

LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
August 9, 2022

The Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 9th, at the Municipal Building, 323 Green Lane, Quarryville, Pennsylvania. Prior notice of the meeting was given.

Vice-Chairman, Clark Coates, called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A moment of silence and reflection was followed by the salute to the Flag.

PRESENT: Clark Coates
Richard Brenneman
David Martin
Pat Wood
Christine Jackson
Margaret DeCarolis

Brendan Filliaux
George Osborn
Dan Risk
Craig Williams

MINUTES: Motion made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried to adopt the minutes of the July 12th Board meeting as written.

SANITATION: It was reported that Mr. Stoner collected \$150.00 in sanitation fees and \$100.00 for well permits issued during the month of July.

ZONING: Ms. Jackson, Zoning Officer reported issuing 6 zoning, 14 occupancy, 2 driveway and 3 demolition permits during the month of July, along with the acceptance of 1 Zoning Hearing Application. Ms. Jackson also advised the Board of the following:

- Zoning Hearing Application of Brendan Filliaux, Arthur and Mary Wollschlager. Applicants are requesting a variance from section 200.8.C of the zoning ordinance to allow them to construct an addition onto the home at 24 Little Britain Road South to allow for ADA accessible living. Mr. Martin recused himself from discussion and voting on this matter due to being an adjoining property owner. Following a review of the application, Ms. Wood motioned the Board support this application if no other structures are added off the back of this addition. (Deck, patio, etc.) Mr. Brenneman seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Martin indicated he would provide a letter for the Zoning Hearing Board indicating his support of the application based on the stipulations noted above of no additional structures being installed beyond the setback.
- Following discussion and concerns expressed during the July meeting pertaining to the Lancaster County Planning Commission attempting to mandate plans include historical notes on them, all Board members, employees, Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board members of the Township have received an invitation to attend the Lancaster County Historic Preservation Summit to be hold on September 30th.
- Renewal of Notary Certification will be due shortly if the Board wishes her to maintain this certification. Ms. Wood motioned the certification be maintained and the Township cover the expenses on this matter. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, which carried.

TAXES: It was reported that no tax report had been received for the month of July.

ROADS: Roadmaster, Dan Risk advised of the following July roadcrew activities:

- Checked on and cleaned Park.

- Mowed road banks
- Worked on Mack truck.
- Cleaned up following storms.
- Repaired roads.
- Cleaned inlet boxes.
- Filled side gutters.
- Scraped roads following storms.
- Cleaned side gutters.
- Hauled and stockpiles stone.
- Installed inlet protection on Kirks Mill inlet box.
- Sprayed for weeds along road banks.
- Mowed at the municipal building.
- Replaced Stop signs.
- Repaired ball field gate at the park.
- Cut in side gutter on Honeysuckle Road.
- Performed routine equipment maintenance.

Ms. Wood questioned how the mower was holding up and was advised as of now, it is still running. She then questioned if Mr. Risk believed he would be able to cover all township roads again before the end of the season and was advised he would.

ROOFING OF PARK PAVILLIONS: Ms. Wood noted the need to replace the pavilion roofs at the park and questioned if this expenditure could be made with the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding. She was advised it could. Mr. Risk stated his belief the roofs should be converted to metal versus the shingles current there. Following a discussion on the matter, the Board authorized Mr. Risk to obtain estimates for this work to be done.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: The Board was advised that the bills approved for July did not include all of the payments made between meetings and were therefore being represented. Motion was then made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried authorizing the payment of July General Fund checks 12648 through 12676 in the amount of \$20,585.06. Motion made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried authorizing the payment of August General Fund checks 12677 through 12703 in the amount of \$29,038.36.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting was opened for public participation, with no response.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: Ms. Wood questioned if the Board had decided not to participate in the Southern Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. She indicated her belief that should the Township not participate in the County plan that it would be forced to draft a stand-alone Comprehensive Plan. The Board advised that no final determination had been made. Ms. Wood advised the next meeting of the Inter-Municipal Council would be held on August 16th at which time the plan and its revisions would be available and discussed.

TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION: Motion made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried to adopt the minutes of the July 26th Township Planning Commission meeting as presented.

Daniel Beiler – Brian Masterson of Register Associates contacted Ms. Jackson to advise that he could not attend to present the plan and requested the plan be reviewed and given contingent approval upon all items noted by Township Engineer, Ed Fisher being addressed. It was noted the plan had a lengthy list of corrections to be made during its previous review. Based on that information, the Board decided to table the plan until its September meeting.

Aaron Kinsinger – Craig Williams of Strausser Surveying presented the plan and advised the Board that the previously approved Sewage Facilities Module was rejected by DEP and had to be revised. Following a discussion, Mr. Brenneman motioned the new Sewage Facilities Module, **Resolution #10-22** be approved as presented. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, which carried.

Robert Sensenig: Zoning Officer, Christine Jackson presented the stormwater plan. She noted the plan had not met the submittal guidelines, therefore comments from the Township engineer have just been received due to it being expedited at the Engineer's office so that the Board could review the plan. Based on her quick review of the engineer's comments, it appears there are 5 items that still need to be addressed prior to its approval. She requested the Board approve the plan contingent on all remaining items needing correction be made. Following a review of the plan, a motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried granting approval of the plan contingent on all corrections being made. Ms. Jackson advised the applicant that going forward all submittal guidelines would need to be adhered to in order to keep the plan moving in a timely manner.

John Stoltzfoos – Craig Williams of Strausser Surveying presented the lot add-on plan advising that a zoning hearing has been held authorizing the merging of these 2 non-confirming lots. Following a review of the plan, Ms. Wood motioned approval of the plan contingent up all comments of the township engineer being addressed. Mr. Brenneman seconded the motion, which carried.

RESIDENTIAL CONCERN: Residents Allison Fisher and Brendan Filliaux of Green Lane advised the Board of their continuing concerns over the speed of motorists on Green Lane and activities occurring at the park. Ms. Fisher advised of a speeding incident that Mr. Filliaux intervened in that ended up in court. She noted that while attending court to speak on Mr. Filliaux's behalf, she was advised by the State Police officer in attendance that he was not aware of any request to provide additional coverage at the park. A discussion pursued pertaining to Ms. Fisher's belief of drug use at the park and her desire to see some sort of speed reduction solution for Green Lane. The Board again advised of the expense of a traffic study and how if the speed traveled by motorist was as high as she projects, the speed limit on the road could actually be increased. Speed bumps on the Green Lane are not practical but there is a possibility of installing them on the entrance to the park. Mr. Brenneman questioned the feasibility of closing the park for a period of time to see if the concerns would stop but was advised that penalizing all of those who patronize the park seemed unfair. The Board noted their concern over a resident addressing

concerns with park visitors or speeders and agreed any confrontations on matters taking place should be handled by a Board member or the Roadmaster. Installing additional speed limit signs was also discussed along with placing a padlock on the gate to prevent anyone from entering the park after hours.

SEWAGE MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE EXEMPTION REQUEST: The Board was advised of a request from Donald Roland of 496 Ashville Road to extend the time between service and inspections on his septic system from 3 to 5 years. There are only 2 persons residing in the 3-bedroom home. Verification of a recent service was provided along with a recommendation from the hauler to extend the timeframe of service. Following a review of this request, Ms. Wood motioned that Mr. Roland be granted the extension as requested. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried.

RELEASE OF ESCROW: The Board reviewed comments from Township Engineer, Ed Fisher pertaining to the release of escrow on the following plans:

Mark Young: Motion made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried authorizing the release of escrow funding held on the Clendenin Road stormwater project.

Zach Dempsey: Mr. Brenneman motioned the escrow funding being held on the Pine Grove Road project be released, minus the outstanding engineering fees that are due. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, which carried.

James Kreider: Ms. Wood motioned the escrow funding being hold on the Green Lane project be released. Mr. Brenneman seconded the motion, which carried.

Samuel Esh: As the Little Britain Road stormwater project has been completed as designed, a motion was made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried authorizing the release of escrow funding.

Lancaster Home Builders: Ms. Wood motioned the escrow being held on the Little Britain Road project be released following the deduction of the outstanding engineering fees due. Mr. Brenneman seconded the motion, which carried.

Cleason Sensenig: Motion made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried authorizing the release of the Noble Road escrow funding being held.

Custom Home Group: Motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried authorizing the release of escrow on the Lloyds Road project.

BUDGET WORKSHOP: The Board established that the 2023 budget workshop would be conducted following the October 11th Board meeting.

BLACK AND LITTLE BRITAIN ROADS INTERSECTION: The Board was advised that per the Township Engineer, Ed Fisher, the paperwork due to PennDOT can be resubmitted any time but based on the current price projections he did not want to continue generating bills until the Board decided how they wished to proceed. Mr. Fisher discussed a cheaper option of installing a “pork chop” at the intersection but that would prevent traffic from turning north onto

Little Britain Road. The Board was then advised that based on conversations with Reber Testerman of Representative Cutler's office, the grant funding applied for through the Local Share Account Fair (Gaming Funds) was approved in committee contingent upon the funding being included within the State budget. The funding was approved in the State budget so the committee merely needs to meet again to officially approve the grant funding. Mr. Brenneman noted several other near accidents that have occurred at this intersection in recent months. Ms. Wood then questioned if/when the Board agreed to complete this project. It was noted that the topic had been discussed numerous times and that Board approval was given prior to the grant application being submitted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Coates called for an executive session and 8:35 p.m. to discuss a legal matter. The meeting was reconvened at 8:56.

WEAVERLAND MENNONITE SCHOOL: Mr. Coates advised the courts have entered a decision in the Weaverland Mennonite School matter on August 1st granting the zoning application. The Board has agreed they will not appeal the decision.

HELM/BRITAIN HILL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT: It was noted that a settlement agreement has been agreed upon by all parties pertaining to the zoning application and appeal of Britain Hill Venue and Vineyard file in response to a notice of enforcement. The zoning officer provided a brief overview of the process. Ms. Wood then motioned to approve the settlement agreement issued by the Township and signed by Britain Hill on July 13, 2022, which includes approval of the revised land development plan prepared by RAV Associates Inc. and dated February 24, 2022, in accordance with paragraph 2 of the settlement agreement, and the issuance of a zoning permit and building permit for the construction of a tent over the outdoor seating area in accordance with paragraph 3 of the settlement agreement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried.

Resident, George Osborn who serves on the Zoning Hearing Board indicated his dissatisfaction in the way the Helms have been allowed to draw this situation out, clearly in violation of the testimony given at their zoning hearings and then cancelling the hearing scheduled for July 20th at the last minute. He noted that several residents came home from vacation to attend and perhaps testify at that hearing only to be notified it had been cancelled. He further noted that the legally required posting for the hearing to be posted on their property was continually taken down and how he personally had stopped twice to replace the posting as required. He indicated his belief that the residents who had taken the time and trouble to attend the hearing should receive a copy of the settlement agreement. He was advised that due to it being a public document that any resident wishing to obtain a copy can submit a Right to Know request.

TRAINING/SEMINARS: Upcoming training and seminar information was available for review by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: At 9:00 p.m. being no further business, motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. DeCarolis
Secretary/Treasurer