

MINUTES OF THE MARTIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DATE: June 5, 2023

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

ATTENDANCE: Beth Birchall, Duane Sellers, Carl Drexel, Charles Stouff and Jay Kreider were present.

CALL TO ORDER: Duane Sellers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led with the Pledge to the Flag and a prayer was said.

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

Beth Birchall made a motion, which was seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2023, Supervisors Meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

Beth Birchall presented the Treasurer's Report for the period ending May 31, 2023. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed 5-0.

Duane Sellers made a motion which was seconded by Jay Kreider, to approve the bills for payment totaling \$ 107,359.90. The motion passed 4-0 with Carl Drexel abstaining in accordance with Section 1103(j) of the Ethics Act and noted that his public disclosure memorandum is on file in the township office. Comment was heard from Sara Crill, 176 Hilldale Road.

SUPERVISOR'S REVIEW

325 Tucquan Glen Road – Lot Line Change plan – Vernon Wissler. Doug Herr with Hershey Land Surveyors, LLC presented the plan. This plan adjusts the line between Mr. Wissler and the Lanc Co Sportsman's Association. A motion was made by Duane Sellers and seconded by Carl Drexel that the Board of Supervisors approve the Waiver requests for Section 401.C.1 – Existing Contours and Section 401.C.5 – Wetland Survey. The motion passed 5-0.

Duane Sellers made a motion, which was seconded by Beth Birchall that the Board of Supervisors approve the Lot Line Change Plan for 325 Tucquan Glen Road, owners Vernon J & Wendy L Wissler prepared by Hershey Land Surveyors, LLC, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicants address the comments and recommendations of the Lancaster County Planning Commission, township attorney and township engineer.
2. New deeds with a perimeter legal descriptions for the newly revised lot lines be done and recorded for both Parcels, A & B, within 30 days after the release of the plan.
3. Applicants include, if not already done so, the perimeter legal descriptions on the plan, within the General Notes on the cover sheet of the Plan.
4. All required certifications shall be appropriately signed and sealed when the Plan is submitted for signatures to the Township.

The motion passed 5-0.

400 House Rock Road – Storm Water Management plan – Lanc Conservancy. Jason Wolfe with C.S. Davidson, Inc. presented the plan. This plan proposes an ADA trail through the Clark Nature Preserve. A motion was made by Carl Drexel and seconded by Charles Stouff that the Board of Supervisors approve the Waiver requests for Section 302.A.2.c Loading Ratios, Section 303.B.1 Max discharge rate (the CFS difference should not exceed 3.58 in a 100 year event) and Section 402.D for Drafting scale. The motion passed 5-0. When review of the plan is complete, the applicant will be back at a future meeting to present it to the Supervisors.

1485 Holtwood Road – Storm Water Management plan, Spencer & Dhari Glass, request has been made for release of a portion of their posted Financial Security. Brian Gilbert with Solanco Engineering Associates, after successful storm water management inspections, recommends releasing \$37, 511.91 of their posted financial security. The remaining 10% contingency fee of \$5,500 will remain in place

until an as-built plan is received and recorded. A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to release the \$37,5111.91. The motion passed 5-0.

MARTIC TOWNSHIP PARK – Presentation by Jeffrey Gossert, Forester, ACF.CF.

Mr. Gossert spoke on his analysis of the Martic Twp Park. The process began in 2019 when the Board contacted him. Due to Covid, things were put on hold. He explained that they split the land into management units, such as type of forest, streams, terrain elevation, etc. He noted that there is no known or evidence of any management activity. He stated that general woodland management includes maintaining the existing trails, clearing brush, to allow for new undergrowth, control weeds such as the wild grapevine, and harvesting old timber, which allows for new tree growth and could be a source of income. Lanc Conservancy had made suggestions which were some of the items he addressed. He recommends an annual exam of the trees and vegetation. Implementing deer control is vital, which the PA Game Commission is currently doing for the Township. Possibly look at wildlife nest boxes. He did note a lack of evergreen trees. Because of steep slopes and streams, he recommends doing nothing in these areas. Duane Sellers stated in the past, eagle scouts have done projects in the park, such as clearing and maintaining the trails and rebuilding a bridge. Comment was heard from Sara Crill and Todd Simone, 184 Fox Hollow Road.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Todd Simone commented on the Martic Township Park boundary markers. Duane Sellers thanked him and former Supervisor John Ulaky for undertaking the task of placing boundary markers on the Martic Township Park.

Victor Ressler, RVFC reminded everyone that the fire company will be holding a Boot Drive at the intersection of 272 and Truce Road on Saturday, June 10th. He also commented that he expects Lancaster County to enact a Burn Ban due to the lack of rain.

Sara Crill, 176 Hilldale Road asked for a municipal building update. Duane Sellers stated that it is still a work in progress. At this time Charles Stouff, Supervisor, asked to read a prepared statement regarding the proposed municipal building that included multiple unwarranted comments directed at Chairman Duane Sellers, Vice-Chairman Carl Drexel and Manager, Karen Sellers. During and after his statements, many comments were made by Jim Hearn 137 Hollow Woods Drive, Sara Crill, Victor Ressler, 817 Susquehannock Drive and Todd Simone.

RAIL TRAIL & 324 CROSSOVER

Carl Drexel stated that CriLon cashed the check that Martic Township had sent them and according to the Township's attorney, was deemed payment in full. Wilson Consulting has made no response to our attorney's letter to them. The next step is to set up a meeting between Wilson Consulting and the Township.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Road Department: Dave Williams read the report for May

Week of April 30th

Road Check following heavy weekend rain. Fix washouts on Bethesda Church West. Take T-04 to shop for inspection. Take trailer to shop for inspection. Fix pipe crossing on Pennsy. Put up road closing notification signs on Pennsy. Investigate water problem at Drytown and Old Holtwood. Cut trees with tree cutter on Magnolia. Pick up chipper from shop. Cut tree on Steinman Farm. Mowing on multiple roads.

Week of May 8th

Patch pipe crossing on Pennsy. Repair road surface on Westview dirt portion. Clean gutters and open pipes on Drytown. Fix washout on Fox Hollow. Patch potholes on Horse Hollow and Tucquan Glen dirt section. Clean gutters on Steinman Farm. Pick up pipe for Pennsy. Change pipe on Pennsy. Clean gutters on Pennsy. Pressure wash John Deere. Fix sign on Hilldale. Repair lights on T-84. Pick up T-04 from shop. Mowing on multiple roads.

Week of May 14th

Pave pipe crossings on Pennsy. Take T-91 to shop for inspection. Mowing multiple days. Repair work on mower.

Week of May 21st

Mowing all week. Trimming around guide rails and signs all week. Meeting with Conservancy about parking at River and 324. Repair mower. Take T-84 to shop for inspection.

Week of May 28th

Observe Memorial Day Holiday. Road check. Mowing and trimming multiple days. Repair washout on Loop North. Clean gutter on Loop North. Install Road name signs at Loop North and Frogtown. Repair signs on Tucquan Glen, Crystal and Street.

Frogtown Road & Loop Road North: the homeowner's bushes are obstructing motorists' site distance when they pull up to the Stop Sign. Dave Williams had contacted the homeowners earlier in the year about the situation and they had stated they would trim back their shrubbery. Unfortunately, they trimmed a few limbs, but everything has grown back. A letter has been sent to the homeowners explaining to them that it is their responsibility to maintain the foliage on their property.

Drytown Road & Hilldale Road Intersection: Angel Apple, 109 Old Holtwood Road indicated that there has been accidents at this intersection because people don't stop at the Stop signs on Hilldale Road. She asked what more could be done. Dave Williams stated that there are Stop Ahead signs prior to the Stop Signs. Unfortunately, blinking lights have no effect on the motoring public. He will look into adding additional Stop Signs, one on each side of the roadway. If needed, the Township could reach out to the PA State Police for Stop Sign enforcement. Comments were heard from Jorge Trevino, 17 Harbor View Drive, Victor Ressler, 817 Susquehannock Drive & RVFC, Todd Simone, 184 Fox Hollow and Ryan Anastasio, 44 Creamery Road.

Zoning Officer Report: 8 building, 8 zoning permits were issued.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None was heard

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Map: reprint showing updates: A motion was made by Beth Birchall and seconded by Carl Drexel to contact Rettew to begin work on updating the Township's map. The motion passed 5-0.

Grant Opportunities: Jim Hearn, Rail Trail Chairman, has been working with Lydia Martin on grant opportunities for different proposed Township projects. They have contacted Senator Scott Martin's office about funding for the proposed pedestrian bridge, over 324, along with the proposed municipal buildings. The Lanc Co Commissioners will have another round of ARPA funds that the Township can request. Martic's building is emergency management command central for Peach Bottom, which drills every other year. At that time federal and state agencies, along with County and local emergency management personnel are in the building drilling for emergencies. Lanc County Control (911) has grant funds for an updated radio antenna. The proposed new municipal building would include an ambulance bay for LEMSA. As they are classified as a 501c3 organization, there are numerous grants available for nonprofits. There is also funding available for the required emergency generators. These are just a few of the grant opportunities they have begun looking into for Township projects. They are planning a meeting with Senator Martin and will be scheduling a meeting with Rep. Bryan Cutler, as well. Comments were heard from Victor Ressler and Sara Crill.

RVFC Police notice: June 17, 2023, at Truce/272 traffic control for a Suicide Awareness Benefit ride. This was done as an acknowledgement for worker's comp.

The next meeting of the Martic Township Board of Supervisors is scheduled for July 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen D. Sellers
Martic Township Manager