

Minutes of the Antrim Township Supervisors
Regular Meeting

February 27, 2024

7:00 PM

The Antrim Township Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at the Antrim Township office, located at 10655 Antrim Church Road, Greencastle, PA, 17225. The following board members were present: Fred Young, Chairman; Pat Heraty, Vice Chairman; John Alleman, Rick Baer and Chad Murray. The following were also in attendance: John Lisko, Solicitor; Chris Ardinger, Administrator/Roadmaster; Sylvia House, Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer; Cheryl Walburn, Park Director; and Jennifer Becknell, Secretary/Treasurer.

Young called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Young 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 called for Public Comment.

Tim Hogan, representing ATAPCO properties (Baltimore, MD), recapped for the Supervisors the agreement they have with the Archaeological Conservancy requiring ATAPCO to construct a Township road that will serve both the conservancy and the ATAPCO business park. Mr. Hogan stated that ATAPCO understands what is required and is working on modification requests for sidewalks and snow easements that will go to the March 4, 2024, Planning Commission meeting and the March 12, 2024, Board of Supervisors agenda.

Don Martin, Nancy Ave., recounted his personal story involving illegal immigrants and stated that he has a concern that the warehouses being built in Antrim Township will bring more workers that are illegal immigrants.

Young stated that Antrim Township will not become a Sanctuary City and will enforce immigration laws.

Zane Karma Yazdani, Emily's Court, stated that he believes the companies with multiple warehouses along the I-81 corridor are playing a shell game with their employees. Mr. Yazdani stated that he believes a warehouse in W. Virginia can hire an illegal immigrant and then send that person to warehouse in Pennsylvania, Maryland or Virginia as a "temporary" worker. Mr. Yazdani further stated that he believes the financial benefit of the warehouses being built in Antrim Township do not outweigh what the township is losing in beautiful undeveloped land, stating that industrialization is ruining this area.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 3-0-2 (*Young and Alleman abstained as they did not attend this meeting*) approving the minutes from the February 6, 2024, work session.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0-1 (*Baer abstained as he did not attend this meeting*) approving the February 13, 2024, Regular meeting.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 5-0 approving the payment of the bills on the Treasurer's reports dated February 27, 2024.

Visitor, State Representative Paul Schemel, stated that he was invited to this meeting tonight to update the public on what is happening at the state level to address the issue of FPR (Food Processing Residual). Rep. Schemel stated he first became aware of FPR when a family in Shady Grove invited him to their home to smell their water, after it had been contaminated by FPR. Rep. Schemel stated he thought their water smelled like an overturned porta-potty. In the following two years since this first encounter with FPR, he has worked with three fellow State Representatives on this issue: Barb Gleim (Carlisle), Paul Friel (Chester County) and Paul Takac (State College). They discovered that DEP has a handbook that offers guidelines on FPR, but regulations with enforcement is needed. Rep. Paul Schemel stated that a State Working Group, comprised of members from the highest levels of Department of Agriculture (DOA) and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), was formed in 2023 and are meeting on a monthly basis to create regulations that are enforced by DEP similarly to the enforcement of Bio-Solids. This will limit how much FPR can be applied, what type FPR can be applied and require processing it before application. There will be steep penalties for failing to comply. Rep. Paul Schemel stated that he would stay after the meeting and answer questions from the public and listen to comments.

Visitor, Scott Harshman, Angle Road, stated he is representing the Harshman family. Mr. Harshman stated he attended the last Township meeting where he felt that he got lumped into the situation that is happening on Hollowell Church Road. Mr. Harshman stated that the FPR that he recently had spread on his farm was a mixture of hog manure and liquid whey. He explained that the liquid whey was added to his pit to help break up the solids that had formed since the pit construction in the early 2000's. Mr. Harshman stated he is not in the business of ruining wells, that he and his family lives here, and his own personal well is 50' from the field where FPR is spread. Mr. Harshman stated that he works with Cory Mellott with Jones Harvesting, who is not affiliated with the Jones trucking company that did the hauling to Hollowell Church Road. Mr. Harshman commented that he was contacted by Jones Trucking and that he would never take deliveries from that outfit. Corey Mellott stated that they do a chemical analysis on all FPR that is spread. Mr. Harshman stated that there will not be any chicken guts FPR spread on his fields. Mr. Harshman fielded several questions from the public on several issues, such as: the tracking of FPR manifest from Jones Harvesting, the size of the trucks delivering the hog manure to his farm; and one comment that cautioned that Mr. Harshman be extra careful as the hauler could be giving him the same "double talk" that got the families on Hollowell Church Road in trouble.

A motion by Baer to grant the modification request from §125-15(A), (D), and (G), Conservation Practices for James and Donna Martin, Strite Road, died for a lack of a second.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 5-0 to table the modification request from §125-15(A), (D), and (G), Conservation Practices for James and Donna Martin, Strite Road.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign four (4) Agreements to Amend Stormwater Requirements for four lots in Cedarwood Meadows: Lots 13, 17, 26 and 33. These lots were approved with an above ground stormwater terrace and the plan amendment allows them to put in the stormwater infiltration trench that the Township approved as an alternate system.

The final plan approval for Franklin Veterinary Associates, Land Development, Buchanan Trail West, was tabled.

The final plan approval for Helen I. Shook Irrevocable Trust of Antrim Investments Group, LLC, lot addition, Shanks Church Road, was tabled.

Baer left the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 authorizing staff to send the RFPW-NBD (Request from Planning Waiver – Non Building Declaration) to DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) for Evan and Kelsey Martin, Clay Hill Road/Horst Road.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 4-0 authorizing the financial security for Glenwood Foods be renewed in the same amount of \$356,625.00 as part of the annual review process as work has occurred on the property.

Baer returned to the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 5-0 approving, by resolution (# 374), the Kay Street Right of Way (ROW) Deed of Dedication, which is grass now, but will allow Dan Ryan Builders to build the road to future phases of Shadow Creek when the time comes.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 authorizing staff to proceed with American Legal to re-codify the Township's Code and host our on-line ordinance at the initial cost of \$12,000, with an annual renewal cost of \$595. American Legal will insert supplements to our Code when needed and our on-line ordinance will be in a searchable format.

The Township Solicitor called for an Executive Session this evening and stated there may be some action taken.

Ardinger gave an update on the following departments:

- Roads: Tom's update is in the Supervisors file for review.
- Public Works: DEP permit for Antrim Well 3 (off Grant Shook Road) has been approved; Antrim Township Municipal Authority (ATMA) authorized Glace Associates to initiate Act 537 planning; Roger and Tom have been coordinating the water hydrant project; and congratulations to water department for winning the Area-Wide Optimization Program (AWOP) Award which recognizes facilities that go above and beyond just compliance levels.
- Parks: *Cheryl is present to cover the 2024 Park Grant recommendations with the Supervisors.*
- Administrator: Update is in the Supervisors file for review.

The Park Director stated that for the 2024 Park Grant program through Antrim Township there were twelve (12) applications received totaling a bit over \$169,000. The Park Committee recommend awarding the budgeted \$55,000 Park Grant funds to only ten (10) applicants, as two (2) did not meet the requirements. The Park Director proceeded to review with the Supervisors the recommended amount for each organization and described the intended use.

A Baer/Alleman motion passed 5-0 approving the recommendations made by the Park Committee on how to award the 2024 Park Grant funds in the amount of \$55,000 and an additional \$5,000 for each of the following: State Line Ruritan, Shady Grove Community Center and Kauffman Ruritan.

A Young/Baer motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Vice Chairman to sign the DCNR resolution page for proceeding with applying for grant money for the "Conococheague Creek access and playground park improvement" project.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 5-0 authorizing the Chairman to sign the DCNR grant matching funds commitment letter.

An Alleman/Baer motion passed 5-0 appointing Alec J. Yohn to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 5-year term ending on 1-1-2029.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 approving, by resolution (#373), the amended 2024 Fee Schedule for Antrim Township, which added a \$25.00 Administrative Processing Fee to the Miscellaneous Section.

Direction was given to move forward with the annual Sewer Disconnection process schedule as outlined by the Utilities Billing Clerk. There are 67 accounts meeting the sewer disconnection requirements, which total \$59,543.49 without the additional lien fees to be added. Each of these 67 accounts owe a balance of \$455.50 or greater.

Murray congratulated the Municipal Authority on winning the AWOP award, stating that being 1 of only 11 to be awarded this honor is quite an achievement. Murray also thanked all the members of the audience for attending.

Baer also stated that he is glad to see such a turn out for the meeting tonight, which shows how the residents are getting involved, hearing information firsthand and not getting it from certain social media outlets that can be misinformed. Baer thanked all staff for their hard work, and specifically thanked the Park Director for her invaluable service to the Township.

Alleman mentioned that he saw on Facebook favorable comments on the Township for their response to the latest snow event.

Heraty stated that he is grateful for the audience turnout tonight and encouraged them to keep attending, getting involved and sharing their comments.

Young thanked the audience in attendance as well.

Young called for Public Comment.

Dianne Smith, Angle Road, commented that she did research on the difference between cow and pig manures and found that pig manure can give off four gases that can cause eye irritation: ammonia, carbon dioxide, methane, and hydrogen sulfide. Mrs. Smith stated that she developed an eye infection, that her doctor said came from an eye allergy, at the same time the FPR was spread in the Kauffman area.

Robert Smith, Angle Road, directed his comment to Rep. Paul Schemel to say to DEP to step up and do their job of inspecting the manifests that go with the FPR shipments in real time. The public wants to see in real time what is going on the fields and into the pits for later spreading.

Megan Brockway, Cydney Lane, stated she is a teacher at the Greencastle Antrim High School and that she said the district is impressing upon the students to be more environmentally responsible and literate. Ms. Brockway stated that she believes the spreading of FPR should be stopped until a reasonable grip is gained on the situation. Ms. Brockway encouraged everyone to be vigilant about the information they receive on FPR.

Alleman told Ms. Brockway that Antrim Township has been trying for four years to get a Student Representative to serve alongside the Board of Supervisors and would like to have one appointed and asked if she could assist the Township on this matter.

John Crider, McDowell Road, commented that he lives 3/4 of a mile from the affected wells on Hollowell Church Road. Mr. Crider stated his concern is with the FPR being shipped from out of state. The other states don't want this FPR so they are shipping it to Pennsylvania. Rep. Paul Schemel stated that DEP is looking into which method would be the easiest way to test the FPR, whether at the plant of origin before it leaves, while on the truck or before off loading at spreading site.

Don Martin, Nancy Ave., asked if the Supervisors thought the vapor trails left by flying aircraft could be dumping contaminants in the air and contributing to the allergies mentioned in the meeting. Young responded by stating that he does not believe so.

Robert Smith, Angle Road, commented to Rep. Paul Schemel that the word "easiest" was used too much to describe the method in which DEP is looking to test the transported FPR. Rep. Paul Schemel recounted by saying DEP is looking for the most effective way to test the FPR being transported.

Murray commented that for every chemical that he has at his business must have a MSDS sheet and if he puts that chemical in his truck for transport it must be accompanied by a MSDS sheet, so in the event of an accident the first responders will know what they are dealing with on site. Rep. Paul Schemel stated that millions of gallons of FPR are being generated daily/weekly and that it is just the sheer volume that DEP is trying to rectify for testing to ensure safety.

A Baer/Murray motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:56 p.m. and enter the Executive Session.

A Heraty/Baer motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Executive Session, back to the regular meeting, at 9:08 p.m.

Young announced that potential litigation was discussed during the Executive Session.

A Heraty/Murray motion passed 5-0 authorizing staff to contract with outside legal counsel, Joseph Clemens, at a rate of \$165.00/hour to assist with Food Process Residual (FPR) ordinance review and research. Attorney Clemens has assisted East Coventry Township in their FPR issues and has a degree in biology and has a farming background.

A Heraty/Alleman motion passed 5-0 to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Becknell
Board of Supervisors Secretary