

CENTRE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTES OF JULY 27, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Centre Township Board of Supervisors was held on July 27, 2021 at the Centre Township Municipal Building, 449 Bucks Hill Road, Mohrsville, PA. Vice Chairman James Fitterling called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a Moment of Silence. The following were present: Vice Chairman James Fitterling, and Member Charles Zimmerman, Attorney Beth Kohl, Engineer Ryan Rhode, Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant and Secretary Cheryl Haus. Chairman Jason Troutman was absent. The meeting was open to the public.

HEARING OF VISITORS ON AGENDA ITEMS –

Gerry Noecker was present to discuss the release of escrow for his property at 3485 Tilden Road for the duck barn project. There is \$56,924.25 remaining on the Letter of Credit. The additional 2 houses are expected to be built in the next two years. Costs remaining are the excavating(7800) and seeding(1100)(final stabilization) and blacktopping of the driveway(7500)(which Mr. Noecker would like to wait until all houses are built before paving). Approximately \$20,000.00 is expected to complete these items. **A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to authorize Mr. Rhode and Mr. Noecker to reevaluate and come to a reasonable price to hold in the Letter of Credit. Upon roll call, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.**

Timothy Lehner asked if the open position of a CTMA Board member was advertised. It was not advertised. Kelly Troutman expressed interest to the CTMA Board of Directors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman to approve the minutes from June 22, 2021. Seconded by James Fitterling. Upon roll call, Zimmerman, and Fitterling voted yes.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman to approve payment of the bills. Seconded by James Fitterling. Upon roll call, Fitterling, and Zimmerman voted yes.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS / SOLICITORS REPORT – Beth Kohl –

A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to approve the Agreement of Nullification of Recorded Land Development for Harold & Carol Spatz @ 290 Irish Creek Road since the property owners decided not to complete putting in additional homes in the park. Upon roll call, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to authorize a letter be sent to the Spatz's bank, upon execution and recording of the Agreement of Nullification for the property at 290 Irish Creek Road, authorizing release of the Letter of Credit. Upon roll call, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

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ROAD DEPARTMENT

The Road Department has been mowing, crack sealing, resurfacing roads and shop and vehicle maintenance.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – RYAN RHODE

Engineer Ryan Rhode gave the monthly Engineering report.

The Long subdivision to be in front of the Planning Commission is being reevaluated for lot size. It is planned to be on the agenda for the August meeting.

A preconstruction meeting was held for the Valley Road project and construction is expected to start next Monday, August 2, 2021.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT – Jeff Fiant

Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant gave the July report.

A number of property maintenance issues are being dealt with.

Eight inspections were done for pools, new homes, etc. and C & O's issued where completed.

9 permits were issued with a value of \$74,388.00.

Supervisors James Fitterling said approximately 150 complaints for a number of properties in Centre Township were submitted by a resident. These complaints are continuing to be reviewed by the Board and action will be taken where warranted.

SEO REPORT –

A motion was made by Charles Zimmerman and seconded by James Fitterling to approve the SEO report for July. Upon roll call, Zimmerman and Fitterling voted yes.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by James Fitterling and seconded by Charles Zimmerman to accept the resignation of Patricia Moerder from the CTMA Board. Upon roll call, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

A motion for Resolution # 14, 2021 was made by Charles Zimmerman and seconded by James Fitterling to appoint Kelly Marie Troutman to the Centre Township Municipal Authority Board of Directors for the balance of the term of Patricia Moerder, ending 12-31-2023. Upon roll call, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

MISCELLANEOUS

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HEARING OF VISITORS – GENERAL

Several residents were present to discuss the celebration and slaughtering of animals at 1553 Tower Road in July. Linda Evans of 1137 Tower Road asked if the animals were stunned before slaughtering, if the meat was inspected, and the number of animals that were slaughtered. Ms. Evans stated she has video of people walking in the street. The township accepted calls from residents regarding the event. A non-resident reported the event to State Representative Barry Joswiak's office, who in turn called the Pennsylvania State Police and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. Resident Trevor Cammauf of 1553 Tower Road stated the PSP and Dept of Ag were there and all was fine, including his compost piles. Kevin Zimmerman of 72 Kocher Drive asked if a permit is required in Centre Township for a yard sale. The Zoning Officer or Secretary were not sure. It will be checked into. Resident Wade Houck of 1033 Tower Road asked if there was a problem with parking. There was last year, however, not as much this year. Mr. Houck stated that the slaughtering was done by individuals, not by a butcher. Zoning Officer Jeff Fiant and Attorney Beth Kohl discussed items stated and stated the Township does not have jurisdiction over this matter. The Department of Agriculture should be called.

Kevin Zimmerman asked about a \$70,000.00 escrow account provided by the original owners Ed and Denise Kocher in the mid to late 1980's for the maintenance of Kocher Drive. Staff does not have an escrow account. Mr. Zimmerman will provide a date so it can be looked into if it is in the General Fund.

Wade Houck asked about the drone activity in the neighborhood and if it was an invasion of privacy. A discussion was held about drones.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, James Fitterling made a motion and Charles Zimmerman seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M. Upon roll call, Fitterling and Zimmerman voted yes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl Haus
Township Secretary