

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting with Public Hearing

April 14, 2020

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at the Antrim Township Municipal Building, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, with the following members present: Pat Heraty, Chairman; John Alleman, Vice Chairman, (by phone); Fred Young; Rick Baer and Chad Murray. Also attending was: John Lisko, Township Solicitor; Brad Graham, Administrator; Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, Sylvia House, (by phone); and Secretary, Jennifer Becknell.

Heraty called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

Heraty reminded the audience that meetings are audio recorded and posted to the Township website.

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

A Young/Baer motion passed 5-0 recessing the Regular meeting, into the Public Hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Heraty called the Public Hearing to order at 7:19 p.m. and announced the hearing is for the purpose of hearing public comment on the amendment of Chapter 125 entitled "Subdivision and Land Development" and Chapter 150 entitled "Zoning".

Heraty asked all persons who wished to testify or offer comments during this public hearing to stand, and raise their right hand to be sworn in. All interested parties were sworn in and were directed to offer comments directly to the Board leading with their name and address.

The Zoning Officer announced that the ordinance is exactly as it was when the Supervisors last reviewed, and a full copy was advertised in the newspaper in accordance with the law. It was announced that the ordinance was sent to both the Antrim Township Planning Commission and the Franklin County Planning Commission for their reviews. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended approval of the ordinance. The Franklin County Planning Commission offered caution on adding distribution facilities to the Highway Commercial Zoning District, to which the Zoning Officer responded that this wasn't a concern as we already allow them under wholesale facility as directed in 2017. It was stated that a full copy was placed on the Township website and all persons that contacted the office were given a full copy for review. The Zoning Officer, at the request of the Supervisors, recapped all sections of Chapters 125 and 150 being amended.

Heraty called for any testimony from the audience.

Clement Haldeman, 12392 Williamsport Pike, asked for clarification on what woodland preservation means for his property. The Zoning Officer reviewed the woodland preservation requirements.

Matt Brockman, 4220 Scar Hill Road, asked if the Township had any idea of how many acres of trees are in the Highway Commercial Zoning District. Brockman expressed two concerns with removing woodland preservation for Highway Commercial areas: 1) changing the ambience of our community from rural, which we have enjoyed for decades, to one of industrial just for the convenience of business; and 2) when trees are cut down it creates more stormwater runoff which then compounds the

Township's Stormwater Management program. The Zoning Officer responded that there are not many tracts of trees in the Highway Commercial Zoning District. The Board agreed after viewing the zoning map.

Heraty stated he would accept a motion to adjourn the hearing after no more testimony was offered.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m., back into the Regular Meeting. Heraty stated action may be taken at this time on the ordinance.

A Baer/Young motion passed 5-0 approving the Ordinance (# 355) as advertised amending Chapter 125 entitled "Subdivision and Land Development" and Chapter 150 entitled "Zoning".

Heraty called for Public Comment. There was none.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 5-0 approving the minutes from the March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting.

A Murray/Baer motion passed 5-0 approving the payment of the bills on the Treasurer's Report dated April 14, 2020.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 5-0 granting the modification request from the Antrim Township Municipal Authority to postpone the stormwater designs for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project. The work will be engineered and installed prior to June 2023 and current runoff will be handled by existing stormwater controls until then. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended allowing the stormwater control design and installation to be postponed.

A Young/Murray motion passed 5-0 granting the modification request from §125-15(F)(2)-Landscaping, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade project, Worleytown Road, allowing the 10% landscape requirement to be applied to the area within the fence because most of the property outside the fence is floodplain which will be preserved by a conservation easement. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this modification.

A Murray/Young motion passed 5-0 granting the modification request from §125-10(C)(1)(j), use of infiltration lining, allowing relief to Grace Bible Church, Hoffman Road, for this requirement as there were concerns that fine dirt/aggregate will clog the liner over time causing the system to fail. Dewberry, Township engineer, and the Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this modification.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 5-0 granting the modification request from §126-6, providing 1' freeboard, allowing JLG Industries, Inc., Molly Pitcher Highway, to provide 6" of freeboard as there is an existing gas line in the area of the outflow and other site restraints limiting the ways to expand the stormwater pond. Dewberry, Township engineer firm, and the Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended granting this modification as long as the gas line is shown on the plan.

A Young/Murray motion passed 5-0 accepting the Conservation Easement for 2017 Greenmount Road, Greenmount Road.

A Murray/Young motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Standard Stormwater Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement for 2017 Greenmount Road, Greenmount Road.

A Baer/Young motion passed 5-0 granting a 180-day extension to the following six (6) plans:

1. Heritage Hills Retirement Community, Shanks Church Road
2. Antrim Township Municipal Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase II upgrade, Worleypark Rd.
3. William and Wanda Beeler, Grant Shook Road
4. Antrim Township development property, Molly Pitcher Highway
5. Grace Bible Church, Hoffman Road
6. Jason Caudill, Prospect Avenue

A Young/Murray motion passed 5-0 conditionally approving the final plan for Darrell and Dennis Martin, 2-lot subdivision, Worleypark Road, pending the receipt of the \$500.00 Recreation Fee and plans received in State Plane 83 South.

A Murray/Young motion passed 5-0 conditionally approving the final plan for Anthony and Helen Eby, Lot 1, subdivision, Phillippy Road, pending minor staff comments being addressed.

A Murray/Baer motion passed 5-0 authorizing staff to send the SFPM (Sewer Facility Planning Module) exemption mailer in to DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) for Heritage Hills Retirement Community, Shanks Church Road. This exemption mailer proposes 4,526 gallons per day to the sewer treatment system.

A Young/Murray motion passed 5-0 approving by resolution (#325) the SFPM (Sewer Facility Planning Module) for William and Wanda Beeler, Grant Shook Road. This SFPM adds three (3) EDU's (Equivalent Dwelling Units) to the public sewer system for three (3) residential home lots.

A Murray/Young motion passed 5-0 approving the 180-day extension of the SFPM (Sewer Facility Planning Module) exemption mailer for Antrim Township, Molly Pitcher Highway property. The extension is requested to allow time to work out details of obtaining sewer service from the Borough of Greencastle.

A Murray/Young motion passed 5-0 adopting the Ordinance (# 356) amending Chapter 24, entitled Pension.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Municipal Pension Plan documents from PMRS (Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System).

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 5-0 approving the Ag Security addition of 15052 Wingerton Road. The Antrim Township Planning Commission recommended the 22 acres located in Antrim Township to default into the Townships Ag Security area. (19.5 acres are being applied to Washington Township since the farm is split between the two municipalities.)

Alleman inquired if a blanket 90-day extension be given to all plans due to COVID-19. The Zoning Officer reported that the zoning department is fully operational and does not see the need at this time but will bring extension requests to the Board of Supervisors as normal if the need should arise.

Graham gave an update for the Public Works Director, stating the following:

- Sewer/Water operations are going well
- May need to replace brushes on the screw press
- Bid schedule for the Wastewater Treatment Plan upgrade could be ready by May 1
- Sewer system collections are going well
- Lift Station 17 repair is complete, with exception of wet well lining still needs to be completed

Lisko stated that further action on delinquent sewer account collections be discussed during Executive Session.

Graham gave an update on the Townships Sewer Disconnection process stating that there are 18 accounts currently on the disconnection list. Out of the 18 accounts, 10 accounts owe over \$1,000 each. Graham stated that the total due for these 18 delinquent accounts is a little over \$19,000.

Graham called for an Executive Session for Potential Litigation and one Personnel matter and stated that no decision would be made to be announced afterwards.

Alleman commented that he received a thank-you from Earl's Market on behalf of the Township for cleaning the streets. Alleman also gave a big thank-you to Rescue Hose President Cheryl Mowen for doing an excellent job on keeping the fire department up-to-date on all relevant COVID-19 items.

Young asked if Antrim Township has looked any further into additional road paving projects for this year. Baer, who is on the Road Committee, commented that he suggested to the Roadmaster to stay with just the budgeted roads to be completed this year because we may be hard pressed to even get these completed if the contractors are not allowed to start the paving year on time due to COVID-19. Young continued that he believes there is the added value to pursue the additional roads if possible because the Township is getting minimal returns on investments at this time and has a buildup of funds not being reinvested. Combine this fact with the low oil prices for asphalt, it might be a smart move on the Townships part if we could work things out with our contractor once bids are awarded.

Young stated he has heard positive feedback from residents that they are pleased that the Antrim Township Community Park has remained open during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Murray thanked staff for dealing with a crazy work schedule and being flexible to make sure the proper people are in place at the right times to take care of Township business.

Baer asked the public to be patient with the Township during this time, realizing that things might not be getting done as quickly as usual, but be assured they are getting done.

Graham commented that the Zoning Officer stated that she thought this time working at home would be a good chance for her personnel to catch up on the small projects on the "to do list" but her department has been extremely busy taking care of the normal business correspondence and activities and doing it remotely. Graham added that the sewer, water and road departments are operating as usual with safe distance guidelines taken into consideration.

Heraty also thanked staff for dealing so nicely with the COVID-19 crises and the circumstances that were produced from being moved to a virtual office. Heraty continued that he spends a lot of time at

the Township park and reported that all dogs have been on leashes and he saw no children on the playground equipment in the last eight days. He hopes the dog park will reopen after the spring rains and said the park looks great.

Heraty called for Public Comment. There was none.

A Young/Baer motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular meeting into Executive Session at 8:18 p.m.

A Young/Baer motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into the Regular meeting, at 8:35 p.m.

A Baer/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell
Board of Supervisors Secretary