

Brecknock Township  
Board of Supervisors Meeting  
August 8, 2017

The regular meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors, Lancaster County that was scheduled for August 08, 2017 was held at the Brecknock Township Building, 1026 Dry Tavern Road, Fivepointville. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Long at 7:00 p.m.

At this time the Pledge of Allegiance took place followed by Roll Call of Officials.

Present were Melvin Boyd, Arthur Zerbe, Jerry Long, William Cassidy, Mike Reinert & Carol Martin.

Community Open Session

Duane Leinbach, Fire Chief Bowmansville Fire Co. – wanted to thank the township and roadcrew for their support. Also asked if we could contact the developer of Hawk Valley to have road name signs installed since they are building pretty many homes in there now. Also asked if someone would talk to the developer about putting a small stoned area along the road near the pond, which is where they would park to get water if there was a fire over in that area.

Gene Martini – asked what is involved with having signs placed along Lauschtown Road (State Road) regarding the use of Brake Retarders, specifically in the residential area.

At this time the floor was given to Andrew Schnader who is present to request permission from the Board of Supervisors to construct a Gaga Pit at Brubaker Park. He is also asking for assistance with the purchase of the materials needed to construct it. His request to construct this Gaga Pit will earn him a rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in Scouting. After some brief discussion a motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to authorize the project to be constructed at Brubaker Park with the financial assists he requested. Motion was approved.

Delbert Martin was present to discuss his project which will be on Boulder Hill Road. He is planning to build a single family dwelling for his family. Due to the topography of the land (on a hillside) it requires a significant Stormwater facility which will require him to post a significant amount of escrow. He was present to discuss alternatives to having to post such a large sum of money. After much discussion he received some direction to proceed.

Hearing for MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP): At this time Bill Cassidy gave a summary of the MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan. This plan (a 5 year plan) is to identify and improve areas in which there are impaired streams within the township. Mike Reinert gave a very details introduction of the plan as well as the maps that were on display. The PRP describes the existing load of pollutants discharged from the Brecknock Township MS4 to Little Muddy Creek, UNT to Muddy Creek and Muddy Creek which subsequently drain to the Conestoga River and Chesapeake Bay and presents a plan to reduce these pollutants. The PRP is a requirement of the Township's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit.

At this time the Board of Supervisors as well as residents in attendance were given an opportunity to ask questions/& make comments.

Board member Melvin Boyd asked why has the areas expanded soo much, what is going to happen after the 5 years.

David Speace - How do you know once you spend the money on areas where improves are being proposed is working or not.

Garth Wise – Does the estimates have anything in them for loss of land to owners where improvements may be proposed using private owned land.

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David Leinbach – Asked if farmers use the no till farming, does that give you some credits toward what needs to done.

Levi Hoover – asked if there are benefits to looking at new developers to negotiate options that we could get credit for.

Board member Arthur Zerbe asked if every municipality must go through this process.

Public comment period closed noting that further public comments can be submitted to the township up until August 31, 2017.

A motion to accept the July 11, 2017 Board of Supervisors minutes was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe. All in favor, motion was approved.

A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to approve the bills as presented. All in favor, motion was approved.

## **REPORTS –**

The following items within the engineering report require Board action/approval this month:

1. **Muddy Creek Mennonite Church Land Development** – Issued financial security recommendation letter dated July 26, 2017 in the amount of \$1,348.82. Received stormwater management agreement for action.
2. **Curtis Zimmerman SWM** - Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated July 18, 2017 in the amount of \$225.00.
3. **Randall L. Martin Builder SWM** – Received stormwater management agreement from applicant for action.
4. **Sun Valley Campground Land Development** – Received extension of time letter from applicant's engineer for review of the plans until November 14, 2017.

A motion was made by Long and seconded by Boyd to accept and approve all of the recommendations noted by the Township Engineer. All in favor, motion approved.

At this time the board discussed a report from the Zoning Officer regarding the property located on Spruce Street which had junk accumulated on the property. Recent pictures of the property show that the junk in the driveway has been cleaned up. The compliant had already been filed with the local District Justice Office. Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Long to withdraw the compliant that was filed with DJ Hartman's office. Motion approved. Pictures of the side of same property were given to the Zoning Officer showing there is a lot of item stored close to the property line which cannot be seen from the front of the property. A letter will be issued by the Zoning Officer to remove the stored items which are too close to the property line.

At this time Jerry spoke about a complaint made by Fran Woods and Gary Woods of Reading Road regarding the property across from them. There ongoing complaint is whether or not the business is permitted and the way the property is kept (trash, junk cars, etc...). Some discussion took place regarding the "use" of the property now and by previous owners. The structures that they are occupying are there from previous owner (implement shed & chicken house). After discussion it was

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decided that it needs to be determined whether or not there needs to be a building permits applied for the work that they seem to be doing. Contact will need to be made with the owners of the property.

A motion was made by Zerbe and seconded by Boyd to accept the Roadmaster, Engineer, SEO & Zoning reports as presented. All in favor, motion approved.

**PARK & RECREATION**

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to accept the PenDOT Winter Maintenance Contract for the 2017-2018 Season (Year 3 of 5). All in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Boyd and seconded by Zerbe to adjourn at 8:51 pm Boyd seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol L. Martin  
Admin/Secretary/Treasurer