented to the board their fish survey of 2022. He discussed issues with lake management and water quality. The biggest concern is the fertilizer. He discussed concern with the runoff into their lake from the park. He discussed the Lime & Fertilizer raises the PH in the lake.

Phil Dunford- property owner at BCL- discussed they are concerned what type of lime the township is going to use at the park. Agriculture Lime is a slow release, the PH value would come up slowly and would be better choice. They are requesting the BOS defer their decision until they run this by people who manage the lake and they will get back to the BOS. Sediment and water runoff from

the park is our biggest ongoing issue. The Supervisors will hold off placing the Lime until BCL speaks with their management company.

Judy Knappenberger- discussed there is a misconception regarding the run off of the park and the usage of lime at the park. The lime has been used at the park for years now.

Tim Kennedy- questioned the supervisor if they use weed & feed. He thought the workers had to be certified. The Supervisors explained that is when pesticides and herbicides are used.

D) PARK: PURCHASE LIME FERTILIZER & SEED

Total cost: up-to \$4,000.00

MOTION made by Supervisor Meckes, Second by Supervisor Bartulovich, to **PURCHASE** Lime Fertilizer & Seed for the park, total cost up-to \$4,000.00; pending the outcome from Bear Creek Lakes.

ROLL CALL: RM-yes; CB-yes; SL-yes; PH-absent; JD-yes **MOTION PASSED**

E) PUBLIC COMMENT:

BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:48 P.M.

MOTION made by Supervisor Meckes, Second by Supervisor Lignore to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL: RM-yes; CB-yes; SL-yes; PH-absent; JD-yes **MOTION PASSED**

DANA VITALE
SECRETARY
PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP

ROGER MECKES
CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PENN FOREST TOWNSHIP