

Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors
February 3, 2025
Minutes

The Strasburg Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on February 3, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at the Strasburg Township Building 400 Bunker Hill Road. Present were Thomas Willig, C. Michael Weaver, Peggy Dearolf and Mark Deimler.

Guests: Elam Stoltzfus-Strasburg, Charles Barto-LNP, Claudia Shenk, Esq.-McNee's Law, Doug Parkins-E.G. Stoltzfus, Todd Weiss-Strasburg, Jeanie Harris-Strasburg and Keria Burns-Strasburg Borough-Via ZOOM

Meeting called to order at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Announcement

Chairman Willig informed everyone that the Board of Supervisors, along with the Township Solicitor held an executive session January 20, 2025 after the Conditional Use hearing was adjourned to discuss legal matters in regards to the 35 Prospect Rd application.

Chairman Willig also noted the Board had an executive session before the meeting began on February 3, 2025 to discuss a personnel issue.

Public Comments.

Todd Weiss-117 Main Street, Refton. House next door 115 Main Street is a rental. The chimney at 115 Main Street is falling apart and pulling away from the structure. It could possibly fall into Mr. Weiss's property, causing damage to personal property and possibly personal injury. There is also a dilapidated barn on the same property that needs to be addressed.

Chairman Willig stated that along with the township zoning officer and township solicitor will work together on a solution for this type of situation.

Mr. Weiss appreciates the board taking the time to look at the property and work on a solution.

Elam Stoltzfus-65 Prospect Rd, is aware the 35 Prospect hearing is closed, but wanted to comment that himself being part of the community does not believe the historic home on the site should be demolished.

Consent Agenda

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda items as listed on the agenda, items 1-4 and 6-9, with the exception of item number 5. Item number 5 will be removed from the consent agenda for further consideration.

Old Business

Chairman Willig stated that a decision will not be made at this time on the 35 Prospect Rd Conditional Use. He requested this be added to the agenda in case they were ready to make a decision. There are still items to be discussed with the township solicitor before a decision is rendered. Vice Chair Weaver confirmed that the decision will be rendered at the next Board of Supervisors meeting, being held on March 3, 2025.

New Business

Consent agenda item number 5 was discussed further, Chairman Willig wanted to confirm the location of the preventative HVAC maintenance. It was concluded that JK Mechanical covers the two homes at the township park, 1317 & 1323 Beaver Valley Pike and the township building, 400 Bunker Hill Rd within the contract. Chairman Willig stated the Furnace was replaced at 1323 Beaver Valley Pike in 2022, JK Mechanical came out to replace the heat pump in December 2024 due to the furnace not being used until that time. Everything is in working order as of this time.

On a motion by Dearolf/Weaver, the Board voted unanimously to approve signing the JK Mechanical maintenance contract.

On a motion by Weaver/Dearolf, the Board voted unanimously to adopt Resolution #2025-04 for Christ B Stoltzfoos-373 Sawmill RD-DEP Planning Module-Plan Revision-Individual On-Lot systems. Deimler informed the board that this resolution was previously approved on August 5, 2024. DEP requested an additional nitrate sample which required the module to be re adopted and resubmitted to DEP.

Chairman Willig stated there is a vacancy on the townships Planning Commission and the board is currently soliciting candidates for this position. John Fisher, Planning Commission chairman suggested Austin Good for this position. Todd Weiss would like to put his name in for this position as well. Mr. Weiss was on the Lancaster County Planning Commission for 3 years and covered the county planning commission as a reporter at the New Era for 10 years. Board of Supervisors Chairman Willig and Planning Commission Chairman Potter will start conducting interviews for this position. Vice Chairman Weaver supports both board chairman being present at the interviews.

Administrator

NONE

Zoning Hearing Board

The Board voted unanimously to remain neutral on the zoning hearing board applications as listed on the agenda.

Reports

The Zoning Officer reports: 12 permits issued with receipts in the amount of \$11,462.42

The Sewage Enforcement Officer reports: 1 permit issued with receipts in the amount of \$575.00

Supervisors Comments/Concerns (Informational Purposes Only)

Chairman Willig mentioned that work will need to be done on the house at 1317 Beaver Valley Pike on the deck and a window. Willig stated he reached out to a local handyman for a quote.

Administrator Deimler mentioned he would like to discuss the boards thoughts on repairing the pavilion at the township park. The current pavilion is in bad shape and Deimler does not believe it can be reasonably repaired. Chairman Willig will go take a look to assess. Vice Chairman Weaver would like to see picnic tables and a new pavilion in its place, possibly in a different location at the park, yet to be determined.

Chairman Willig stated the Refton Fire Company had used the park for search and rescue training. They were very appreciative of this and it went well.

Chairman Willig stated he spoke to the Historic Preservation Trust and they are about half way through Strasburg Townships list of homes. The Trust informed Chairman Willig that they may need some help getting into certain locations for the historic review and will reach out to the township if and when this is needed. Willig received a call from the resident at 610 May Post Office Rd about demolishing a historical farm house on Sides Mill Rd. He informed him of the process and the Trust will move that site up to the front of their review.

Chairman Willig stated that the Township banquet is coming up.

Chairman Willig reminded everyone that is they have a candidate for the Planning Commission vacancy to please let him know. Along with the Planning Commission chairman Willig will be conducting interviews for this position soon.

Jeanie Harris a Strasburg resident stated that she uses the park all the time and it will be great that bathrooms are being added, but it would also be greatly appreciated if we could add trashcans on the side of the park where the kayak launch is located. Harris was wondering if there are plans for the land on the other side of the Little Beaver Creek. Willig stated maybe planting trees and floodplain restoration work.

Deimler stated it may be more cost effective to not use the grant for the bathroom building. His hope is to begin construction later in 2025. Dearolf asked about a park sign and Deimler is also going to work on a new sign to match the Disc Golf sign on the other side of the park.

Chairman Willig stated that maybe the township should consider starting a Township Park committee again. Harris would be interested in being on the committee.

There being no further business before the board, the Supervisors adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Tammy Jamison
Township Secretary