

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors
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**Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting
Monday, June 21, 2021**

Present at the Meeting

Tony Prudenti – Chairman

Katie Orlick - Secretary

Tim Houser – Vice-Chairman

Paul Datte – Solicitor

Glenn Hummel – Supervisor

Mike Begis – ARRO Consulting, Inc.

Karen Wittig – Treasurer

I. General

A. Anthony Prudenti called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance & Introductions at 10:00AM.

B. Approval of Monthly Bills

Chairman called for a motion to approve /pay the monthly bills. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

III. Land Use - None

IV. Old Business

A. Glenn Hummel asked the BOS about Recycling. Chairman said we are just about ready. We are waiting for the fence. Tim Houser said he would like to see it get started in July. Clint Schock said technically we can start but the fencing will not be up. Chairman said the recycling is only for Township Residents. Chairman asked the secretary to look into getting stickers or placards for cars to identify Township residents to make it easier on the attendant working the recycling site. Chairman said we need to set hours of operation for the recycling site. Chairman said we will have someone work at the site to make sure it is only Township residents using the facility. Chairman said signs will have to be made & the police dept. notified of the hours so they can check it. Tim Houser said we want recycling but it is important to do it properly. Glenn Hummel asked if the placards/stickers would be mandatory. Chairman said no but then you will have to show ID every time. Attorney Datte suggested the hangers for their mirror to identify residents.

The BOS agreed to do a July 1, 2021 opening. Chairman made a motion to open the recycling site July 1, 2021, with limited hours, must be a Township resident, must show proof of residency, hours of operation will be enforced, signs to order and hire someone part-time for the first couple months to regulate the recycling. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

V. New Business

A. Chairman called for a motion to adopt Resolution #18 of 2021, The Fair Housing Resolution. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

B. Chairman called for a motion to adopt Resolution # 19 of 2021, naming a Private Road from its intersection with Municipal Road (T-777) northwardly through properties designated Schuylkill County UPI No. #37-07-0052.000 & 37-07-0053.000 as Oak Trail. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

VI. Business from Anyone on the Board

A. Chairman announced that the Monday, July 5th, 2021 meeting is rescheduled for Tuesday, July 6th 2021 @ 6:30PM.

B. SALDOs & Land Development – Chairman said in our Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance it says you have to do a Land Development in the commercial district or any change of use. Chairman would like to see that changed. Chairman feels if it is 2.5 acres or less, you shouldn't need a Land Development Plan however if the project is over a half million dollars then you do.

Attorney Datte said he recommends the BOS make a motion for him to draft something like that.

Chairman made a motion that we have Paul Datte & Mike Begis work on an amendment to our SALDOs not to require Land Development for smaller projects. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

C. Morgan Park Grant – Asked the secretary to give a brief update. Secretary said we had our Conference call in April. She said that we are able to withdraw funds but we need to bid out the jobs in order to get the project completed. Lehigh Engineering, LLC has not move on it. The BOS are looking to get the money dispersed & the project completed. Secretary said our conference call with DCNR was in April. The secretary said she emailed Lehigh in May then again in June. Finally, Lehigh stopped at the office but it was when the secretary took a personal day. Lehigh Engineering, LLC did not confirm a meeting to get together, they just showed up. After the secretary heard Lehigh stopped at the office she emailed them again. Glenn Hummel added that he is frustrated with Lehigh's professionalism. Glenn Hummel said we were able to start in April it is now just about July and nothing has been done. Glenn Hummel said he would like to go to ARRO Consulting, Inc. to handle this DCNR Morgan Grant Project. Tim Houser made a motion to request any & all information on the Morgan Park Grant from Lehigh Engineering, LLC. & terminate their obligation for Engineering for the DCNR Morgan Park Grant & pursue other means. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0 Chairman asked ARRO Consulting, Inc. if they would take over for the DCNR Morgan Park Project. Mike Begis, said yes, but they do need to see the scope and what is involved. Chairman asked Glenn Hummel & the secretary to have a meeting with ARRO and get them up to speed.

D. Glenn Hummel asked the BOS if we can change the Labor Day meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, September 6, 2021 to Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Chairman & the BOS do not have a problem moving the meeting. Chairman asked the secretary to advertise the changes.

VII. Correspondence

A. Chairman announced that Penn DOT may have to close Ridge Cup Road, Friday, June 25th, 2021 to repair a pipe.

B. Blue Ridge Franchise Agreement – Chairman said the Franchise Agreement started in 2007. The Township renewed the agreement every 5 years fluctuating from 3 or 5%. Chairman asked if it is possible that we contact Blue Ridge and ask if the Twp., Police Dept. & the Ambulance can have free services as part of the contract. Attorney Datte asked about the Ambulance. Chairman said they are in West Penn Township but they have mutual aid agreement with surrounding communities. Chairman would like Karen Wittig talk to Blue Ridge & negotiate the Franchise Agreement.

VIII. Public Comment on General Items – 5 Minute Time Limit

IV. Executive Session –

A. Chairman called for a motion to go into executive session @ 10:40AM for personnel issues. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Chairman called the meeting back to session. Chairman said the BOS discussed employee issues. Chairman asked Supervisor Hummel to address the situation. Glenn Hummel said the BOS would like to terminate Stan Madero, a Part-time police officer as of 6/21/21. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

X. Anything Else from the Board

XI. Adjournment

Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the 11:10AM meeting. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

Transcribed By: Katie Orlick – West Penn Township Secretary