

Brecknock Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Virtually held via Zoom
May 12, 2020

The regular meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors, Lancaster County that was scheduled for May 12, 2020 was held virtually via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Long at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call - Present in the Zoom meeting were Jerry Long, Dave Leinbach & Andy Baum.

Also present for the Zoom meeting was Elizabeth Magovern present as Township Solicitor, Mike Reinert was present as Township Engineer and Carol Martin hosting the meeting.

Community Open Session – No one wished to speak.

Messner Tree Service- Final Plan - Motion was made by Long and seconded by Baum to grant the following waivers from 58-2.D(4) for the northern access driveway, 95-18.B for the partial widening of Messner Lane as shown on the plan, 95-18.D(2) for widening of Pleasant Valley Road, 98-25.B(2) for existing features, 98-43.G for trails, 98-47 for monuments and 98-51 for landscaping. All in favor, motion was approved.

Motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to grant conditional preliminary plan approval provided the applicant, Messner Tree Service, addresses all comments in the Technicon review letter dated April 6, 2020. All in favor, motion was approved.

Millstone Village Phase 2 – Final Plan Request –Dave Mease P.E. - The request is essentially to utilize a revised grading plan for lots #2-9 that would allow the construction of basements in the dwellings of those lots while adhering to the current floodplain regulations which allow the lowest floor to be elevated up to, or above, the regulatory flood elevation. It was further indicated that a waiver would be necessary from the driveway ordinance, 58-2.D(1) for the slope of the driveways on lots #6 & 7 as a result of utilizing basements. The driveway slope on these lots would propose a grade of 12.5% with no leveling area as required by the Ordinance. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Leinbach to grant the requests for basements and driveway slop as requested. All in favor, motion was approved.

1423 Reading Road, lot add-on – Hershey Surveying - . The applicant is proposing to subdivide approximately .071 acres of land (Parcel A) from an existing lot owned by Earl & Helen Gehman and consisting of 2.074 acres. The existing undeveloped lot has frontage on both Reading Road and Bowmansville Road. Parcel A would then be joined with another lot owned by the Gehmans, which would increase the size of this property to 0.859 acres. The purpose of the lot add on is to obtain additional lands for the future construction of a garage. Waivers were also being requested from road widening requirement under 95-18.D(2) and providing iron pins in lieu of monuments as required by 98-27.C(3)(c) & 47. Motion was made by Baum and seconded Leinbach to grant waivers as requested. All in favor, motion was approved.

Motion was made by Long and seconded by Baum to grant conditional final plan approval of the Earl Gehman lot add on plan provided the applicant addresses the comments in the Township Engineer's review letter dated February 21, 2020. All in favor, motion was approved.

Ervin & Sarah Fox Prelim/Final Land Development - Mark Jones PE - The proposal consists of a proposed chicken barn for intensive agricultural use for egg raising. The project includes the construction of a 19,320 square foot chicken barn, associated gravel access driveway and stormwater

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management. Several waivers are being requested from 93-14.C(1)(d) for the slope of swale S-1A, 95-18.D(2) for widening of Steffy Road, 98-19 to allow preliminary/final plan review, 98-26.B(2)(d) for showing all existing features, 98-43.G for trails, 98-44.B for non-motorized vehicle parking, and 98-47 for monuments. Also looking for conditional preliminary/final plan approval. Motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Long to approve the waivers as requested and granted conditional preliminary/final plan approval provided the applicant addresses all comments in the Technicon review letter dated February 27, 2020. All in favor, motion was approved.

Motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to accept the April 14, 2020 minutes as presented. All in favor, motion was approved.

Motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to approve the bills as presented. All in favor, motion was approved.

Road masters report – A discussion took place on purchasing an additional speed sign. Andy gave the board several options, purchasing a sign identical to the one we have would be \$4690.00, or a solar powered one would be \$4,870.00. We could also trade in the sign we have and get a \$1,000 toward 2 solar powered ones. Having two solar powered ones, which would also be Bluetooth, would save time from having to bring the sign back here to charge all the time. At this time it was decided to purchase one solar sign and see how it works and if happy with it possibly trade the old one in for a new solar powered one. There is also a possibility of eliminating the yearly fee to capture data from the signs as the new ones are Bluetooth and you can access from a smart phone or iPad. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Leinbach to authorize the purchase of one solar powered electronic speed limit sign at the cost of \$4,870.00. All in favor, motion was approved.

Motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to hire Scott Hoshauer for 2 days a week for temporary park help at \$15.91 per hour effective May 4, 2020. All in favor, motion was approved.

Motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to hire Robert “Pete” Martin for 2 days a week for temporary park help at \$15.91 per hour effective May 4, 2020. All in favor, motion was approved.

Motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to hire Ethan Martin as full time roadcrew effective May 11, 2020 at \$17.00 with a \$1.00 after 60 day probationary period. All in favor, motion was approved.

Items Requiring Board action/approval

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

- 5. Lavern Brubacher SWM** – Received memorandum of understanding, stormwater management agreement and issued financial security recommendation letter dated April 29, 2020 in the amount of \$3,850.00.
- 6. Maple Ridge** – Issued maintenance security release recommendation letter dated May 6, 2020 with condition of the replacement of certain street trees identified during our final inspection.

A motion was made by Long and seconded by Leinbach to accept and approve all of the recommendations noted in the Township Engineers report #'s 5-6. #1-4 were taken care of under guests. All in favor, motion was approved.

Zoning Offices discussed the need for a change in the ordinance regarding High Tunnels and the exemption for stormwater due to Act 15 of 2018. Levi asked if the board would authorize Liz's office to prepare and advertise a draft amendment to the ordinance to match the new law. Motion was made and seconded by Baum to authorize Liz's office to prepare and advertise a revision to the ordinance to match the exemption of stormwater for AG High Tunnels. All in favor, motion was approved.

Motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to approve the Roadmasters, Engineers, SEO, Zoning & Solicitor Reports as presented. All in favor, motion was approved.

PARK & RECREATION There was a discussion that took place on possibly having summer camps at the parks. It was decided that until we go to the green phase no camps should be held.

There is a request from the park board to repair and rebuild the doors in the Summer Kitchen at the Farmhouse. The cost would be \$300.00 with the labor being donated. The Park Board is also requested to plant a living fence around the transformer and meter base panel at the farmhouse for a cost of \$90 + shipping. Motion was made by Leinbach and seconded by Baum to authorize the doors to be repaired and to have a living fence planted at the farmhouse. All in Favor, motion was approved.

There is a request from Pathways to apply for grant money from Schuylkill Highlands for a pollinator garden for \$1,000. Motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to authorize Levi Hoover to sign the grant application on behalf of Brecknock Township. All in Favor, motion was approved.

At this time a discussion took place on a request from Pathways for a reduced rent amount for the months that they have not been using the farmhouse due to Covid-19. Motion was made by Long and seconded by Leinbach to postpone rental payments from Pathways for April & May. All in favor, motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS - None

Motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm. All in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol L. Martin
Secretary/Treasurer