

Manor Township Supervisors Meeting

Monday, March 4, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Chairman Allan Herr called the meeting to order in the Manor Township Municipal Building at 950 West Fairway Drive, Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Herr introduced the Board of Supervisors and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Missy Phelan, Jim Keck
Members Absent: George Mann, John Wenzel
Staff Present: Ryan Strohecker, Peg Hess
Visitors Present: See Attached Sign-In Sheet

Public Comment – Christine Brubaker, 22 Birch Court, commented about the non-motorized signage posted at the trail behind Georgetown Hills. The signage needs to be updated to stay with the times and current events. Ms. Brubaker recommends new signage to say, “Foot path only.” Mr. Strohecker acknowledged that email and pictures that were sent to the Township. Public Works Director Mark Harris did go and investigate numerous times the damage Ms. Brubaker referred to. There was minimal damage and no action is recommended at this time.

Consent Agenda - Previous Month Minutes, Financial Report and Accounts Payable, Traffic Commission; Police Report; Public Works Director Report; Township Manager’s Report; Blue Rock Fire Rescue Report; and Building Permit Report – Chairman Herr entertained a motion to approve the previous month minutes, financial reports and pay all invoices on the accounts payable report and all reports presented. Jim Keck made a motion, Missy Phelan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business - None

New Business

- a. PENNDOT Escalator Clause – Chairman Herr entertained a motion to approve the escalator clause based on the PENNDOT specifications for 2024. Missy Phelan so motioned, Jim Keck seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- b. Manor Township Recognition- Help the Fight – As part of the ARPA Funds, Manor Township donated money to Non-Profits. Manor Township received a recognition letter and plaque. Chairman Herr read the plaque “Help the Fight, Manor Township recognition for the commitment to help raise Breast Cancer awareness and funding for our community in 2023. On Behalf of our patients, volunteers, and our entire organization, thank you for your generosity and support.” Chairman Herr appreciates the plaque as this is a very worthwhile organization worthy of our support.

- c. Act 14 Notification – Village at Funk’s Farm – Standard notification, no action required.
- d. Cuff’s Run Discussion and Potential Position Statement – Mr. Strohecker stated that this is an issue that came to light over the last 30 days. This has been discussed over the past several decades and has come to the forefront again. This is referring to a dam that is being proposed to be built in York County pertaining to several farms that are currently preserved. Manor Township owns the land up to the other side of the river. There are approximately 326 documents on the FERC website pertaining to this project. Including in these documents are the news story that came out where Congressman Smucker was speaking out against this project. There was a press release that some of our elected officials on a county and state level were part of. They spoke of a bi-partisan letter that was submitted that was signed by Congressman Smucker, County Commissioners, and several State Representatives opposing this project. Mr. Strohecker spoke with County Commissioner D’Agostino inquiring why the County was opposing the project. The reasons were (1) A County Commissioner sits on the Board of the Susquehanna River Lins Foundation that works to protect both sides of the river. There have been join efforts by both Counties to make sure we preserve the Susquehanna River lands as much as we can. This project will negatively affect the riverlands as a whole. (2) The Federal Government will have to take several hundred acres of farmland out of preservation and away from families. Lancaster and York County have put large sums of money into farmland preservation, but York County was in support of taking these farms out of preservation for this particular project. All municipalities within a 15-mile radius and over 5,000 population were to be notified in the application, but Manor Township was not included. This is ironic because our property lines border right up against where this project is to be. Manor Township has been added to the application notification list. The other municipalities in the Township are looking to see if our Supervisors would be interested in writing an opposition or a support letter for this project. Mr. Strohecker has not come in contact with anyone who is in support of this project. Mr. Strohecker is struggling to figure out how it directly impacts our Township or any of our residents. However, our elected officials would appreciate the support of Manor Township to oppose the project. Mr. Strohecker recalls an opposition letter was sent from the Township approximately a decade ago when this project was discussed. Chairman Herr stated that the current letter from Congressman Smucker and the County Commissioner’s was very thorough and detailed in what they listed as opposition. Chairman Herr also stated that he feels like the Township should give a letter in support to the letter received from the legislation. Supervisor Phelan agreed with that sentiment and commented that she appreciates the concern of how it will affect the wildlife and fish in the area. Supervisor Keck also agreed with the Board members and is concerned about taking farmland out of preservation. Chairman Herr entertained a motion to authorize Mr. Strohecker to send a letter of support of the legislative letter opposing the project. Jim Keck so motioned, Missy Phelan seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Herr entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Missy Phelan so motioned, Jim Keck seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Ryan Strohecker
Secretary-Treasurer

Recording Secretary
Peg A Hess