

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting

February 28, 2023

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at the Antrim Township office, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, Greencastle, PA, 17225. The following board members were present: Chad Murray, Chairman; Fred Young, Vice Chairman; Rick Baer, Pat Heraty and John Alleman. The following were also in attendance: John Lisko, Solicitor; Sylvia House, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Amber King-Reasner, Assistant Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Cheryl Walburn, Park Director; and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary/Treasurer.

Murray called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Murray announced that the meetings are recorded and will be available on the Township website.

Baer offered a word of prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Young arrived at 7:01.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 4-0-1 (*Baer abstained as he did not attend the meeting*) approving the minutes from the February 14, 2023, meeting.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 5-0 approving the payment of the bills on the Treasurer's Reports dated February 28, 2023.

Murray called for Public Comment.

Jeff Brockman, Sheller Road, informed the Supervisors that he was having a difficult time reaching Waste Management for a resident disposal card. Supervisor Heraty provided his e-mail address so that he could assist Mr. Brockman and assured him that the resident disposal card would be mailed to him the next day.

Ed Tracey, 12483 Hollowell Church Road, acting as spokesperson for the FPR (Food Processing Residual) situation on Hollowell Church Road updated the Supervisors on the contamination and clean-up efforts. Mr. Tracey stated that DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) said the pits must be emptied. Mr. Tracey stated that the spreading of FPR can easily become a problem for many Antrim Township residents if the problem isn't addressed by a local Township ordinance. He further stated that he believes DEP should be doing more. Mr. Tracey stated that the hauler of the FPR to the Barr farm could not produce any shipping manifests to show where the FPR was generated. Mr. Tracey mentioned that the hauler has contacted other farms in the area to see if they are open to the idea of FPR spreading. Mr. Tracey said it is the Township's obligation and duty to find a solution and to keep this from happening to others in the Township.

Several others spoke, to include the following.

- Lori Clopper, who gave a timeline of events of the FPR affecting her family; said DEP's hands are tied as they are only following Management guidelines. Laws need to be changed and implemented at the state level and at the very least at the Township level.

- Nate Bacon, who said he has reached out to Rep. Paul Schemel's office twice with no response back; said the ordinance, once drafted, should include a section that states all sludge should be subsoil (dig a trench and cover the sludge over) to prevent flies which contaminate other water sources; mentioned the sinkholes on the lands being used for FPR spreading are direct links to underground aquifers.
- Bill Blair, spoke to the value of their home/land being devalued due to the FPR contamination, and their legal responsibilities to disclose such matters.
- Bob Martin, stated there needs to be a way to shut this down until we can get a handle on the situation.

Jason Ankerbrand, Commissioner of AYSO (American Youth Soccer Organization), provided a two-page handout showing a timeline of AYSO request for field reservations and registration counts since 2017 to current. Mr. Ankerbrand stated there is a great need for more soccer fields and that he would like to see AYSO have more reserved practice time on the fields than given. Mr. Ankerbrand pointed out that AYSO only recruits in Antrim Township and every player on the team plays.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the Standard Stormwater Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement for ACBP (Antrim Commons Business Park), lot 7R, Molly Pitcher Highway.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 granting a 180-day extension for Rochester Place, Mountain View Drive.

A Young/Baer motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the denial letter for Whispering Willows, North Young Road.

A Young/Baer motion passed 5-0 conditionally approving the final Land Development plan for Glenwood Foods, Grindstone Hill Road, pending the receipt of financial security in the form of a Letter of Credit.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the RFPW-NBD (Request For Planning Waiver – Non Building Declaration) for Johns & Gayman, Frank Road. This planning waiver is for a lot addition plan.

A Young/Baer motion passed 5-0 authorizing staff to proceed with drafting an ordinance removing "wholesale business" from the Community Commercial (CC) Zoning District and to advertise for a hearing on April 25, 2023.

Direction was given to staff to proceed with obtaining pricing proposal for creating a road network for the Route 11 corridor that would direct all traffic to roads with existing traffic signals.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the contract agreement and any other documents associated with the Greenmount Road upgrade bid.

Township Solicitor called for a brief Executive Session.

Township Park Director reported that the Master Site Plan kick-off meeting was the night before and went well. It was stated that it will take about nine (9) months to complete the Master Site Plan for the park.

Township Park Director gave the Park Committees recommendation for the new access road connecting the Community Park with Martins Mill Bridge Park, which was option #3 presented by C.S. Davidson. The Supervisors agreed with the Park Committee and gave direction to proceed with option #3, which has a 10% road grade.

Township Park Director reviewed the Park Committee's recommendations for awarding the 2023 Park Grants. It was stated that there were 11 organizations submitting a total of 12 requests totaling \$89,519.46. The Park Committee recommended granting the full \$40,000 Park Grant budget to 9 organizations, which consisted of 10 requests. Additionally, the Park Committee recommended granting the full \$15,000 budgeted for the Ruritan clubs at \$5,000 each.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 4-1 (*Murray opposed to one grant being awarded*) awarding the 2023 Park Grants just as recommended by the Park Committee, for a grand total of \$55,000.

Nate Bacon thanked the Board of Supervisors for creating and supporting the Park Grant program.

An Alleman/Heraty motion passed 5-0 approving Workers Compensation coverage for the Rescue Hose Fire Police for the Cruzin for K9s event scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023, should they decide to participate.

Baer stated that after the Monday staff meeting this week, Sylvia and he met with Mike Bowers from Spichers to discuss various issues with the security system at the Township office. The Supervisors gave their support of the items to be added and adjusted.

Baer stated that the Roadmaster attended a county meeting to discuss logistics and assess preparedness in the event of a disaster.

Alleman acknowledged that two members of our community are being laid to rest this week and they both were former Rescue Hose Fire Chiefs and mentioned they made great contributions to the community.

Young mentioned that the Republican Spring Dinner will be held March 30, 2023 and tickets are selling quickly, and the speaker will be U.S. State Representative from Georgia, Marjorie Taylor Greene. Young mentioned that both Dick Yohn and Dick Mellott had great work ethics and left lasting impressions on those they met.

Murray thanked everyone for coming out to tonight's meeting.

Murray called for Public Comment.

Robert Smith, 7498 Angle Road, asked the Township to not forget about the use of roundabouts when road planning. Mr. Smith stated that he believes them to be very practical and useful.

Nate Bacon, Wingerton Road, stated that the intersection of Wingerton Road and the state road, Lietersburg, has a sight distance problem due to a combination of a fence, power pole and mailbox.

Jessica Mowen, Conococheague Lane, stated that she believes \$2M for the new road access from the Community Park to the Martins Mill Bridge Park is not a good use of Township funds, stating that the use of a gate on East Weaver Road could achieve the same results, which is more control over the access to the park. Ms. Mowen also stated that it is her opinion that using the ARPA funds for the purchase of the Murray property for the park is not a good use for stimulating the economy and replacing lost revenue.

Shane Mowen, Conococheague Lane, stated that he believes the Township overpaid for the Murray property.

A Young/Heraty motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular meeting into an Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

A Young/Alleman motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back into the Regular Meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Murray announced that Potential Litigation and Personnel matters were discussed during the Executive Session with no decisions to announce.

A Heraty/Young motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell
Board of Supervisors Secretary