

WILLIAMS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Regular Meeting
July 10, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Williams Township Board of Supervisors, 655 Cider Press Road, Easton, PA 18042 was held on the above date and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson George Washburn. Others present were Vice Chairperson Raymond Abert, Supervisor Michael Bryant, Township Solicitor Sean Duffy, Township Manager Melody Ernst, Township Engineer Ronald Madison, Zoning Officer Suzanne Borzak, Public Works Director Michael Strawn and Township Secretary Hannah Warner.

George stated an Executive Session was held on July 10, 2024 for Legal Matters.

George asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of June 12, 2024. Michael made a motion to approve said minutes, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Melody presented the Expense Report of July 10, 2024 to the Board. Michael made a motion to approve the Expense Report, June Treasurers Report and to pay the bills, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Manager's Report – Melody submitted her report dated July 10, 2024 to the Board for review. Melody advised the Board that an email was received from Matt Little asking to apply to a Native Wildflower Grant for the Melchor Tract. No exact costs were submitted but Mr. Little said that the Township would need to provide herbicide and a piece of equipment to mow the area. There was a brief discussion on this matter, and it was decided by the Board that they would not have Mr. Little move forward with applying for the grant.

Public Works – Mike submitted his report dated June 12, 2024 to July 10, 2024 to the Board for review.

Zoning Office Report – Suzanne submitted her report for June to the Board for review. There will not be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2024.

Suzanne indicated there will be a Zoning Hearing Board meeting on August 28, 2024 and requested the Board authorize the attorney and engineer to attend. The motion was made by Michael, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Planning Commission – The June 19, 2024 report was received by the Board for Review.

Land Preservation Board – The June 25, 2024 report was received by the Board for Review.

Recreation Board – The report of July 3, 2024 was received by the Board for Review.

1. Approval of Contribution to WTAA – Ray made a motion to approve the contribution to the WTAA to offset operational expenses in the amount of \$12,300.00, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

2. Approval for Wilson Youth Soccer use of Fields – Ray made a motion to approve WYSA use of fields if they have the proper insurance, submitted by the Township, second by Michael. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

3. Approval of WTAA Use of Municipal Field for Tree Lighting Ceremony – Michael made a motion to approve the use of Municipal Field for the Tree Lighting Ceremony, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

Engineers Report – Ron briefly reviewed his July 8, 2024 memorandum.

Solicitor Report - The report was provided to the Board for review.

Old Business

1. Ash Tree Issue Letter of Support – Sean stated that a request from Dr. Little to file a formal PUC complaint regarding vegetation and maintenance as it pertains to Met Ed also. Sean drafted a letter of support that Dr. Little can file with the PUC and that the Township fully supports their efforts. Michael made a motion to send a letter of support to PUC, second by George. There being no comments, motion carried 2-0. Ray abstained due to him receiving a pension from Met Ed. Ray signed a conflict-of-interest paper that is made a part of the minutes.

2. Authorization to Send Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Zoning Permits to Twp. PC and LVPC for Review and Comments – Mel stated that this is just to send Ordinance Amendments to Planning Commission and LVPC members for review and comments. Michael made a motion to send zoning ordinance amendments to Planning Commission and LVPC members, second by Ray. There being no comments, motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Supervisors' Comments – Ray stated the Williams Township Fireman's Carnival is next Monday, the week of July 22 at the Williams Township Fire Company #1 starting at 6pm.

Audience Comments

1. Roth Healey – 100 Tumble Creek Rd – Mr. Healey handed the Board a letter of no trespassing notice.

2. Tom Little – 700 Texas Rd – Mr. Little stated at last month's meeting he submitted a signed petition to the Supervisors. Mr. Little stated he would like the Township to consider requesting a meeting with the PUC, Met-Ed, a State Representative and the Township. Sean stated that the Township is not responsible for going on residents' properties and cutting down trees. Ron stated property owners are responsible for maintaining their own properties.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hannah Warner, Twp. Secretary/Assistant Treasurer
Williams Township Board of Supervisors