

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES— June 19, 2024**

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, Layne D. Kocher, Kathleen A. Lynn, and Dennis N. Wildt. Police Sargeant Joseph Grassley, Maintenance Supervisor Douglas Kashner, Solicitor Matthew E. Turowski, and Secretary/Treasurer Brittany M. Bacon were also in attendance.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

- Resident Kelsey Smith, 2260 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, thanked the Township for the signs posted at the pickleball court which have resulted in improvement with the shouting and loud music. Ms. Smith again requested the Board of Supervisors consider establishment of specific days/hours for use of the court and suggested specific days for closure and hours from 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM on open days
- Resident Elizabeth Fisne, 210 Worman Street, asked what studies were conducted by Scott Township for sound mitigation, specifically the planting of shrubs/bushes. Mr. Kocher stated that Scott Township did not independently conduct sound studies, rather followed the recommendations of Urban Research & Development Corporation (URDC), the Township’s consultants for the park project. Ms. Fisne asked if all members of the Board of Supervisors had been to the pickleball court and all Supervisors confirmed they visited the site.
- Resident Judy Derr, 2221 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, has video/audio recordings of the pickleball court in use. Ms. Derr stated that only three groups used the courts over a recent seven-day period and observed that some players were using tennis balls. Ms. Derr expressed dismay with all of the complaints about the court and the lack of other equipment/facilities for area children. Mr. Kocher explained that Phase II of the Park Grant includes upgrades to equipment and will hopefully be complete in 2024.
- Ms. Fisne offered to share a recording of the pickleball court in use. Mr. Kocher confirmed he previously received and reviewed Ms. Fisne’s recording.
- Ms. Smith wanted the record to reflect that the residents live in close proximity to the court and are contending with obsessive noise from the court activity.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 17, 2024 meeting and the May 16, 2024 special meeting were presented for approval. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS**

The April and May 2024 Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Budget, Zoning, and the Barry Isett & Associates Inc. reports were presented for approval. Mr. Wildt noted the number of police response calls were significantly higher for both months and higher than Bloomsburg. Sargeant Grassley stated that the Bloomsburg Block Party in April and warm weather have contributed to the increase in calls. Ms. Lynn commented that the Scott Township Police Department does an excellent job in handling police matters for the Township. Mr. Kashner reported that he has been working with the Township Engineer to obtain material quotes for the Stream Restoration Project, estimated at \$52,000, which will be reimbursed. Mr. Kashner reported that a maintenance employee hit a pole at Sheetz and may require a claim be filed to the Township insurance company. Additionally, he reported, the HRI paving project is complete and the Big Rock paving project for 2<sup>nd</sup> Street is

scheduled for July 2024. Ms. Bacon noted an increase in Zoning Permit and Building Permit applications. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID**

The April 18 through May 15 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as two electronic fund transfers and check numbers 18265 through 18298 for \$153,210.20. The May 16 through June 19 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as three electronic fund transfers and check numbers 18299 through 18338 for \$178,811.71. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid for April were presented as check numbers 1945 through 1948 for \$6,370.06. The Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid for May were presented as check numbers 1951 through 1955 for \$111,829.73. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

### **SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**JDK Management – Minor Subdivision** – Drew Barton, LIVIC Civil, representing JDK Management presented the plans for the minor subdivision of the lot behind JDK Management. Mr. Barton stated that he has reviewed the recommendation letter from Todd Pysher, Pysher & Associates, Inc., Scott Township Engineer, and there are no issues in complying with the recommendations. Ms. Lynn made a motion for Conditional Approval based on Mr. Pysher’s letter of recommendation dated June 14, 2024 with all seven comments fulfilled. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

**Lion’s Gate Financial Release** – A request was made by Lion’s Gate for release of the financial bond. Mr. Pysher has reviewed the request, and per his review, along with site visits by the Conservation District, recommends release of the remaining financial security. Mr. Wildt made a motion to release the financial security per Mr. Pysher’s recommendation. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**20 Shawnee Road** – Ms. Bacon reported that there have been no changes in this matter since the April meeting, including no notices of appeals filed, no contact from the property owner, and no changes to the condition of the property. Ms. Bacon further noted that Sokol Inc. was awarded the contract for the demolition at the April 2024 meeting. Solicitor Matthew Turowski confirmed that all Township requirements have been met to date and noted that, in addition to the demolition, removal of the vehicles on the property will be necessary, to abate the nuisance as covered in the demolition notice. Further, Solicitor Turowski will complete a Title Update on or before June 28, prior to the demolition. Resident Ron Enterline asked the plan for the condition of the lot after demolition expressing concern with filling in the driveways. Mr. Kocher stated the plan will be to bring the lot to level condition.

Mr. Hafner made a motion to authorize and approve the demolition of 20 Shawnee Road with the condition of a completed Title Update by June 28, 2024 and to schedule a meeting for June 28, 2024 to plan for and establish the date of the demolition. Participants in the June 28, 2024 meeting will include Supervisors Mr. Wildt, Mr. Hafner, Chief Klingler, Mr. Kashner, and Sokol Inc. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

**Cinema Center Light** – Ms. Bacon reported that PennDot funds have been received for the Cinema Center Traffic Light project with the 20% matching funds still outstanding from the owners of the Cinema Center. Solicitor Turowski sent a certified letter to the owners of the Cinema Center on May 17, 2024, specifying a 30-day response period. No response has been received, a contract was previously signed, and therefore he recommends filing a lawsuit for non-payment of the related charges. Mr. Hafner made a motion to authorize

initiation of a lawsuit against the owners of the Cinema Center. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

**Park Grant Bid** – Ms. Bacon reported that the updated park grant plan and bid proposal have been received from URDC. The latest items removed, but placed as alternate items in the event more grant funds are identified, are paving the parking lot at Espy Park to the left of the house and paving at the Scott Street School Park. Ms. Lynn made a motion to authorize putting the proposal out to bid with bid opening to be at the July 2024 Board of Supervisors Meeting. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2024-2025 General Insurance Policy Renewal** – Ms. Bacon reported the Kilmer Group prepared a quote for the Township General Insurance Policy Annual Renewal through EMC. The quote reflects a 1.82% increase from the prior year. Mr. Wildt made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 General Insurance Renewal with EMC. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Hafner requested an update on the property codes violation for the vacant lot on Cherry Hill Road. Ms. Bacon reported that the certified letter has not yet been claimed and the property owner is out of the country. She further stated that the next step in the process is another certified letter. The Supervisors requested Ms. Bacon issue a 2<sup>nd</sup> Certified Letter with further discussion at the next meeting if no remedial action occurs.

Ms. Bacon received information on the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). A current concern with the Scott Township Municipal Building is the difficulty for residents to open the front doors. Ms. Bacon confirmed with CDBG that modernizing and adding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to the building entrance would qualify for grant funding. The Supervisors agreed with Ms. Bacon proceeding to gather documentation required for the grant application.

Ms. Bacon informed the Supervisors that Comcast is planning to expand into Scott Township and inquired about existing franchise fees. Ms. Bacon could not locate any documentation of franchise fees existing in the Township. The Supervisors were not aware of any existing franchise fees. Mr. Kocher recommended notifying Mr. Pysher about the Comcast plan. Mr. Kashner noted that roadway occupancy permits may be required.

Ms. Bacon and Mr. Kashner informed the Supervisors of a recent increase in mischief and vandalism at the Township parks, including dumping of trash/recycling on the pickleball court, damage to fixtures in the Lightstreet Park bathrooms, and complaints of drug use and sales at the Espy Park. Ms. Bacon stated that the current cameras at the park are ineffective and would like to move forward to obtain pricing for the acquisition and installation of a new camera system. Sargeant Grassley stated that a live-feed of the parks to the Police Station would be very helpful. All Supervisors agreed that pricing information should be acquired and available for the next meeting, with the possibility of using ARPA funds for the project.

Mr. Wildt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hafner seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Bacon  
Secretary/Treasurer