

**SCOTT TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES— March 19, 2025**

The Scott Township Board of Supervisors met on the above date in the Municipal Building, 350 Tenny Street (Espy), Bloomsburg, PA. In attendance were Supervisors William G. Hafner, Layne D. Kocher, Kathleen A. Lynn, Lanny R. Sheehan, 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.

Solicitor Matthew E. Turowski conducted the advertised public hearing on revisions to three Zoning ordinances. A transcript of the hearing is available from the stenographer, Ervin Blank Associates, Inc.

The Scott Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Kocher Park - Abby Frey, District Manager of Columbia County Conservation District, Bob Stout of Montour Area Recreation Commission, Joan McCarty, and Rich Kisner spoke on behalf of the Kocher Park Committee regarding concerns with safety, parking, and overcrowding at Kocher Park. The Committee provided a map of the park identifying the areas that span both Scott and Orange Townships. Ms. Frey stated that PennDOT was asked to post “No Parking” signs along State Route 487 as a partial solution, however, per PennDOT, any parking ordinance and enforcement would be the responsibility of Scott and Orange Townships. Ms. Frey requested the Board of Supervisors consider implementing a No Parking Ordinance to include the park area of State Route 487 and requested Scott Township Police enforce the ordinance to deter overcrowding. Ms. Frey noted, to date, the Kocher Park Committee has not reached out to Orange Township on this matter and will update Scott Township on their response when received. Solicitor Turowski stated that Scott Township would need to review existing parking ordinances in the township. Mr. Kocher stated that Ms. Bacon and the Police Department will gather information and follow up with Ms. Frey on possible options.

Amy Hunter, 2408 John Penn Circle, spoke regarding her concern and frustration with the use and expansion of a dirt bike track on an adjoining property to her residence. Ms. Hunter stated that the constant use by young people has increased and is very disruptive. Ms. Hunter has attempted discussion with the property owner, made repeated calls to Scott Township Zoning and the Scott Township Police Department, and is looking for any guidance in dealing with the situation. Ms. Bacon stated that Scott Township has received numerous complaints on this issue. Solicitor Turowski and Ms. Bacon will conduct further review of the Scott Township Zoning Ordinances to determine if any violations by the property owner exist. Ms. Hunter was advised to notify the Scott Township Police Department to report violations of the existing Noise Ordinance or if the track use is expanded to the general public as opposed to children of the property owner. Ms. Bacon will keep Ms. Hunter updated on any new information related to this matter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting were presented for approval. Mr. Sheehan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The February 2025 Police, Roads, Secretary, Treasurer, Budget, Zoning, and the Barry Isett & Associates Inc. reports were presented for approval. Ms. Bacon noted that the Treasury report reflects movement of funds from the General Fund to the Water/Fire Hydrant Account as an interim solution until receipts from Real Estate taxes begin. Phillip Prout from Barry Isett & Associates Inc. introduced himself as the new Operations Manager replacing Tim Dow. Ms. Lynn made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

The February 19 through March 26 General Fund bills to be paid were presented as four electronic fund transfers and check numbers 18660 through 18692 for \$81,723.71. In addition, the Liquid Fuels Fund bills to be paid for February 19 through March 27 were presented as check numbers 1974 and 1975 for \$8,187.51. Mr. Hafner made a motion to approve the bills to be paid. Ms. Sheehan seconded the motion. Mr. Kocher abstained from payment of Check #18674 payable to Layne Kocher for reimbursement for the park plans. The motion carried 4-0-1.

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

Janski Enterprises LLC – Minor Subdivision – Mr. Ted Oman of Ted L. Oman & Associates, Inc. spoke on behalf of Janski Enterprises LLC. The project is to subdivide two existing parcels located between Fowlersville and Grandview Roads into three building lots for single-family dwellings. Mr. Oman reviewed the presented Final Subdivision Plans.

Mr. Kocher made a motion for Conditional Approval, based on reviews by Ms. Bacon and Mr. Pysker with the following conditions to be completed within 90 days:

1. Mr. Pysker's completion and approval of the stormwater plan
2. Completion of open items from the Columbia County Planning Commission review
3. Receipt of executed Developer's Agreement
4. Receipt of Financial Security
5. Receipt of NPDES permit

Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Dent – Solar Land Development – Ms. Bacon reported that the project's review comments from Mr. Pysker have not been completed to date, therefore the item is tabled.

OLD BUSINESS

20 Shawnee Road Vehicles Update – Attorney Turowski stated that more documentation is required before he can proceed with legal action to remove the vehicles. Ms. Bacon will work with Attorney Turowski on this matter. Ms. Bacon reported that 30 days has passed since issuance of the letter to the property owner to claim his personal property. The appeal process allows the property owner 60 days before next steps can be taken by the Township.

Park Grant Update – Mr. Kocher reported that DCNR was notified that Scott Township will go directly to the previous low bidder to complete this project. A quote of \$120,950 was obtained from Columbia Excavating, who indicated the work could be completed Spring 2025.

The revised scope of the project is as follows:

- Espy Park – Asphalt pathway leading to new equipment
- Scott Park – Asphalt pathway from behind the pickleball court to the new equipment and from the new equipment to the parking lot; Paving the parking lot as this is a requirement for the DCED Grant; Planting 50 arborvitae and 50 red maple trees.

Mr. Kocher stated the revised project plan can be completed within the budget. Mr. Kocher asked Ms. Bacon to set up a meeting with DCNR to present the quote and revised scope in order to obtain their approval to proceed.

Mr. Kocher also noted that an inspection of the new equipment was completed with positive results. The addition of a mulch pathway was requested which has since been completed by the Street/Roads Department.

Ms. Bacon stated she has received complaints from a resident adjoining the Espy Park basketball court. The resident has requested a basketball backboard be installed to remedy balls going into her yard. Ms. Bacon confirmed that no changes in position or direction of the basketball hoop were made during the recent renovations.

NEW BUSINESS

Fee Schedule Resolution 2-19-25 – The item was tabled pending finalization of the Solar Ordinance Amendment at the April 2025 meeting.

2025 Paving Project – Mr. Kashner provided an overview of the proposed 2025 paving project. Roads to be paved are Neuffer Hill Road – Shaffer Hollow to Tower, Neuffer Hill Road – Tower to Substation, Shawnee Road, and Gray Street to State Route 487. The preliminary estimate for the project is \$162,290 replacing approximately 1,370 ton of asphalt. Mr. Wildt made a motion to approve putting the 2025 Paving Project out to bid. Mr. Hafner seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kashner provided an update on information from PennDOT regarding their future Routes 80/487 paving reconstruction for 2026. This will include widening Central Road from Route 487 to Fifth Street Hollow and replacement of existing traffic signals. The PennDOT project will be put out for bid in June 2025.

Resident Linda Hill, 30 Nottingham Road, stated that a section of Knights Drive that was paved in 2024 is cracking along the road edge. Mr. Kashner will follow up.

A resident asked if a traffic signal has been considered for the junction of Fifth Street Hollow and Central Road. Mr. Kashner noted that the location may be too close to the Route 487/Central Road traffic signal to be feasible.

Streets Department IPAD/Diamond Maps – Mr. Kashner provided information on the need for purchase of an iPad and subscription to Diamond Maps for use by the Street Department to upload drainpipe locations within the Township. This product is a valuable tool presently used by the Scott Township Authority. An approximate cost for the iPad is \$750. Internet service would be approximately \$20/month and the Diamond Maps subscription is \$250/year. Mr. Kashner noted that purchase of this was included in the approved 2025 Budget. Mr. Kocher stated that, as this was included in the approved budget, a motion to proceed with ordering this was not required.

Part Time Streets & Roads Employee – Mr. Kashner notified the Supervisors that he may need to advertise for a part time employee if the current employee is not available.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Mr. Hafner made a motion to convene an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters for the Police and Streets & Roads Departments. Ms. Lynn seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 and the executive session convened at 7:50 p.m. Ms. Lynn made a motion to conclude the executive session. Mr. Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. The executive session concluded at 8:21 p.m.

Mr. Kocher made a motion to approve advertising to hire a part time Streets/Maintenance employee at the current hours and current rate of pay. Mr. Wildt seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brittany M. Bacon
Secretary/Treasurer