

Manor Township Supervisors Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Chairman George Mann called the meeting to order in the Manor Township Municipal Building at 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Mann introduced the Board of Supervisors and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: George Mann, Allan Herr, Jay Breneman, Brandon Clark
Members Absent: John Wenzel
Staff Present: Ryan Strohecker, Adrienne Kautz, Mark Harris
Visitors Present: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Previous Month Minutes – Chairman Mann entertained a motion to approve the previous months minutes. Jay Breneman so motioned. Allan Herr seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report and Accounts Payable – Chairman Mann entertained a motion to approve the financial reports and pay all invoices on the accounts payable report. Allan Herr so motioned. Jay Breneman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Susan Sheeler, resident at 101 Langley Square, is part of the Homeowners Association of Woods Edge. Year after year we are faced with getting rid with the Purple Loosestrife plant. Woods Edge Association is the owner of two ponds on South Centerville Road and a 90' DAM located on the West Side of South Centerville Road. The HOA is required, as part of maintenance, to spray both ponds and both sides of the DAM banks for Purple Loosestrife. Lot 4, which is across the road, is owned by Walmart there is a big culvert on the lot. There is a storm water easement running down Lot 4, this goes into two lots (3 & 5) owned by Murry and towards Royal Road. What happens every year is the Purple Loosestrife somehow gets down towards the easement by Berkshire Hathaway by the stormwater culvert running down and it infects Murry properties. Nate Taggart the Zoning Officer has sent a letter to Walmart regarding this, but it could take a long time for them to reply. This is an annual occasion. Every year the HOA pays for the expense to get rid of them and every year we get infected from across the street. Susan provided two photographs of the areas that are being infected. Because of the growth of the Purple Loosestrife the rain caused flooding onto South Centerville Road. We go through this every year, for the Murry property all we need to do is contact Murry and they cut it down. But Walmart is the main offender. Is the Township able to lien or mow the property?

Troy Ryder of 2190 Lois Lane with regards to the Electronic billboard issue. Troy was recommended by Nate Taggart to propose a possible text amendment for dwell times on an electronic billboard. My client Ryan Miller is also present he is principal of TCB Outdoor and owns the property of 3000 Columbia Avenue of which this questioning session relates. Our

conversations with Mr. Taggart centered on Section 425-44d24 of the Manor Township Zoning Ordinances. The dwell time for an electronic billboard is every hour. We are proposing a text amendment to bring that in line with the industry standard of 8 seconds. This has been suggested by Department of Transportation and neighboring municipalities all of which have 10 or less (East Lampeter, Mount Joy, Lancaster City, West Hempfield, Warwick, Salisbury, Sedsbury, Pequea, Penn and East Earl). We understand that at one point the reasoning may have been safety. We have submitted some studies that have counteracted the safety ordinance. Digital billboards are very good at attracting attention they do not necessarily retain enough to cause safety issues. In 2007 study from the PA Department of Transportation again recommended an 8 second dwell, the digital screen would change every 8 second, so if you would glance at the sign it would not affect your safety. It was updated in 2012 with a similar study that results were the same. The presence of a digital billboard does not collaborate too reduce vision on the road. In summary we do not want to go down any sort of avenue without the Board support, so are asking for consideration on this matter. We will try to make it as easy as possible by drafting the saving expenses for your solicitor and Board.

Old Business – The construction work on the Safe Harbor Trestle Bridge has begun officially on Tuesday. We are going to be putting fencing up over the next couple of days and by the end of the week we will be starting to work on the front end of the work.

New Business –

2021 MMO Certification–Brandon Clark made a motion to approve the 2021 MMO Certification. Allan Herr seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to the UCC Board of Appeals–Jason Stevens. Jay Breneman made a motion to approve the appoint Jason Stevens to the UCC Board of Appeals for a three-year term beginning August 1, 2020-July 31, 2023. Allan Herr seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Trick-or-Treat Date-October 30th 6-8pm – Brandon Clark made a motion to approve to continue to follow the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee (LIMC) recommended date, time, and policy for Trick-or-Treat. Participation in Trick-or-Treat is voluntary and participants should make decisions based on their personal comfort level after considering all factors, including the possibility of inclement weather. Jay Breneman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

MS4-Upcoming Work on Charlestown Road – Mark Harris, Public Work Director, reported that they have started work on the Safe Harbor Trestle Bridge. We also have been painting in West Lancaster. The Public Works has started a project at the Charlestown Park. There is a swale we are looking to construct behind the basketball courts near where the Old Mill sits. We will build five berms and then fill in between them with a mixture of leaf compost and sand. It will help contain the water that comes across 7 acres of land into that pipe in each berm, it holds the compost and sand that will hold the filter as it goes down to the Little Conestoga. It will become a bio-swale, this is part of our MS4 obligation. In 2017 our Board approved our

pollution reduction plan, that the plan was approved by the DEP. We have 9 benchmarks to be done in 5 years. This is benchmark number 4 and shortly after this we will begin benchmark number 5. The goal is to reduce the sediment phosphorus and nitrogen from the impaired waters. The Little Conestoga is impaired water, and part of that is our charge to make strides to help clean the quality of the water. This project will be head by our Public works department, we will once again use a mixture of our leaf compost that we have made, along with sand then there is a special grass seed that is organic that will filter any sediment phosphorus nitrogen. It is a good project that is being done, we will be taking a lot of pictures which will be shared in February when we do a MS4 review. We are excited to start this project.

The Public Works department has a basin that we retro fitted on Williamsburg that we started to clean out a basin at Monticello. So, all that timber work has to be done. This Fall we are hoping to start working on the project at Monticello. It is very costly for many municipalities; we are fortunate to have the skillset of people to be able to take on the task in house. Mr. Strohecker made the comment that some municipalities have enacted a Stormwater Fee to help cover the cost of expenses. This is the first year that they have collected this fee it is reflecting 1.2 million to cover the cost for this year. The Public Works Director reported that the cost to cover this basin will be roughly \$8, 000.00(this is material based). The Penn Manor High School is breaking rocks and inquired if the Township would like free rock. The Public Works Department estimates about \$30,000.00 to cover the expenses.

Social Security Payroll Deduction Deferral –Mr. Ryan Strohecker has no inclination to move forward with the Social Security tax. Many accountants have given their opinions on this. Manor Township has no intention of deferring Social Security tax, ultimately the employee would still have to pay the tax but at a later date.

Reports – Traffic Commission, Police, Public Works, Township Manager, Blue Rock Fire Rescue
– Allan Herr made a motion to approve all reports and recommendations as submitted. Brandon Clark seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Brandon Clark entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jay Breneman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Ryan Strohecker
Secretary-Treasurer

Recording Secretary
Adrienne Kautz