

**East Brunswick Township  
BOS Monthly Meeting  
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The Board of Supervisors of East Brunswick Township held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at the Municipal Building. The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Faust at 6:29 PM. There was a PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE to our flag.

In attendance for the meeting were Chairman Jeffrey Faust, Vice-Chairman/Treasurer Thomas Strause, Solicitor Jim Crossen, Engineer Brian Baldwin via phone, Roadmaster Tom Noecker, and Secretary Kelly Coldren. Supervisor John Heim was absent. Residents Nelson Trembler; Jeff Freiwald; and Brian and Michele Leitgeb were in attendance.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Shiner Conditional Use**

This was advertised May 6 and May 13, 2021. Mr. Shiner is asking for conditional approval to construct a pole building on his residential property located at 2474 Summer Valley Rd which is in the Industrial Zoning District. J. Faust makes a *motion to approve the conditional use request*. Second by T. Strause. Voted all in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Trembler announced there was another accident at Market St and 443. He said it's at least the 5<sup>th</sup> bad accident there in the past 3.5 years but apparently that's not enough for PennDot to be concerned. He is requesting to petition State Police to sit here and be a little more visible. J. Faust says we have requested that of them before. He will make a call to the Sergeant at Frackville to request again.

J. Freiwald commented on damage at the township shale pit and that someone from the township stopped by his house to ask if he saw anything. He has seen a teenager/young man racing 4 wheelers on the road and in the pit, setting off fireworks, and blasting guns all night. T. Noecker said someone smashed out the windows of the trackloader parked at the shale pit. T. Noecker did speak to this young man's father about it and he blew it off. BOS said State Police should be called for the shooting though there isn't any enforcement that can be done if on their own property. T. Noecker already called the police and asked them to watch the shale pit. J. Faust will also call and talk to State Police. J. Crossen will be sending a certified letter to the young man informing him of his trespassing.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD:**

**Brian Leitgeb - Wild Turkey Road Water Problem**

First thanked the Road Crew for the great job they did with snow removal this past winter. He brought pictures along to show the water damage cutting across his driveway. He is unable to get one of his vehicles out because of the damage. He says water is coming from the last Miller house as well as his neighbor's driveway. Water looks like mud because there is no silt fence at neighbor's property. B. Baldwin gives some history to the Ozalas property (the last Miller house). Miller built, Ozalas bought and there is a debate over whose responsibility it is to finish the SWM. They were told numerous times to grade and seed lot and to

install an infiltrator trench for the oversized driveway. B. Baldwin will go out during next rain event. He said Miller did not build it according to the approved plans. Leitgeb says they had a sock with wood chips and grass is established and that this house is not the main issue for his damage. He said the next driveway collects a lot of water and flows down to his property. B. Baldwin says that although the house was built recently, the subdivision plans pre-date our SWM requirements for driveway infiltrators. If this property hadn't been grandfathered in, we would have addressed this. Short of both driveways installing trenches at end we are not sure what else can be done to solve problem. B. Baldwin will look at with T. Noecker. T. Noecker says it is too far and too flat to box and pipe. Leitgeb asks if township can put a grade in to stop Werkheiser water from going onto his property. J. Faust suggests Leitgeb pave a swale as is becoming increasingly common in Berks County to keep driveways from being ripped out. Leitgeb has put in rubber diverters over the past year and they are working well but the end of his driveway is still cut from neighboring property's water. T. Noecker suggests the neighbors also install diverters. T. Noecker says that before these houses were built there was no water issue on that road. B. Baldwin says that the subdivision plan was approved in 2006 which was before our Zoning took effect which requires the first 40' of the driveway to be at 8 degrees. B. Baldwin and T. Noecker will look at and see if we have recourse to do anything for next meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Multipurpose Field**

Last month the Board approved Change Orders 1-5, which included bases and anchors. The contractor is awaiting delivery of those items and will install them immediately thereafter. Also approved was additional grading to improve drainage. That work is complete. As such, the Contractor has submitted his Application for Payment No. 2 in the amount of \$1634.38. We reviewed the application and recommend the Board approve the application.

On May 6, 2021, Mr. Lorne Possinger of DCNR visited the site and performed his final inspection. DCNR has accepted the project as complete with the understanding that the bases and anchors will be installed by the Contractor once they are delivered. Once the Contractor is 100% complete, we can assist the Township with completing the DCNR closeout paperwork and submitting for final grant reimbursement.

T. Strause made a *motion to approve payment #2 for \$1,634.38*. Second by J. Faust. Voted all in favor.

J. Faust is awaiting another quote for the dugouts.

**Pine Valley Bridge Replacement**

Design activities are continuing. Below is a summary of remaining work and anticipated project schedule:

- PADEP permit application and approval - ongoing
- Utility Coordination - ongoing; overhead utility still a conflict; on-site utility relocation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, 10 AM. Greg Stewart and Nick Coccio from Benesch to be on site.
- Develop and acquire easements - will finalize with Solicitor when limits for Temporary Construction Easement and utility impacts are reached.
- Finalize project bid documents, plans, and specifications - Preliminary Specification has been developed for PennBid advertisement, but not yet advertised. Precast manufacturer has been notified of pending project
- Receive Bids - Pending advertisement upon confirmation of utility relocation, permit and easement -will push to advertise June 2021
- Formally Award Contract and issue Notice-to-Proceed - pending
- Bridge Construction - 3 months (Summer 2021)
- Project Completion, including deadline for final paving if needed (Oct 31 2021)
- Project/grant closeout - Nov 2021

**Old Country Lane Bridge**

The Township was informed on April 26, 2021, that the grant application submitted late last year was not funded. However, at your April 27, 2021 meeting, the Board agreed to reapply for the next funding round. A resolution and commitment letter will be required along with a detailed cost estimate. These will be prepared for consideration at your June meeting. The application will be submitted electronically prior to the July 31, 2021 deadline.

**629 Summer Valley Road**

Additional complaints have been received about the state of this property including the upcoming addition of a third camper with no running water or septic; burning in the middle of the night; and the smell of rotten sewage. Kelly will ask SEO Wayne Bowen if he had a chance to investigate this property again and will also ask Light-Heigel to see if there are any violations on their end with Zoning.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**GENERAL**

**SOUTHERN SCHUYLKILL COG MEETING**

The next meeting will be held Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 7 PM.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

The monthly recreation meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 7 PM.

**SCHUYLKILL TCC MEETING**

The TCC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6PM.

**CONCERNS**

No concerns

**PERMITS**

B. Baldwin shared that there has been some questions as to whether the old Smith's Country Inn project follows the permit process or is considered land development. He is working with Light-Heigel and D. Humenansky on this.

**SEMINARS**

No applicable seminars available

**ROAD MASTER REPORT**

T. Noecker reported on what the road crew has been doing which includes grading and stoning Wild Turkey; pouring dugout and flag pads; cold patching; starting Indian Run pipe and drainage work. He asks if they can go a little further on Indian Run than originally planned. BOS is ok with that. T. Noecker will call J. Davis to set up McKean's Ridge bid.

**MEETING MINUTES**

Motion by J. Faust, seconded by T. Strause to approve the minutes for the BOS Meeting of April 27, 2021 as presented. Voted all in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Tabled until next meeting.

**REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS**

Motion by T. Strause, seconded by J. Faust to approve the Payment of Bills as presented. Voted all in Favor.

On a motion by J. Faust, seconded by T. Strause, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM. All Voted in Favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly A. Coldren  
Secretary