

Brecknock Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
July 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors, Lancaster County that was scheduled for July 8, 2025 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. It is noted that Carol Martin, Secretary/Treasurer was absent and Township Engineer Mike Reinert would be taking the minutes this evening.

Present were Jerry Long, David Leinbach, & Andrew Baum.

Mr. Reinert was present as Township Engineer and Elizabeth Magovern was present as Township Solicitor.

Invocation was provided by Mr. Phil Horning from Gehman Mennonite Church.

Public Comment Session – Sherri Lee of 246 W. Maple Grove Road provided comments/complaints about the stormwater system serving the newer home located at the corner of School Road and West Maple Grove Road. Her complaints involve saturated soil conditions, frogs, mosquitoes and related issues resulting from the stormwater basin not dewatering. Mr. Reinert indicated that Levi Hoover, Zoning Officer, and he had been aware of the issues and were working with the property owner to resolve them. The recent heavier storm events are not allowing the facility to drain properly and will be evaluated further. Mr. Reinert and Mr. Hoover will follow up accordingly and report back to the Board.

Guests – Ron Hershey, Hershey Surveying, was present on behalf of the applicant John & Nancy Zimmerman to discuss their proposal for a subdivision on Oaklyn Drive. The intent of this proposed plan is to subdivide a 3.529 acre parcel (lot #2) off of an existing 33.5 acre tract owned by John & Nancy Zimmerman. The applicant has received zoning approval in order to transfer the right of subdivision from another tract also owned by the Zimmermans to create lot #2. The existing lots are located in the AG – Agricultural zoning district and are both currently developed. There are no proposed improvements or earth disturbances associated with this plan. It should be noted that the submission was reviewed as a minor rural plan. The Township Planning Commission had provided their recommendations of approval for 2 waivers and conditional plan approval in letter dated June 25, 2025. After discussion with the Board, a motion was made by Baum, seconded by Leinbach to grant approval of the 2 waiver requests recommended by the Planning Commission. All in favor, motion approved. On a motion by Baum, seconded by Leinbach, the plan was granted conditional final plan approval provided the applicant addresses all comment in the Township Engineer review letter dated June 9, 2025. All in favor, motion approved. Jerry Long signed the non-building declaration on behalf of the Board.

Jaxon Weaver, Chrisland Engineering, was present on behalf of Eric Becker, who owns property located at 108 E. Black Creek Road. Mr. Weaver's consulting firm submitted stormwater management plans to the Township Engineer for review, where it was identified that the property was proposing public sewer connection to a property not included within the Township's Act 537 plan sewer service area. The matter was discussed with the sewer authority and they were generally supportive of the connection, however the Township would need to approve the property being served. After discussion, a motion was made by Long, seconded by Baum to permit the inclusion of the aforementioned property into the Township's Act 537 sewer service area provided the applicant obtains NLCA and PADEP approvals as necessary. All in favor, motion approved.

Aaron Hoover was present to discuss the status of his land development plan located off of Route 625 with the Supervisors. A recent site inspection was conducted by the Lancaster County Conservation District as part of a "pre Notice of Termination" inspection for his NPDES permit and the Township Engineer followed with an inspection of the site. An inspection report was generated outlining the remaining issues to be addressed on the property to obtain a full release of the financial security of the

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improvements proposed. Mr. Hoover indicated that he wished to eliminate some of the proposed building and improvements as shown on the approved plans. Mr. Reinert and Ms. Magovern offered input to the situation indicating that an amended land development plan and new resolution would be needed to modify what had been previously approved by the Board. It was recommended that Mr. Hoover's engineer provide the amended plan for review by the Township Engineer and then a resolution could be prepared by the Solicitor for next month's meeting. Mr. Reinert indicated he would relay this information to the consultant based on tonight's meeting. No further action was made on this topic pending receipt of additional information from Mr. Hoover's consultant.

The minutes of the June 10, 2025 Board of Supervisors regular meeting was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion approved.

A motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$53,602.84. All in favor, motion was approved.

Engineers Report – Mike Reinert reviewed his engineering report dated June 25, 2025. The following items required action by the Board:

1. **Rain Flo Expansion Land Development** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated June 18, 2025 in the amount of \$20,202.25.
2. **Brubacher Excavating SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated June 17, 2025 in the amount of \$5,779.60.
3. **Jason Zimmerman SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated June 16, 2025 in the amount of \$300.00.
4. **Zach Martin SWM** – Issued financial security release recommendation letter dated June 16, 2025 in the amount of \$250.00.
5. **Reuben Zook SWM** – Received memorandum of understanding for action by the Board. Issued financial security recommendation letter dated June 16, 2025 in the amount of \$2,904.00.

Legal counsel had no issues or concerns with the recommendations. A motion was made by Baum, seconded by Leinbach to approve the items as recommended by the Township Engineer. All in favor, motion approved. Jerry Long had a few additional questions/comments related to the recent heavy rain events experienced in the Township.

Roadmasters Report – The Board discussed the Roadmaster's report. No additional comments or questions related to the report were made.

Levi Hoover had nothing to add for the zoning report.

Elizabeth Magovern had nothing to report for the Solicitor's report. She did mention that the zoning amendment would most likely be heard in September since the LCPC will not provide comments until after the August BOS meeting.

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

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PARK & RECREATION The Board reviewed the meeting minutes. The Board reviewed a special event request for Hoffert Strong Benefit Softball tournament. Motion was made by Baum, seconded by Leinbach to approve the special event request as presented. All in favor, motion approved.

Brief discussion was held with the Board and member of Park and Rec in attendance pertaining to playground equipment, which will be discussed further by the Park and Rec board in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

Andy Baum asked the Board to revisit the discussion of the roof replacement project considered a few months ago. After further discussion by the Board, it was decided that the individual members would investigate the matter further for potential future discussion at another meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business in front of the Board.

Public Comment Session – No one wished to speak.

A motion was made by Baum and seconded by Leinbach to adjourn at 8:25 pm. All in favor, motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael L. Reinert, P.E.
Township Engineer