

**MINUTES OF THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING HELD MARCH 14, 2022**

*(Approved April 11, 2022)*

The Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022. The following Supervisors were in attendance for the meeting: Ray Kolb, W. Atlee Rinehart, Anthony Duffy and Michael Albert Moyer. Karen Nocella was present by phone. Also, in attendance were David G. Kraynik, Township Manager, Mark Hosterman, Township Solicitor and Al Vennettilli, Township Engineer.

Mr. Kolb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Hosterman stated an executive session was held this evening at 6:00 pm to discuss one matter of real estate, two matters of potential litigation, an update on the litigation for the 515 Kulp Road artesian well matter, and two personnel matters.

**1. ORDINANCES**

No Ordinances were brought before the Board.

**2. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Hosterman had nothing additional to bring in front of the Board of Supervisors.

**3. MINUTES**

Mr. Moyer made a motion to accept the February 14, 2022 meeting minutes. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Missy King, 10 Eleanor Drive, stated she will accept in-person tax payments during the month of April at the Township Building. The dates are indicated on the tax bill.

Mrs. Nocella wanted to remind everyone about the John Doyle Rock the Wall Walk/Run on Saturday, April 2, 2022.

Mr. Kolb introduced Al Vennettilli as the new Township Engineer from ARRO Consulting.

Mr. Moyer stated today is Mr. Duffy's birthday. Happy Birthday Mr. Duffy!

**5. REPORTS**

**Township Manager's Report**

**Presentation of the Wastewater Analysis and Report by Robert Preston**

Mr. Preston gave a presentation on the Wastewater Analysis Report that he had submitted to the Board of Supervisors. He stated the system is working very well but there were a couple of days when we received a lot of rain and it took two days to get rid of the volume of flow which indicates there might be some inflow problems for all pump stations with the exception of pump station #2.

Mr. Kolb asked Mr. Hosterman where we stand with moving forward with being able to do inspections when houses are sold in the Township. Mr. Hosterman stated the Ordinance is done but need to put together a form of application for when there is a change of ownership. He stated we will get working on the form.

### Presentation of the Master Plan for Towpath Park by Al Gryga, CMC Engineering

Al Gryga, CMC Engineering, gave a presentation of the Master Plan for Towpath Park. Mr. Gryga refreshed the Board with some of the items which are the basis of the master plan and include: more active recreation amenities and necessary support facilities; improve access to the waterfront which includes new boat launch, fishing pier, docks and overlooks; provide measurable trails including loop trails; preserve the natural appeal of the Faulk Tract; improve pedestrian and vehicular circulation; improve upon the natural appeal of the park; utilize the new Schuylkill River Trail; and create a sense of identity. Mr. Gryga stated it is broken up into three phases due to the cost. The three phases include Phase I which is the original Towpath Park, Phase II includes the Faulk Tract and Phase III is the Heiser Tract.

In Phase I at the original Towpath Park, the improvements include: cutting off all vehicular access to the interior park, maintain existing entry drive but develop parking lots that could accommodate approximately 80 cars which would serve not only the park itself but it would also be for the trailhead that Chester County is interested in doing there for the Schuylkill River Trail, replacing the existing playground with a natural themed playground, pedestrian trails, adding additional pavilions, a potential amphitheater, replacing the boat dock, an overlook area and a fishing pier. In Phase II, the Faulk Tract, improvements include a park maintenance facility and a pedestrian bridge. In Phase III, the Heiser Tract, consists of active recreation such as sports fields, tennis courts, pickle ball courts, a playground, parking lot, etc. Mr. Gryga stated even though the Board may adopt or approve the Master Plan that doesn't mean it can't change. The plan can change based on needs and wants.

The approximate costs associated with the proposed improvements to Phase I is \$2.1 million, Phase II is \$1.6 million and Phase III is \$17.5 million. These costs are based on the improvements the way they are shown on the Master Plan at this time. He also stated regarding maintenance once this is all developed would either have to add an additional person or some part-time staff.

The grants that have been applied for at this point are for Phase I. Each phase is a stand-alone. There is no additional cost included for police but there is cost included for security cameras. Phase I is to make the existing Towpath Park safer. They would like to keep all the trees they can with the exception of the parking lot area. A discussion ensued.

### Consideration of Approval of Resolution 2022-08 – Master Plan for Towpath Park

Mr. Kraynik stated this Resolution to approve the Master Plan for Towpath Park is for when applying for grants. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08 – Master Plan for Towpath Park. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 3-2-0, with Mr. Moyer and Mr. Duffy both voting no.

### Consideration of Approval of a Letter of Engagement for Consulting Services

Mr. Kraynik is asking the Board for approval of a letter of engagement for financial consulting services with PM Financial Advisors. Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve the Letter of Engagement for Consulting Services with PM Financial Advisors. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

### Consideration of Approval of an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the School District

Mr. Kraynik stated they have been working with the School District for many months regarding the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for joint use of the former elementary school grounds for a walking trail and playground equipment. They have been successful getting a \$12,500 grant. The school district has approved this agreement.

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the School District. Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 4-1-0, Mr. Moyer voting no.

Schuylkill River Trail Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 2:00 pm at Fricks Lock Village

Mr. Kraynik stated there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony by Chester County for the Schuylkill River Trail at Fricks Lock Village on Friday, April 22, 2022 at 2:00 pm. He welcomes everyone to come out for the ceremony.

Consideration of Appointing Colin Sollenberger to the Position of Operator/Laborer in the Public Works Department

Mr. Kraynik stated that a member of the Public Works Department will be leaving soon. He stated we advertised the position of Operator/Laborer and received eight to ten applications for the position. They interviewed Colin Sollenberger who has the qualifications needed for the position. He is scheduled to start on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to appoint Colin Sollenberger to the position of Operator/Laborer in the Public Works Department. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Township Engineer's Report

Mr. Vennettilli stated the Spring Stream Cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 10 am with a rain date of Saturday, April 30, 2022.

Mr. Vennettilli stated Resolution 2022-09 is regarding a Plan Revision for New Land Development for a Sewage Facilities Planning Module at the Dimascio property at 27 Sylvan Drive. Mr. Kolb made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-09. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Mr. Duffy made a motion to accept the Engineer's Report. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to accept the various departments and committee reports. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**6. SUBDIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

No Subdivisions and Land Development brought before the Board.

**7. ZONING HEARING BOARD APPLICATIONS**

No Zoning Hearing Board Applications brought before the Board.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Consideration of Resolution 2022-10 – A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for the 2022 Round of the Department of Community and Economic Development's Local Share Account for Ridge Fire Company

Mr. Moyer made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Consideration of Resolution 2022-11 – A Resolution for the Grant Application with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Towpath Park Redevelopment Project

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-11. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board Alternate

Mr. Kraynik stated the opening for a Zoning Hearing Board Alternate member was advertised and received one application of interest from Mark McNally. Mr. Moyer made a motion to appoint Mark McNally to the Zoning Hearing Board as an Alternate member. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**9. EXONERATIONS**

Consideration of Concurring with the Chester County Tax Claim Bureau Regarding the Exoneration of Uncollectible Real Estate Property Tax Liens

Mr. Kraynik indicated this exoneration is regarding uncollectible real estate property tax liens on certain parcels because the mobile homes were physically removed from the associated lot. Mr. Rinehart made a motion to approve the Exoneration of Uncollectible Real Estate Property Tax Liens. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to approve the exoneration. Mr. Moyer seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**10. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Mr. Duffy made a motion to approve the payment of bills.

<u>Fund Name</u>		<u>Amount to Pay</u>
General Fund	\$	261,016.71
Benefit Escrow		-
Open Space		742.46
Sewer Operating Fund		18,936.99
Sewer Capital Fund		-
Traffic Impact Fee Fund		-
Capital Reserve		8,722.00
Highway State Aid Fund		3,363.98
TD Escrow		-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>292,782.14</u></b>

Mrs. Nocella seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for a vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Nocella made a motion to adjourn the monthly meeting at 7:40 pm. Mr. Duffy seconded the motion. Mr. Kolb called for the vote and the motion carried 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

David G. Kraynik  
Township Manager