

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES—JULY 21, 2021**

The Scott Township Board of Supervisors met on the above date in the Municipal Building, 350 Tenny Street (Espy), Bloomsburg, PA. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. In attendance were Supervisors William G. Hafner, Kathleen A. Lynn, Paul R. Eyerly IV, Lanny R. Sheehan, and Dennis N. Wildt. Township Engineer Todd R. Pysher of Pysher & Associates, Inc., Solicitor Anthony J. McDonald from Marinos, McDonald & Knecht LLP, Police Chief Raymond J. Klingler, Maintenance Supervisor Mark J. Koons, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Bacon were also in attendance.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the Harry P. Kane Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision Plan, Ted Oman, PLS, of Ted L. Oman & Associates, Inc., was present to represent the applicant. The project is located at 560 Beilys Road and the applicant proposes to subdivide a parcel into three lots, with Lots No. 2 and 3 currently vacant. Lot No. 1 contains a single-family dwelling. The Board continued this from the June meeting in order to resolve possible future stormwater runoff concerns. Mr. Oman stated that the Township's Stormwater Management Ordinance allows up to 5,000 square feet of impervious surface before a stormwater plan is required. After his discussions with Mr. Pysher, because two new lots are being created, Mr. Oman opted to divide the allowed square footage between the two lots. In addition, he proposed placing a note not only on the plan, but also in the deed description. The note would specify that if the developer of Lot No. 2 or Lot No. 3 proposes anything in excess of 2,499 square feet of new impervious area, a stormwater management plan must be provided to and approved by the Township before a zoning permit will be issued. Bradford Gensemer, Planning Commission member and a nearby property owner, expressed concern for the adjoining property owners and recommended that the current owner be required to prepare stormwater management plans. Mr. Timothy Novatnak, an adjoining property owner, stated there are already drainage issues from that property. He asked what assurance the Township would provide for the adjoining property owners and also purchasers of Lot No. 2 and No. 3. Mr. Pysher recommended that the Township take the position that the buyers must prepare stormwater management plans regardless of the amount of impervious surface that will be created. Requiring a land development plan for each of the new lots would include that. Based on the notes on the plan and the deed language, the potential buyer would be aware of the stipulations. Mr. Pysher reviewed the plan in a letter dated May 18, 2021, and recommended approval with two conditions, which have both been met. The County Planning Commission reviewed the plan. The Township Planning Commission reviewed the plan and recommended that the Board approve the plan with Mr. Pysher's conditions. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to approve the plan with the following two conditions:

1. Note 16 must be added to the plan. That states that any proposed development of Lot No. 2 or Lot No. 3 must comply with the Scott Township Code and Stormwater Management Ordinance. The developer of Lot No. 2 or Lot No. 3 must contact Scott Township to determine development requirements before any development may begin.

2. Note 17 must be revised to include language that the buyer of each lot must prepare and submit a land development plan to the Township and each land development plan must incorporate a stormwater management design, which must be implemented.

Both notes also must be incorporated into the deed descriptions for Lots No. 2 and 3.

Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Regarding obtaining a survey of the Lightstreet Park as part of the requirement for the park grant, Mr. McDonald noted the map associated with the property identification number was located at the Courthouse. The map is dated April 15, 1978. That map does have the metes and bounds on it. However, the depiction of the size of the park is not the same as on the map, dated June 28, 1977, that was included with the deed received from URDC. Mr. Oman recommended sending a copy of the map to DCNR to see if they will accept that. The Board directed Mr. McDonald to contact DCNR. Ms. Lynn made a motion to authorize Ms. Bacon to hire Mr. Oman to survey the Lightstreet Park and provide a deed with metes and bounds description for his quoted price of \$5,596.00, if DCNR decides the 1978 map is not adequate. Mr. Eyerly seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None appearing.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The June Budget, Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Zoning Reports and the Tri-County COG IBC Inspection Service Report were presented for approval. Mr. Eyerly made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Sheehan seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board went into an Executive Session at 7:21 p.m., to discuss legal matters. The Board reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The June 17 through July 21 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two electronic funds transfers and check numbers 16843–16892 for \$128,987.48. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid were presented as check numbers 1832–1839 for \$203,533.67. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 4-0, with Mr. Eyerly abstaining due to a conflict of interest regarding the Press Enterprise payment, check number 16878.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

Regarding the American Rescue Plan funds, the Board discussed possible uses for the funds. Ms. Bacon compiled a list of suggestions from the Board.

After discussion regarding the shortage of police officers, Mr. Sheehan made a motion to authorize Chief Klingler to hire a full-time officer, who will be hired from the group of part-time officers, which will increase the department to nine full-time officers. Ms. Lynn seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Regarding the Auditor Request for Proposals agenda item, Mr. Eyerly made a motion to authorize Ms. Bacon to advertise the RFP. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

The Board discussed property maintenance issues at 2457 Third Street, 2732 Old Berwick Road, and 2386 Old Berwick Road. Ms. Bacon outlined the difficulty in contacting an owner for 2457 Third Street and requested that the Board authorize the Maintenance Department to mow the property. Mr. McDonald explained the condemnation procedure.

Regarding the Yard Waste Facility Evaluation, prepared by SCS Engineers for the Town of Bloomsburg, the Board discussed the report. Mr. Koons noted that Bloomsburg is preparing documentation during the course of this year as to how many loads the Facility is receiving and from where the materials are coming.

Mr. Sheehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wildt seconded and the motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany M. Bacon
Secretary/Treasurer