

**West Penn Township Board of Supervisors
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**Regular 8:30AM Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

Present at the Meeting

Tony Prudenti

Katie Orlick - Secretary

Kyle Kester – Vice Chairman

Paul Datte – Solicitor

Tom Ackerman – Supervisor(absent)

Mike Begis – ARRO Consulting

Karen Wittig – Treasurer

Herb Woodring – Asst. of the BOS

Jeremy Frable – Road Master

I. General

A. Tony Prudenti, Chairman opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Introductions at 8:35AM.

B. Approval of Monthly Bills

Chairman called for a motion to approve and pay the monthly bills. Kyle Kester made the motion to approve and pay the monthly bills. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0.

II. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only – 5 Minute Time Limit - NONE

III. Land Use - NONE

IV. Old Business

A. False Alarm Fees

Chairman said everyone reviewed and accepted the Draft False Alarm Ordinance. Attorney Datte said he will advertise it for adoption at the first meeting in April.

B. Data Center Ordinance

Chairman said they have a draft/proposed Data Center Ordinance that they reviewed. Attorney Datte said there are a few things they may want to consider for this Ordinance. One thing we have to figure out is which Zoning District we would allow this use. Attorney Datte said we will review the Planning Commission comments. The Planning Commission referenced an Overlay. Attorney Datte said he like the concept of an Overlay in the Light/ Industrial/ Business District, Commercial Industrial District & Extractive Industrial District by Special Exception. The Board discussed Maximum Height to be 50ft and noise testing. Chairman recommends we discuss the Data Center Ordinance at our next meeting because Supervisor Ackerman is not at the meeting and we need everyone's input. Herb Woodring asked the Board what size he should put in the Ordinance for the Minimum Acre Requirement. Ordinance was tabled until next meeting.

V. New Business

A. West Penn Park Commission for J.E. Morgan & Atlas Parks

The Board of Supervisors discussed what authority the Park Commission has on making decisions on behalf of the Township. Howard Pryda's concern was going back to the Board of Supervisors every time they wanted to go for a grant or ask for donations. Attorney Datte said funds go to the Township. They have to be the advocate. Normally, through the grant process the organization that offers the grant usually wants to see an action or Resolution from the Board of Supervisors allowing the Township to apply for the grant. Attorney Datte said that if you do get the grant, depending on the cost of things you

may have to bid the project out. There are thresholds that the Township must follow. Attorney Datte said the Commissions must come back to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation of what they want to do. Attorney Datte said if you apply for a grant or donation you must come to the Board for approval. If you go to local businesses and ask for donations you would not unless it is sizable and then we may have to accept it. Lt. John Kaczmarczyk's concern was if they apply for a grant that another group of the Township applied for and it would bump the original group out for the funding. Chairman said if the Park Commission is going out to solicit donations we should come up with a script, so everyone is on the same page. Howard Pryda said he understands the process now.

Howard Pryda's other concern is communication with the public. He said Glenn Hummel said maybe we should get a Facebook page. Howard Pryda said the page could just be informational and it does not have to accept comments. He feels it would help to get the word out about the parks and different events the Township may have in the future. Howard Pryda feels we need the exposure in order to maintain the parks. Chairman spoke about a newsletter. The Board of Supervisors tabled the decision for a Facebook page until all three Supervisors are present at the meeting. Attorney Datte will also look into having a Facebook page for the Township. Chairman said he would like to meet with the Park Commissions, so everyone is on the same page. He heard for the Fireworks display the Committee was thinking about doing something else with the funds that would be raised and not splitting it between our Emergency Services. Howard Pryda gave his explanation about the donations to the Emergency Services. He said that he got donations last year and gave the Services the opportunity to raise more money, but they failed to act on it. He feels we need to raise money to continue having these kinds of events. Howard Pryda also recommended we figure out how to raise money through fundraisers for the Fireworks show. Chairman asked to have Fireworks on our Agenda of our next meeting.

V. Business from anyone on the Board -NONE

VI. Correspondence – NONE

VII. Public Comment on General Items

A. Daryl Fritz – member of the other Park Commission. He asked the Board how the search for a cleaning person for the park was going. Chairman requested another meeting with the West Penn Park Commission for Zion Stone. Chairman would like to make clear our roles and who would be taking care of what.

B. Bob Stabler – asked about the False Alarm Ordinance. He wanted to know how many False Alarms happen in the Township. His concern was the new rate increase in the new Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors said the Ordinance is 26 years old and it was time to update it. Everything including gas has increased throughout the years. It is important to increase the fees to keep up with that alone. It takes a few times for someone to get charged. We are trying to make sure that if a False Alarm happens the owner would take it seriously and get the Alarm fixed.

VIII. Executive Session - NONE

IX. Adjournment

1. Chairman called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20AM. Kyle Kester made the motion. Chairman seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion was carried. 2-0

Transcribed by:

Katie Orlick, West Penn Township Secretary