

The Board's Minutes of the East Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
Held on June 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of East Donegal Township was held on Thursday, June 3, 2021, at 7:00 PM in the East Donegal Township Municipal Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta, PA 17547.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jones.

Supervisors Esbenshade led with a Prayer and Pledge to the Flag.

Roll call of Supervisors: Present were Chairman Tom Jones, Vice-Chairman Allen D. Esbenshade, John Murphy, and Jeffrey Butler, Township Manager.

Public Hearing – Zoning Text Amendment, Airport Commercial District

Mr. Jones explained that the Board would be conducting a hearing to consider an amendment to the Township zoning regulations within the Airport Commercial District.

Mr. Craig Underwood, Township Zoning Officer and Building Code Official provided a brief overview of the proposed amendment to change the required side yard setback from fifty (50') feet to twelve (12') feet.

The proposed amendment was prepared by the Township Planning Commission and reflects feedback from the airport owner. The change provides more flexibility in siting future aircraft hangers.

Mr. Underwood stated that the proposed amendment was reviewed by the Lancaster County Planning Commission. In addition, the public hearing, and the proposed amendment, were advertised in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code.

A motion of Mr. Murphy to close the hearing was seconded by Mr. Esbenshade. Vote: Mr. Esbenshade, yes; Mr. Murphy, yes; Mr. Jones, yes. Motion passed.

Public attendance is attached.

Mr. Joseph McIlhenny introduced himself as the new Executive Director of the Milanof-Schock Library. Mr. McIlhenny thanked the Board for their continued support of the library.

Ms. Bridey Hannold, 9 North River Street reminded the Board that she and her husband would be willing to gift the Township the money to provide street signs for Center Square and asked when she might hear if the Board accepts the offer. Mr. Jones indicated the Board will let her know.

Sonya Ross, 12 Church Street, expressed a concern about the intersection of Church and Taylor Streets. She stated that she was told that a stop sign would be placed there several years ago, and it still has not happened. Ms. Ross also expressed a concern regarding the speed of vehicles using these streets.

Ms. Sara Gutshall expressed her concern regarding skateboarders and bicyclist using the Maytown Square.

The Board approved the minutes for the May 6, 2021, regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors by a motion made by Mr. Esbenshade and seconded by Mr. Murphy. Discussion: None. Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, and Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade to approve the Treasurer’s Reports for the Township and approve the payment of Township bills. Discussion: none. Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, abstaining from check #51965 payable to himself and Mr. Jones; yes, abstaining from check #51993 payable to himself.

| FUND | AMOUNT | CHECK #'s |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| General Fund | \$312,093.45 | 51964-52001 |
| Trash and Recycling Fund | \$82,769.55 | 1936-1944 |
| Subdivision Escrow Fund | \$7,945.78 | 568-569 |
| TOTAL | \$402,808.78 | |

Mr. Jones acknowledged the Board’s receipt of the Balance Sheets for the period ending April 30, 2021, for all Township Funds.

Old Business.

Ordinance 2021 - 2, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 52, Zoning, Article V, District Regulations, Section 52-123, Airport Commercial District

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade, to adopt Ordinance 2021-2 amending Chapter 52, Zoning, Article V, District Regulations, Section 52-123, Airport Commercial District by the reduction of side yard setbacks from 50 feet to 12 feet.

Discussion: None. Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

New Business.

Eagle Scout Project – Chickies Creek Day Use Area Orienteering Course

Tristen Stark was present to discuss the orienteering course he has proposed for Chickies Creek Day Use Area as part of his Eagle Scout project. The project consists of ten stations along with maps and corresponding coordinates. He was worked with the

Township Park Commission and the Delaware Valley Orienteering Association in developing the course.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade, to approve the development of the orienteering course within Chickies Creek Day Use Area by Tristen Stark.

Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

Fuhrman Park Skatepark Public Meeting (Park Commission), June 29, 2021

Mr. Jones announced that the Township Park Commission will be hosting a meeting to discuss issues surrounding the current use, and future, of the skatepark located at Fuhrman Park. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 29, 2021, starting at 6:30 PM, and will be held in the pavilion adjacent to the skatepark.

Chickies Day Use Area Master Plan Public Meeting, June 24, 2021

Mr. Jones announced that, as part of the Master Plan process for the Chickies Creek Day Use Area, an open house has been scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2021, to gather input from the community on the future of the park. The Open House will be held at the park from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

American Rescue Plan Act Recovery Funds

Mr. Butler indicated that the Township is anticipating receipt of a total of \$875,662.62 of federal funding through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The funds will be received in two allocations of \$437,831.31. One allocation will occur in 2021, the other in 2022. Due to restrictions on how the funds can be spent, and the reporting requirements of the Act, Mr. Butler suggested that the funds be placed in a separate account in a fashion similar to the Township's Highway Aid fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy, and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade, to approve the establishment of a new account with the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust for funds received under the American Rescue Plan of the 2021.

Vote: Mr. Murphy; yes, Mr. Esbenshade; yes, Mr. Jones; yes. Motion carried.

Copies of the May 2021 Zoning/Building Report were provided to the Board. For the month, 18 Zoning Permits and 5 UCC permits were issued. The total value of construction authorized equaled \$518,030.00. Permit fees collected were \$4,295.00. There were 22 zoning inspections and 26 UCC inspections conducted during the month.

The Board received copies of the May 2021 Roadmaster Report.

The Board received copies of the April 2021 Milanof-Schock Library Report.

For April 2021, Northwest EMS responded to 44 calls in East Donegal Township.

For April 2021, Fire Department Mount Joy responded to 1 first due call in East Donegal Township.

Maytown East Donegal Township Fire Department – No Report.

The Board received copies of the compliant audit of the Rheems Fire Company Relief Association prepared by the PA Department of the Auditor General.

The Board received copies of the meeting minutes of the April 6, 2021, and May 4, 2021, meetings of the Susquehanna Regional Police Commission.

The Board received copies of the East Donegal Township Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2021

The Board received copies of the Annual Report of the Mount Joy Borough Authority.

The Board received a reminder of the meeting of Municipal Committee of Northwest Emergency Medical Services, June 30, 2021.

The Board received copies of the PSATS NewsBulletin for May 2021.

Liaison Assignment Reports

Administration/Personnel – None.

Finance –None.

Parks and Recreation – Mr. Esbenshade announced the June 6th start of the 2021 Music In The Park program. He noted that all evening programs start at 6:30 PM this year.

Planning and Development –None.

Public Safety – Mr. Murphy updated the Board regarding the progress made in the search for a new police chief. Mr. Murphy stated that a decision could be made within the next few weeks.

Public Works – None.

Chairman Jones thanked Sara Gutshall for a memorable Memorial Day. He also thanked Rose Madar for flags placed around the community. He indicated that Memorial Day was a great community event.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Esbenshade to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey L. Butler
Township Manager/Secretary

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the East Donegal Township Municipal Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta PA 17547.