

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors having notified the residents in advance met this evening at 5:40 p.m. for a Conditional Use hearing at the request of William Mahan who is seeking conditional use approval for "Storage of Vehicles" in the C-2 (Highway Commercial) zoning district. Present are Supervisors Ward, Roth, and Mowry, Township Manager, Linda Zerfoss, Land Use Administrator, Clinton Bonetti, Stenographer Lauren Bauer, and Administrative Assistant, Nicole Tempalski. There were 21 residents present. Supervisor Ward asked Mr. Bonetti for the record has this hearing had been properly advertised and have the residents within 300 feet of the property had been notified and the properties posted. Mr. Bonetti stated yes. Mr. Ed Thane, P.E. represented William Mahan and Lonnie Yobst. The following people spoke: Ed Rieck, Dale Raible, Lonnie Yobst, Mark King, Deb Migliore, and Deb Morrin. Mr. Bonetti advised the Planning Commission recommended approval contingent on stipulations from H.R.G. Supervisor Ward stated the Board will take action on this later in the regular Township meeting. Supervisor Ward made the motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried. The hearing ended at 6:20 p.m. Supervisor Ward announced a brief break before starting the regular Township meeting.

The Penn Township Board of Supervisors met this evening at 6:25 p.m. at the Penn Township Municipal Building, 157 East Airport Road, Butler, PA 16002 with the Chairman, Samuel M. Ward, presiding. Also present were Supervisors, Douglas A. Roth and Wilbert J. Mowry, Jr., Township Manager, Linda D. Zerfoss, Land Use Administrator, Clinton A. Bonetti, Administrative Assistant, Nicole Tempalski, and 8 Township residents and visitors.

Minutes - 7/9/24 and 7/29/24

Supervisor Ward made the motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion that there being no additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, July 9, 2024, and Monday, July 29, 2024, they are approved as presented. The motion carried.

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Supervisor Ward announced we're going to try something new and have Audience Participation at the beginning of the meeting instead of having it at the end.

Audience Participation

Jonathan Gavin - Has some complaints. He contacted Jose but he is reluctant to do anything without a title. He said he got a call from the police who stated nothing had been moved. He said he has moved 5 vehicles so far and is trying his best. Jose said he would be there to take care of 4 vehicles and that the Police would help him with the paperwork. The Supervisors requested that Mr. Gavin provide documentation and photos showing continued progress.

Vanessa Zanoi - Advised that Helltown Taproom Butler will have annual year-end event on September 21, 2024. The band will play from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. She also advised she got a decibel meter and the reading she has received is 52.8 decibels at the property line fence.

Correspondence

- PSATS - News Bulletin dated July 2024.
- Cranmer Family - Thank you card.
- Butler County Conservation District - Newsletter Connoquenessing Watershed Alliance Celebrates 25 Years.
- Butler County Conservation District - Harcrest Park Phase II general permit coverage approval.
- Bureau of Occupational & Industrial Safety Audit - Completed. There were no issues.
- PennDOT - LTAP Technical Assistance Program.
- Butler County email, dated August 6, 2024, regarding the proposed demolition of an abandoned residence at the intersection of Mushrush and Old Plank Roads.

Seminars

- DGLVR ESM Re-Certification Class - Tuesday, October 8
 - The Code Officials Guide to Zoning Cass - August 1
- Supervisor Mowry made the motion and Supervisor Roth seconded the motion that all involved be authorized to attend. The motion carried.

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Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Zerfoss read the list of invoices paid since the last report was read on July 9, 2024. ARPA Fund: \$530,206.80; Fire Tax Fund: \$2,229.74; Capital Savings Fund: \$0.00; Act 13 Fund: \$3,736.06; Township Fund: \$372,277.17; and State Fund: \$112,547.66. Deposits into the various Township Funds totaled \$767,651.43.

Balances were read as follows: ARPA Fund: \$28,088.71; Fire Tax Fund: \$241,436.66; Capital Savings Fund: \$190,817.76; Act 13 Impact Fund: \$1,063,653.38; Township Fund: \$585,290.42, and State Fund: \$329,923.86. Supervisor Roth made the motion and Supervisor Ward seconded the motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. The motion carried.

Zoning Department

Land Use Administrator, Clinton Bonetti read the July 2024 Zoning Report.

Mr. Bonetti also reported that the Butler County Planning Commission reviewed the Pavlina, 1 Lot, 2 Residuals & LLRs, #24163 and had no comments on this plan.

Mr. Bonetti submitted the Lot Line Revision for the Pavlina property on Winters and Mushrush Road for approval. Supervisor Ward made the motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion that the Lot Line Revision for the Pavlina property on Winters and Mushrush Road be approved. The motion carried.

Mr. Bonetti presented the Conditional Use for Storage of Vehicles for William Mahan at 796 Pittsburgh Road for approval. Mr. Bonetti stated the Planning Commission made a motion to approve with requirements as long as it meets all recommendations and to allow them to go to January 1 to plant trees. Supervisor Mowry made the motion and Supervisor Roth seconded the motion to approve the Conditional use for Storage of Vehicles for William Mahan at 796 Pittsburgh Road for approval contingent they meet all the requirements. The motion carried.

Police Department

Mrs. Zerfoss read the Police report for July 2024.

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Road Department

Supervisor Roth stated he met with the traffic engineer from LTAP regarding Beacon and Three Degree Roads. Supervisor Roth said he also advised the traffic engineer that residents wanted a 4-way stop on Country Club Road and Stewart Drive. The engineer said the 4-way stop wasn't warranted at this time.

Recycling Report

Mrs. Zerfoss reminded the audience that our annual Recycling event for electronics and Household Hazardous Waste will be on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. Registration is required and they will not accept cash.

Parks and Recreation

Supervisor Roth reported the Butler County Conservation District NPDES permit for Harcrest Park Phase II was received.

Supervisor Roth also stated the next Park Committee meeting will be August 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

ARLE Grant-Route 8 at Airport Road Traffic Light Update

Supervisor Ward provided a progress update.

Penn Township Community Day

Mrs. Zerfoss reminded the audience that Community Day will be held on August 17, 2024, from noon to 4:00 p.m. rain or shine.

Penn Township Impact Fee Committee update

Mr. Bonetti stated will have a public meeting in the near future and possibly adopting the revised ordinance in November 2024.

Penn Township Comprehensive Plan update

Supervisor Ward provided an update. He stated the public hearing will be held Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Stormwater Management Committee

Supervisor Roth provided an update on the Dodds Road project. He stated the Southwest Butler Stormwater Planning Committee will meet on Wednesday.

Old Business

Butler County CDBG contract for funding and environmental review has no change.

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Old Business - Continued

Mrs. Zerfoss asked Mrs. Tempalski for an update on the water survey. Mrs. Tempalski reported approximately 500 surveys were received.

The Planning Commission is reviewing the Omnibus Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Supervisor Roth stated the security cameras for Harcrest Park will be tabled until work begins on Phase II.

New Business

Mrs. Zerfoss reported that Representative Bernstine is holding an event at the Municipal Building on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Constituents can come and ask questions and get current updates and information on issues and gun laws.

The Supervisors discussed the Innovative Public Safety Proposal for managed IT services in the amount of \$1,465.00/month for a twelve-month term, the fifteen Microsoft 365 Licenses for \$243.50/month, and IT and Cyber Security Assessment recommendations township Government, Police, GIS, LPR cameras, in the one-time amount of \$9,500.00. Supervisor Roth made the motion and Supervisor Ward seconded the motion that the proposal from Innovative Public Safety for managed IT services be accepted. The motion carried.

Resolution #569 - Mrs. Zerfoss read Resolution 569 authorizing the County of Butler to act on its behalf in the application for and administration of its entitlement allocation of the 2024 Community Development Block Grant Program. Supervisor Roth made the motion and Supervisor Ward that Resolution #569 be approved. The motion carried.

Resolution #570 - Mrs. Zerfoss read Resolution #570 Fair Housing Resolution. Supervisor Mowry made the motion and Supervisor Roth seconded the motion that Resolution #570 be approved. The motion carried.

Resolution #571 - Mrs. Zerfoss read Resolution #571 Three-Year Plan. Supervisor Roth made the motion and Supervisor Ward seconded the motion that Resolution #571 be approved. The motion carried.

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Act 537 - Saxonburg Authority

Supervisor Roth stated he asked the authority to look at the rates. At their last meeting they had representatives from Middlesex and Jefferson. The next meeting is next Tuesday.

Executive Session - None.

Adjournment

Supervisor Ward made a motion and Supervisor Mowry seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:06 p.m.

The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on September 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Penn Township Municipal Building meeting room.

Approved:

Respectfully Submitted:

Samuel M. Ward
Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Linda D. Zerfoss
Township Manager
Penn Township