

## **MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**DATE:** June 1, 2026

**PLACE:** Township Building, 370 Steinman Farm Road, Pequea, Pa. 17565

**SUPERVISORS ATTENDANCE:** Beth Birchall, Charles Stouff, Kevin Boyer and Ryan Fisher were present. Appointed: Duane Sellers

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ryan Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence.

Ryan Fisher stated that on May 12, 2026, Martic's Chairman, Jay Kreider passed away. Mr. Kreider service to the community was greatly appreciated and we will miss him immensely.

### **REORGANIZATION:**

Resolution 06-01-26 Appointment for Vacancy Created in the Office of Supervisor. Appointment of Duane Sellers. Roll Call 4-0

Oath of Office for Duane Sellers, given by Michelle Parke

Re-appointment of Chairman – a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff to appoint Ryan Fisher as Chairman. The motion passed 4-0 with Ryan Fisher abstaining.

Re-appointment of Vice-Chairman – a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff, to appoint Duane Sellers as Vice-Chairman. The motion passed 4-0 with Duane Sellers abstaining.

Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board Alternate – a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Ryan Fisher to appoint Carl Drexel as the ZHB alternate. The motion passed 5-0.

Appointment of Chairman of the Vacancy Board – a motion was by Beth Birchall and seconded by Charles Stouff to appoint Carl Drexel as the Chairman of the Vacancy Board. The motion passed 5-0.

### **MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT**

Kevin Boyer made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2026, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2026. A motion was made by Kevin Boyer and seconded by Ryan Fisher, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Charles Stouff made a motion which was seconded by Kevin Boyer, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$148,857.25. Which includes the purchase of our F350 Ford Utility Truck with a Crew Cab. The motion passed 5-0

A motion was made by Kevin Boyer, which was seconded by Beth Birchall to recess the meeting and open the Public Hearing for the Rezoning request of J. Douglas Metzler and Jonelle Metzler at 83 Douts Hill Road. The motion passed 5-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Rezoning of 83 Douts Hill Road, J. Douglas Metzler and Jonelle Metzler.

Karen Sellers, Township Manager read:

- A petition was received on April 2, 2026, to Re-zone a portion of 83 Douts Hill Road, Pequea, PA from the Rural Conservation zoning district to the AG zoning district. This property is currently zoned RC and AG.
- The property is owned by J. Douglas Metzler and Janelle L. Metzler
- The acreage of the property is two areas of land containing 78.35 and 13.225 acres, more or less.
- The Board of Supervisors acknowledged receipt of the petition at their April 6, 2026, meeting.
- The Martic Township Planning Commission met on April 16, 2026, and made a motion that the proposed action was in accordance with the objectives of the formally adopted comprehensive plan and recommended to the Supervisors to accept the proposed rezoning request. The Lanc Co Planning Commission Plans will be meeting, to consider the proposed rezoning request.
- The proof of advertisement has been received from Lanc News Papers.
- The property was conspicuously posted on May 22, 2026, by Dennis Shenk, Zoning Officer.
- The proposed ordinance will be recorded with the Lanc. Co Law Library, in accordance with Section 610 (a)(2) of the Municipal Planning Code.
- A letter was sent to the Metzler's regarding the planning commission meeting, public hearing and the proposed enactment of the ordinance which would amend the Zoning Map, as required by the Municipal Planning Code, Sec 609 (b)(2)(i).

Ryan Fisher acknowledged that Mr. Metzler was in attendance. Mr. Metzler stated that they are planning on having their property put in Lanc County Farmland Preservation and the first requirement is that the property be zoned AG. The floor was opened for public comment, and none was heard.

A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Kevin Boyer to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the monthly meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 06-01-2026 – to rezone 83 Douts Hill Road into AG. The ordinance passed by roll call vote (5-0).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Justin Spiering 34 Den Mar Drive gave the Board of Supervisors a letter. Ryan Fisher asked if he had anything to say about the letter and Mr. Spiering briefly stated it is about septic and said he cannot afford it.

Nick Rhinier with the Rawlinsville Fire Commented that Jay Kreider will be greatly missed and thanked him for his service to Martic Township and the RVFC.

### **Lakewood Estates Residents: Seal Coating 2026**

Comment was heard from Paul Hoffman 37 Four Oaks Drive on their displeasure that the Township would be seal coating (tar & chipping) their development. The roads were paved in 2019 and the final step on all paved roadways is to seal coat them to protect them. He did not feel it is a necessary step and requested that the Board halt the project until they explored other options. He stated that he did not feel as if enough of a notice was given. He checked the website and did not see anything specifically mentioning Lakewood. It was noted that all bid documents, including the legal ad are on the website. It is noted that all the roadways are never listed as part of the legal ad as it is not a requirement. Mr. Hoffman also stated that he has sent a Right-to-Know and would like to review the requested documents before work begins. Duane Sellers stated that he was on the Board when Lakewood was paved and even though the roads are not destination roads and only service the development residents, the Township is still obligated to maintain all public roads, which includes those in developments. Charles Stouff stated that he lives in Lakewood and understands no one likes the chips, however it only lasts a few days, and it is being done to protect the roads. He wants to preserve the roadways. Beth Birchall stated that the contracts are legally signed and we cannot go back on a contract. Matt Sipel, Martic's Road Foreman stated that the tar must cure and the company laying down the seal coat will be back in 2-3 weeks to sweep the roads. Kevin Boyer stated that the road work is

always discussed at the public meetings and extensively discussed during our annual Budget meetings, which are held in September and October. Beth Birchall stated that meetings are held every month, always on a Monday, unless it is a holiday. Comments were also heard from Terry Smith 171 Lakewood Drive, Sara Crill 176 Hilldale Road, Mike Macpherson 14 Whitetail Way. Unfortunately, it is too late to stop the Seal Coat project for 2026 because the company is set up and staged to begin.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Road Department:** Report for May was on the counter for everyone to pick up. No questions or comments were heard.

#### **Week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Entire township road check. Continue right-of-way tree trimming on Nissley Lane with Martin's Tree Service. Remove dead trees on Nissley Lane. Road bank mowing throughout the township. Repair work on T-68 chipper. Misc. shop work and general housekeeping items.

#### **Week of May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Entire township road check. Road bank mowing throughout township. Guiderail and sign spraying. Repair washout along pipe crossing at Douts Hill and River Roads. Take T-91 truck to Susquehanna for inspection. Removed fallen tree on Frogtown Road.

#### **Week of May 17<sup>th</sup>**

Entire township road check. Continue with mowing & guiderail and sign spraying. Apply weed control along rail trail edges. Repair pipe washout along Magnolia Road. Clean storm grates on several township roads.

#### **Week of May 24<sup>th</sup>**

Memorial Day holiday. Emergency call for fallen tree on Street Road. Entire township road check. Patch pothole on Maple Springs. Continue with right-of-way mowing. Misc. shop work. Took T-05 pickup to Drexel's Auto for brake repair. Took delivery of stone for chip seal work scheduled for June 1st. Met with resident at 171 West Bethesda Church Road regarding water accumulation along end of driveway causing damage to road edge and driveway. Met with Lacock paving to discuss a possible solution to water issue at 171 West Bethesda Church Road. Repaired washouts on Raven Crest in Lakewood Estates.

Buffalo Turbine Blower – Matt Sipel received a quote to purchase a blower. They have been renting one and it does a great job of clearing debris from steep slopes along the roadway. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Kevin Boyer to purchase the Buffalo Turbine Blower for \$7,995.00. Comment was heard from Bill Birchall 303 Tucquan Glen Road.

Matt Sipel stated that the Township finally received the F350 Crew Cab that it has had ordered. This truck will be paid for from the Local Share Account, LSA grant. Also, Old Pinnacle Road is scheduled to be paved beginning June 9, 2026. This year's paving will be mostly paid with a Community Development Block Grant.

**Zoning Officer Report:** 4 building permits, 6 zoning permits were issued.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

MLS Entry Agreement for the sale of 364 Steinman Farm Road. Ryan Fisher stated that we have tried numerous attempts to sell 364 Steinman Farm Road. 2 auctions and 1 by sealed bid. We received no offers with any of the other attempts. We currently have advertised to sell the property again, by sealed bid, but with no minimum. He has spoken with a Real Estate broker, who stated that she would be will to list the property on the real estate multi-listing site only; to help get it to more people. After discussion a motion was made by Charles Stouff and seconded by Beth Birchall to sign the agreement and pay the broker \$500. The motion passed 5-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

59 Den Mar Drive – Consent Agreement for Zoning Enforcement. Unfortunately, the property owners never brought the Township their agreement or payment of the fines. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Kevin Boyer to table any further action indefinitely. The motion passed 5-0

Mike Hall, Emergency Management for Martic, has made a request to purchase a computer for his use as our EMC. The Township would have to purchase it and then submit it to Lancaster County Emergency Management for reimbursement. After discussion a motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Kevin Boyer to purchase the computer and then request the reimbursement. The motion passed 5-0.

Professional Design & Construction's proposal for the Municipal Complex for Final Design and Construction Management services. Adam Johnson with Rettew explained that this proposal would direct PDC to prepare and handle the bid documents and the bidding process. They would also have on site a project manager who will run the job. The Township has submitted the DEP NPDES application. It is currently being reviewed by the Lanc Co Conservation District for completeness, and they will then submit the application on to DEP for their review. Comment was heard by Jim Hearn 137 Hollow Woods Drive that this is the next step to move forward. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Kevin Boyer to accept the PDC proposal and sign any contract documents. The motion passed 5-0.

### **RAWLINSVILLE FIRE COMPANY**

Chicken BBQ will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 6, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm, by a motion from Beth Birchall and seconded by Kevin Boyer. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers  
Martic Township Manager