

WARWICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 1, 2023
7:00 a.m.
MEETING HELD BY VIRTUAL FORMAT

Chairman, Kenneth Eshleman convened the March 1, 2023 meeting of the Warwick Township Board of Supervisors at 7:00 a.m. In attendance were Supervisors Ken Eshleman, Ken Kauffman, Jeremy Strathmeyer, Jeff Tennis, and Kelly Gutshall. Also in attendance were Brian Harris, Township Manager; Pat Barrett, Assistant Township Manager; Jim Wenger, Derck & Edson; and Laura Knowles, Lititz Record Express.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A TIME EXTENSION FOR THE MICHAEL PALASZ PLAN: B Harris stated that a letter dated February 21, 2023 was received from Diehm & Sons requesting an additional 60 day extension to record the land development plan. The delay is because they are still working through some HOP issues. The extension would take them through May 6, 2023. On a motion by J. Strathmeyer and seconded by K. Gutshall, the Board unanimously approved the request for a time extension for the Michael Palasz plan.

CONSIDER REQUEST FOR A TIME EXTENSION FOR THE WALTON HILL PLAN: B. Harris stated that the applicant is seeking an extension of time primarily due to them working through the condemnation process that the board authorized. In a letter dated February 20, 2023 from Rettew, the applicant is requesting a 90 day extension which would take them through June 20, 2023. On a motion by K. Gutshall and seconded by J. Tennis, the Board unanimously approved the request for a time extension for the Walton Hill Plan.

CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A TIME EXTENSION FOR THE 743 E. MILLPORT ROAD PLAN: B. Harris stated that the applicant is requesting a 90 day time extension so they can include the ground water evaluation for the wells and also finalize the riparian buffer agreement. The time extension would take them through June 5, 2023. On a motion by K. Kauffman and seconded by J. Tennis, the Board unanimously approved the request for a time extension for the 743 E. Millport Road plan in accordance with the Harbor Engineering letter dated February 23, 2023.

CONSIDER THE PUMP STATION 18 DESIGN & PERMIT PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY LANDSTUDIES: B. Harris mentioned the two applications into the DEP for the Growing Greener Grant program. One of those applications was for the unnamed tributary to Pump Station #18 and the other for a tributary study on Moore's, Huber's, and New Haven Run. The township was not awarded the tributary study grant but was awarded the funding for the Pump Station #18 restoration and design. LandStudies helped prepare the application to Growing Greener. The township has a proposal from LandStudies to do the permitting and design associated with the project. The grant amount was for \$75,000.00 with a 15% township match of \$11,250.00. Once the township has the permitting and design completed for the 2,500 linear foot section the township can then discuss whether or not to seek additional construction funding or if the public works staff has the ability to do the project. K. Eshleman asked about the project timeline. In the application to DEP the estimate was that the permitting and design would be completed by fall of 2023 and the next step would be dependent on construction cost estimates. Harris does not see any restoration work being done in 2023. This grant is a reimbursable grant so you do not receive the money up front. K. Gutshall stated that this project made the township realize that they need to keep an eye on the actively eroding streams in

the township. Harris stated that there was a meeting held with the two property owners, Reiff and Zimmerman to get their consent and to go over long-term maintenance plans. The property owners are in favor of the plan. On a motion by J. Tennis and seconded by J. Strathmeyer, the Board approved authorizing staff to execute the LandStudies proposal dated January 24, 2023 for the permitting and design associated with the floodplain restoration work of the unnamed tributary associated with Pump Station #18. K. Gutshall abstained.

CONSIDER THE WARWICK TOWNSHIP TAX COLLECTOR AUDIT REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021: B. Harris mentioned that the only thing that was noted in the audit was a payment that came in in June that was postmarked in April so the tax collector was flagged for honoring the discount period when the period had expired. Harris stated that the Board did not need to take any action on this report he just wanted the board to be aware that this audit is done on an annual basis.

CONSIDER LANCASTER SUNRISE ROTARY REQUEST FOR ROTARY RIDE FOR THE COMMUNITY ON 6/3/2023: B. Harris stated that this annual event will be held June 3, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There is a 10 mile, 21 mile, and a 43 mile route planned. They will be utilizing Millport, East Millport, Becker, and Log Cabin Roads as part of their routes. The applicant did provide their certificate of liability. If the board approves the event we will be sure to include the condition of using non-permanent paint for marking routes in their approval letter. On a motion by K. Kauffman and seconded by K. Gutshall, the Board unanimously approved the request for the Rotary Ride for the Community on 6/3/2023.

KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES GRANT AWARD CORRESPONDENCE: B. Harris mentioned that the Township did receive the grant award for the Keystone Communities Program. We have yet to receive the contract but did receive correspondence from DCED. This funding is for floodplain restoration of the Santo Domingo that Rock Lititz will be using for stormwater management. Approximately \$900,000.00 of the \$2 million dollars is attributed to floodplain restoration, \$240,000.00 is for a sewer line that needs to be moved in that area, and \$200,000.00 for a steel pedestrian truss bridge that goes over the Santo Domingo. Harris did mention that there are many moving parts to this plan. Harris and Greg Young had a discussion with Megan from Trout to discuss this reimbursable grant and how the township should handle the funding and it was determined that the funding will be handled through the general fund. K. Kauffman asked about the timing of the pay back. Harris stated that since the project will be a stormwater benefit for Rock Lititz they agreed to pay the 12% LRCDC fee. The Township will not be getting a \$2 million dollar check from Rock Lititz but instead a \$240,000.00 check which represents the LRCDC's fee and the Township will then cut the check to LRCDC. Once the township bids the project out and starts incurring expenses, it will be paid through the general fund and then it will be submitted for reimbursement through the CFA. Griffen, Stevens & Lee will assist in the reimbursement application preparation and submission. Reimbursement will take between 4-6 weeks and Harris will confirm with DCED.

NEWPORT ROAD & LEXINGTON ROAD CORRESPONDENCE: B. Harris stated that Representative Fee reached out to Penn Township, Warwick Township, and Elizabeth Township approximately 1 month ago regarding the intersection of Newport Road and Lexington Road which has seen a higher crash volume in 2022. This intersection encompasses Penn, Warwick, and Elizabeth Townships. There are no stop signs on Newport Road, only on Lexington Road. Most of the accidents are occurring when vehicles traveling west on Lexington Road pull out with the striking vehicle coming from Warwick Township on Newport Road. PennDot has acknowledged that they typically try to stay away from 4-way stops. The daily traffic counts for Newport Road were surprisingly high. PennDot recommended installing signage (ex: look left, look right, look left) rather than going to the 4-way stop immediately. PennDot acknowledges that there are a variety of factors that are contributing to accidents at that intersection. There is a small hump on Newport Road approaching Lexington Road along with a house that is right at the intersection that interferes with sight distance. The plan is to do some additional signage and pavement markings and then revisit this intersection in 2 years to review crash data and if no improvement has been made then PennDot can go ahead and make the intersection a 4-way stop.

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LCATS SPRING MEETING ON 3/30/2023: B. Harris stated that if anyone is interested in attending the LCATS spring meeting at Yoder's Restaurant on March 30, 2023 starting at 5:30 p.m. let him know and he will make sure to register you to attend. K. Eshleman and K. Gutshall both plan on attending.

PSATS NEWSBULLETIN PUBLICATION: B. Harris stated this is leisure reading for the board.

Harris mentioned that he and B. Clauser completed the draft of the conditional use decision for United Zion. A copy will be submitted to Chuck Haley for his input. The plan will be to then send the draft decision out to the board for their review and input and after he receives those comments back he will complete the final decision. That decision will be included on the March 15, 2023 Board of Supervisors agenda for consideration.

Harris gave a brief overview of his annual meeting at Benecon.

NEXT MEETING – March 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by J. Strathmeyer and seconded by K. Gutshall, the Board unanimously approved the meeting adjournment at 7:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Harris,
Township Manager