

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors  
Regular Meeting

March 26, 2019

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following members present: Fred Young, Chairman; Rick Baer, Vice Chairman; Pat Heraty; Chad Murray; and John Alleman. Also attending was: Brad Graham, Administrator; Sylvia House, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Rodney Eberly, Roadmaster/Park Director; Jordan Manahan, Student Representative; and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary.

Young called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Young reminded the audience that meetings are audio recorded.

Graham opened the meeting with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Young called for Public Comment.

Lee Royer, 10764 Buchanan Trail East, asked the Board of Supervisors to reconsider making two changes to the current ordinance. Royer stated that when excavating rock/limestone to create an infiltration bed of a soil/sand medium, the Township ordinance sets a 3-foot depth, where DEP only requires a depth of 2 feet. Royer feels the Township should follow the DEP requirements. Royer went on to say he feels the cross-easement requirements only make sense when there are multiple businesses in place or already being planned for, as in a shopping center/strip. Royer stated that when the land adjacent has no plans in the work, it is unnecessarily giving rights away to your property.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 4-0-1 (*Heraty abstained as he did not attend meeting*) approving the minutes of the March 12, 2019 Regular Meeting.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 5-0 approving the minutes of the March 19, 2019 Work Session Meeting.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated March 26, 2019.

Eric Watts, representative of NorthPoint Development, came before the Board of Supervisors to ask permission to connect to Greencastle Area Franklin County Water Authority (GAFCWA) water source for Antrim Commons Business Park Lot 15, Building 2. NorthPoint is in the process of bringing Antrim Township Municipal Authority (ATMA) water to the lot but has not yet secured easements to the Musselman property or obtained a stream crossing permit from DEP. The Supervisors stated they want assurance that NorthPoint would eventually become an ATMA (Antrim Township Municipal Authority) water customer. Watts stated NorthPoint was willing to place money in escrow or give a letter of credit for the cost of the tapping fee should they walk away from the project. There was much discussion between the Supervisors and input from Eden Ratliff (Borough of Greencastle Manager), Rodney Eberly (ATMA member), Roger Nowell (Antrim Township Public Works Director) and Eric Watts. The Supervisors reserved the right to review all the agreements between NorthPoint, GAFCWA, and ATMA prior to their final approval, but the intention is to accommodate the timeline of needing water by mid-May by allowing NorthPoint to temporarily connect to GAFCWA with the understanding that once NorthPoint completes the water line construction that supplies water to this area, they connect to ATMA.

The Student Representative reported that Spring sports are starting up and are looking forward to an exciting track season. It was also mentioned that the Greencastle-Antrim Drama Club will have their production of Legally Blonde on April 5 at 7pm and two shows on April 6, at 2pm and 7pm.

A Murray/Baer motion passed 5-0 to conditionally approve the Frederick Drive LLC request that the financial security be limited to E&S, Stormwater, grading and seeding, as these are the improvements the Township would complete if the developer walked away from the project. The condition is that the Antrim Township Planning Commission, who have not reviewed this request, gives a favorable recommendation.

The next agenda item was removed as it was already completed in February.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 approving the final plan for Helen I. Shook, 2 lot subdivision, 2 lot addition, Grant Shook Road. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended approving this plan.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 approving the renewed bond amount for Moss Springs in the amount of \$261,269.82, which includes the 10% annual increase.

The Zoning Officer updated the Supervisors that there was a meeting with Antrim Brethren in Christ Church regarding the tabled agenda item from the last regular meeting concerning cross-access drives. Antrim BIC Church is still not happy about the requirement of making a connection. The owners of the neighboring property to the south are willing to enter into the agreement to stipulate the details of how the connection would be made if ever developed. If the church does not withdraw the modification request for the cross-access drive, the Zoning Officer will take the matter back to the Antrim Township Planning Commission for their reconsideration using practical applications to the written word of the ordinance.

The Roadmaster/Park Director reviewed with the Supervisors his report as provided in their meeting file concerning both roads and parks.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving additional Park Grant funds to the Greencastle Baseball/Softball Association, in the amount of \$3,500. The Antrim Township Park Committee recommended this amount only for the ADA compliant sidewalk and suggested this not set precedent.

Alleman pointed out that the agenda item for Fire Police request for the Memorial Day Parade from American Legion Post 373 was already approved with the Greencastle Police request at a prior meeting.

The Supervisors confirmed April 30, 2019 as the next Work Session to discuss the Stormwater Fee, pending it is compatible with the Zoning Officer's schedule. The meeting will be advertised and will begin at 6:00pm.

Graham shared that he has spoken with the School Superintendent concerning renewing LERTA and was informed that they are leaning towards limiting the abatement schedule to 5 years, rather than the current 10-year schedule. After some discussion on a suggestion by the Administrator, the Supervisors asked him to modify the LERTA zone by carving out some of the areas outside of the Exit 3 zone. Once the LERTA map is modified, it will come back to the Supervisors for approval.

Alleman announced the Rescue Hose Fire Chief made some minor changes to the alarm box cards, which will better enhance the response time for Exit 3. Direction was given to the Administrator to approve the alarm box card changes. Alleman also stated that eventually the Township will need to enact an ordinance

for repeaters inside warehouses for the firefighters when responding to the large warehouses at Exit 3, as the radios will not work with all the steel in the warehouses.

Murray commented on the cross-access drive's that are being required per the Township ordinance. He said he has given this topic a lot of thought and went on to say that the Township is making the property owner create more impervious area with these access drives, thus more stormwater runoff, and then the Township is going to charge the property owner a Stormwater fee for doing so.

Young reminded the Supervisors that the Martins Mill Bridge run is two Saturday's away (April 6) and will welcome all who wish to help with traffic control.

Young called for Public Comment.

Robert Smith, 7498 Angle Road, again commented that he personally does not feel it makes any sense to require Antrim BIC Church to provide an access drive in this instance.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell  
Board of Supervisors Secretary