

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors**

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**Regular 10AM Monthly Meeting**

**Monday, June 19, 2023**

**Present at the Meeting**

**Tony Prudenti – Chairman**

**Katie Orlick - Secretary**

**Tim Houser – Supervisor**

**Paul Datte – Solicitor**

**Glenn Hummel – Vice Chairman(phone)**

**Mike Begis – ARRO Consulting**

**Karen Wittig – Treasurer**

**CDBG Hearing**

Chairman introduced Ron Zimmerman & Cheryl Fuss from the Schuylkill County CDBG, Housing Rehabilitation Program. Cheryl Fuss said the purpose of this hearing is to provide citizens the opportunity to comment on the CDBG Program. This year they are anticipating that West Penn Township will receive \$98K in funding. At least 70% of the funds must be used to benefit low- & moderate income persons. The proposed activities must benefit at least 51% low-moderate income persons in the service area to qualify as an eligible project. State for the record that does not intend to cause any displacement of people from their homes while carrying out these projects. The County has a relocation and acquisition policy that details any activity that causes displacement. Tim Houser asked if they have to own the home to qualify for funding. Ron Zimmerman said we would have to look into it. Tim Houser also asked about acquisition of property for demolition purposes. Ron Zimmerman said you can have conservatorship. Chairman asked about Parks and Parking Lots. Tim Houser asked if the recycling area by the fire company would qualify because right now it is gravel. It would make it easier for someone with disabilities if it was paved to recycle. Ron Zimmerman believe it would have to come from the income survey.

Chairman asked what is Code Enforcement about with this program. Ron Zimmerman said you can use some of the money for Code Enforcement, however, it has to do with income. Chairman asked Ron Zimmerman to come up with a list that we would be able to qualify for funding. Ron Zimmerman said he would like to do the next phase of the park.

**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 our monthly bills, including the Ambulance Bills we held last meeting. 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** – Chairman asked Paul Datte about the deed for Bella Terra Farms/Atlas Park. Attorney Datte said he is finishing up the deed and he will be in contact with Mr. D'Angelo. Attorney Datte said Mike Begis will have to review it and DCNR approve it.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Recycling Bin** – Chairman said we should have our second bin soon. Hopefully, by the end of the month.

**V. New Business - NONE**

**VI. Business from anyone on the Board**

Tim Houser referred to the CDBG Money. He would like something done with the abandoned property on SR309 down in Snyders. He feels we should cease it and get the money from the CDBG program and have it demolished. The Board agrees. Paul Datte said he will get back to the Board at the next meeting and tell us what we can do. Paul Datte said make a motion to direct him to take the legal action necessary. Tim Houser made the motion. Glenn Hummel seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion is carried. 3-0

**VII. Correspondence**

**A. Chairman** read a correspondence from the West Penn Twp. Lions Club. The Lions are celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Lionism. They asked the Board to attend their celebration.

Tim Houser said he contacted Dave Krall to let him know the flag box was full. Secretary said it was emptied.

Secretary said she spoke to Charlie Schmehl about Zoning. Hopefully, he will have something for us at our next meeting to keep it going.

**Larry Stival** had a discussion with the Board about the speed limit on Summer Valley Rd. He spoke about the Right-to-Know the Township submitted and questioned why they denied our requests. Larry Stival feels we need to do something. Larry Stival said he sent a letter to PennDOT and they refused his requests. Larry Stival said he doesn't know why they feel the speed limit is arbitrary. Larry Stival also expressed his views on the dangerous intersection of SR309 & SR895 & getting a street light at that location. Larry Stival said the design of that intersection is horrible.

PennDOT said we don't fit the criteria to do anything. Larry Stival said we should request a roundabout to slow people down. Tim Houser said that may require land acquisition to put something like that down there. Larry Stival expressed that the intersection is poorly designed.

Chairman suggested we reach out to PennDOT one more time to ask for a new road study in the summer not in February. Chairman said let's ask them to put in a roundabout there.

**VIII. Public Comment on General Items**

**Carl Greves** – asked the Board what is going on with all the digging behind the recycling bin. He feels that it should be tapered off so no one gets hurt. Jeremy Frible said that was his plan as soon as they get enough shale for their road project. Chairman said in the meantime maybe we can put up cones or fence it, to keep people away.

**Karen Clark** – future resident in the Timber Ridge Development, came to a meeting with the suggestion of Ray Swartz from ARRO Consulting to request an Indemnification Agreement because of the site distance for their driveway permit 25 Eagles View Dr. Glenn Hummel asked if the lot next to her sold or still owned by the developer. Chairman said it was sold. Paul Datte doesn't have a problem based on Ray Swartz recommendation to do the agreement if the Board wants to take action. Chairman called for a motion to approve the request of the Indemnification Agreement for the Driveway Permit at 25 Eagles View Dr. Glenn Hummel made the motion. Tim Houser seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 3-0

**Delroy Haas** – feels that we should put bigger stop signs going east and west with red lights on top at that intersection (SR309 & SR895). This may prevent people that is not familiar with the area from accidents.

**Dennis Benningfield** suggested solar light around the stop signs.

**Tim Houser** said we received quite a few concerns about a property by Leiby's restaurant. Tim Houser asked if the Code Enforcement Officer will conduct an investigation about the number of animals on the property and multiple pallets & mess on that property.

**IX. Executive Session - NONE**

**X. Anything Else from the Board - NONE**

**XI. Adjournment**

A. Chairman called for a motion to Adjourn at 11:38AM. 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