

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
July 24, 2018 Approved Minutes  
6:31 p.m.

**Members Present**

Steve Herzog, Chairman  
Wilson Lambert, Vice Chairman  
Joe Heffern, Member  
Carol Kulp, Member  
Katja DiRado, Member

**Township Staff Present**

Scott Swichar, Township Manager  
Lisa Valaitis, Township Secretary

**Township Solicitor**

Mike Crotty

1) CALL TO ORDER, SILENT MEDITATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Steve Herzog called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2) DISCUSSION

A. RULES OF CONDUCT

Chairman Herzog stated the Rules of Conduct are posted in the back of the room.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) June 26, 2018 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog made a motion to approve the June 26, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Carol Kulp seconded.

VOTE: 5-0

C. CITIZENS BY REQUEST

1) Mr. Ted McLaughlin – Use of Horizon Drive as Access for Farm Equipment.

Township resident Ted McLaughlin, who resides on Horizon Drive, presented a petition signed by Horizon Drive residents opposing farm equipment from traveling on Horizon Drive. Township resident Mr. Weaver is using Horizon Drive as a cut through route to gain access to the property he farms. Township resident Mr. McLaughlin stated this issue came up a few years ago and they were successful in prohibiting farm equipment to be used on Horizon Drive. At that time, the Road Foreman (Tag Gathercole) had stated that Horizon Drive was not capable of handling that type of farm equipment. Chairman Herzog stated he did recall this issue coming up in the past and they will review the old meeting minutes and then determine how to handle the issue. Supervisor Wilson Lambert asked what type of farm equipment is being used. Township resident Mr. McLaughlin stated it is different types of farm equipment. Township Manager Scott Swichar stated he spoke to Police Chief Porter about this issue and Chief Porter had stated there is nothing in the traffic code to prevent farm equipment from driving on Horizon Drive. Solicitor Mike Crotty stated typically a traffic study would need to be done to prohibit farm vehicles from driving on a road or to enforce a weight limit.

## D. PRESENTATION

Brian O'Leary, Executive Director, Chester County Planning Commission – Landscapes3 – Chester County Planning Commission Executive Director Brian O'Leary stated the Chester County Planning Commission is updating the County Comprehensive Plan, Landscapes2. The new County Comprehensive Plan is called Landscapes3. A county comprehensive plan is similar to a municipal comprehensive plan and it reflects recommendations for growth and development in the County. There are no big changes to the previous comprehensive plan.

A county comprehensive plan has three roles. The first role is that the State requires the County to redo a comprehensive plan every 10 years. In the Comprehensive Plan, the County must look at areas designated for growth and preservation. The second role of the plan is that it guides County actions. The County currently implements its comprehensive plan and invests \$10 million each year for a variety of programs. The third role of the Comprehensive Plan is that it guides issues that go beyond the County boundaries. Critical issues that go beyond the County boundaries are transportation, flooding, economic development, and housing.

Mr. O'Leary stated the County's Comprehensive Plan is divided into six goal areas: preserve (open space), protect (natural resources), appreciate (historic resources and landscapes), live (diverse and well-rounded communities), prosper (economic development), and connect (utilities, transportation and communications infrastructure).

Mr. O'Leary stated there are themes coming out of the Comprehensive Plan. One theme is that the County is recommitting to open space preservation. The second theme is where do we want growth in Chester County? A third theme is affordable housing in the County. A fourth theme is creating more opportunities for people to use trails to walk or to take public transportation. A fifth theme is multi-municipal plans or other efforts to work together. The sixth theme is to keep up with changes in Chester County.

Mr. O'Leary discussed the land use map and land use categories in the Comprehensive Plan which reflects growth and preservation in the County: urban centers, suburban centers (concentrated mixed-use centers such as Exton or Great Valley areas), rural centers, and suburban (lots smaller than one acre served by utilities). Mr. O'Leary stated they made very few changes to East Fallowfield Township in Landscapes3. He discussed these small changes which are: slight adjustments to agricultural and rural edges in the Township. He spoke about urban centers and stated that an urban area was identified in East Fallowfield which is along Route 82 from the storage center north to the Borough of South Coatesville. Mr. O'Leary discussed the County goal of urban revitalization which has been aimed at cities.

Township Comments and Questions: Chairman Herzog stated his opinion is that the area along Route 82 should be identified as suburban or rural as opposed to urban. Chairman Herzog said numerous boards and residents have indicated they are not a fan of intense development. Supervisor Joe Heffern asked what is the difference in categories for East Fallowfield. Mr. O'Leary stated there is not much difference however the municipal comprehensive plan and county comprehensive plan should match. Supervisor Heffern asked about grant opportunities for East Fallowfield if the Route 82 area were to be designated as urban under the County map. Mr. O'Leary stated currently the grants are limited to boroughs and cities and East Fallowfield Township would not be eligible for urban grants. Chairman Herzog spoke in favor of having the County Comprehensive Plan reflect the Township's Comprehensive Plan. He stated the Township Comprehensive Plan designates south of Strasburg Road as rural and agricultural. Planning Commission Chairman Dennis Crook stated he thought the County Comprehensive Plan looks pretty good compared to the Township's Comprehensive Plan. He spoke about concerns regarding the old junk yard in East Fallowfield Township. He also commented that the Beagle Club area on the Modena Borough border could be designated as an urban center. Just south of Strasburg Road there are approximately 150 lots that are less than one acre. Planning Commission member John Nielsen expressed concern about the area around Route 82, which is currently open space, being designated as an urban center. Township resident Sharon Scott expressed her disapproval of the section of the Township off Route 82 being identified as an urban center. Supervisor Katja DiRado asked about suburban grants. Mr. O'Leary stated there are currently no suburban grant programs. Mr. O'Leary stated the County has a deficit of \$8.75 million this year which is driven almost completely by State cutbacks which reduced funding to social services. Supervisor Lambert asked which municipalities will connect to the Chester Valley Trail system. Mr. O'Leary stated the Chester Valley Trail will be extended west and that Downingtown is next and then Atglen Township and Parkesburg Township. The ultimate goal is to have the Chester Valley Trail connect to Lancaster County.

Township Manager Swichar asked Mr. O'Leary if the Township needs to formally submit comments on Landscapes3. Mr. O'Leary responded by stating that the comments made at today's meeting are acceptable and formally submitting comments is not necessary.

#### E. FIRE DEPARTMENTS & DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

##### 1) Westwood & Modena Fire Department Update.

Township Manager Swichar stated he received the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter financials from Westwood today, however, he has not received Modena's financial report. Township Manager Swichar will follow up with Modena Fire Company.

##### 2) Modena Fire Company – Request for Capital Funding for Demo Vehicle.

Modena Ambulance Chief Doug Dowlin spoke on behalf of his son, Modena Fire Chief Frank Dowlin. Chief Doug Dowlin discussed the 2018 demo truck that the Modena Fire Company will be purchasing for \$460,000. This truck is valued at \$600,000. They are going to purchase the truck by utilizing all resources. They will be selling a 17-year old truck and the sale proceeds will be used to pay off a company loan. The down payment on the truck will be paid for with the \$30,000 set aside by the Township as capital funding. The total down payment is \$48,000 and Modena Fire Company is covering the additional \$18,000. They are seeking a 2% loan which is guaranteed. The truck payment on the 2% loan will be \$1,000 per month. They will also be obtaining a 3 1/2% loan from another bank which will be a balloon payment of \$23,000 per year. They will use the grant money from the state in the amount of \$13,000. Chief Dowlin requested the Township approve the use of \$10,000 per year out of the \$30,000 set aside by East Fallowfield Township's fire tax for the purchase of the new truck. The remaining \$20,000 per year will be put aside in capital funds for future needs. The Board of Supervisors approved the vehicle purchase.

3) June Westwood Fire Company Fire Chief's Report submitted for Board and resident review.

4) June Westwood Fire Company EMS Report submitted for Board and resident review.

5) June Modena Fire Company Fire Chief's Report submitted for Board and resident review.

6) June Modena Fire Company Fire Chief's Report – East Fallowfield Calls Only submitted for Board and resident review.

7) June Modena Fire Company EMS Report submitted for Board and resident review.

#### F. TREASURER'S REPORT

##### 1) June 30, 2018 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog made a motion to approve the June 30, 2018 Treasurer's Report. Supervisor Kulp seconded.

VOTE: 5-0

##### 2) Payment Authorizations.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog made a motion to approve the Payment Authorizations as presented for the period of June 27, 2018 through July 24, 2018 in the total amount of \$170,601.25, as presented. Supervisor Lambert seconded.

#### COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

- a) Township Resident Sharon Scott asked for an explanation on why the first check on the Payment Authorizations, made out to Siana Bellwoar, was voided. Chairman Herzog stated that because

Township Treasurer Pani Martin was not present at the meeting, they will follow-up with her to find out why the check was voided.

VOTE: 5-0

#### G. TOWNSHIP OFFICE

##### 1) Resolution for Disposition of Records.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-19 approving the destruction of Township records per the provided list per the PA Municipal Records Manual Retention Schedule. Supervisor Kulp seconded.

##### QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- a. Township Resident John Nielsen asked how long the retention period is. Chairman Herzog stated the retention period depends on the type of document. The required retention period for financial records is seven years.

VOTE: 5-0

##### 2) Temporary Office Help Extension – Record Retention/Filing Project.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog make a motion to authorize hiring of a temporary administrative assistant thru Randstad at the rate of \$23 per hour to work up to 30 hours per week maximum through August 8, 2018. Supervisor Lambert seconded.

##### QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- a. Township Manager Swichar reported the temporary employee did a wonderful job and he expects the record retention project will be completed by August 8, 2018.
- b. Township Resident John Nielsen asked the Board of Supervisors if they have ever considered having a college student help in the office. Chairman Herzog stated they have not considered that option.

VOTE: 5-0

#### H. MANAGER'S REPORT

##### 1) Community Paper Shredding Event Sponsored by State Representative Harry Lewis.

Township Manager Swichar reported he was approached by State Representative Harry Lewis Jr.'s office about holding a shredding event in the East Fallowfield Township Park. There would be no cost to the Township for this event. They will provide the necessary staffing and no police or fire coverage would be needed. The event would offer residents a chance to have their documents shredded for no cost. Mr. Lewis's office proposed October 6 or October 20 as potential dates for the event. Township Manager Swichar stated pursuant to the Township Ordinance, the Board of Supervisors need to formally approve this event. Chairman Herzog requested this be put on the next Board of Supervisors agenda for additional discussion and a formal motion.

##### 2) Follow-up on Feral Cat Coverage under SPCA Contract.

Township Manager Swichar stated he discussed the feral cat situation with the SPCA and their contract does cover the capture of feral cats. The cost of handling a feral cat would be shared equally between the Township and the SPCA. The SPCA would either adopt the captured cats out or neuter them and return them to East Fallowfield Township. Township Manager Swichar also reported that he is waiting for a call back from the Angel Cat Network. Supervisor Kulp discussed her personal experience with feral cats and the SPCA. She said she has brought feral cats to the SPCA and they charged \$25 to spay/neuter a cat. Township Manager Swichar stated residents can take cats to the SPCA on their own. Township resident Kuehner asked if the SPCA contract precludes the Township from using another service to handle feral cats. Solicitor Crotty and Township Manager

Swichar both said there is nothing in the SPCA contract that precludes the Township from using other services to help with the feral cat colonies. Ms. Kuehner discussed a service called Spade.

3) Movie in the Park Event.

Township Manager Swichar announced that the Township's first movie in the park will be held on Saturday, September 29 at 7:30 pm in the East Fallowfield Township Park. The plan is to hold an online poll to allow residents to select the movie.

4) Trash & Recycling Bid Specifications.

Township Manager Swichar reported that he prepared bid specifications for the trash and recycling collections contract. He expects the contract to go out to bid in early August. Solicitor Crotty reported the bid specifications are currently under review with Solicitor Brown. Township Manager Swichar stated there is currently an online trash survey for residents to voice their opinions on trash and recycling collection. Township Manager Swichar reported he has received over 500 responses to the online resident trash survey. Resident comments have been very appreciative that the Township is asking for their opinion.

I. LEGAL

1) Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Day Care Centers/Day Care Home.

Solicitor Crotty presented a brief summary of each of the four ordinances before the Board of Supervisors for consideration that have been discussed over the course of several meetings. He stated that all four ordinances have been advertised and tonight is the official hearing for those ordinances.

The day care centers and day care homes zoning ordinance amendment consist of revisions and clean-up of language as it relates to day care centers and day care homes, where they are permitted, and their regulations.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog moved that the Township approve Ordinance No. 2018-01, amending the Zoning Ordinance provisions related to day care centers and day care homes in the form as presented. Supervisor Kulp seconded.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- a. Township Resident Sharon Scott asked where day care centers and day care homes are permitted under the amended ordinance. Solicitor Crotty stated that day care centers are a commercial operation and are allowed under the Office-Industrial and Multi-Use Zoning Districts under the zoning amendments. Solicitor Crotty stated a day care home is an in-home day care with a maximum of six kids. Day care homes are allowed in residential zoning districts. Mrs. Scott asked if the Holland Day Care is a day care center. Solicitor Crotty stated the Holland Day Care is a day care center. This day care is grandfathered and their rights cannot be revoked.

VOTE: 4-1 (Chairman Herzog, Supervisor Lambert, Supervisor Heffern and Supervisor DiRado voted yea. Supervisor Kulp voted nae.)

2) Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Shooting Ranges.

Solicitor Crotty stated this ordinance bolsters up and clarifies the language and regulations under the zoning ordinances for both commercial and personal shooting ranges.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog moved that the Township approve Ordinance No. 2018-02, amending the Zoning Ordinance provisions related to shooting ranges in the form as presented. Supervisor Lambert seconded.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- a. Township Resident Sharon Scott asked if there are currently any personal or commercial shooting ranges in the Township. Solicitor Crotty stated there are currently no commercial shooting ranges, however there may be personal shooting ranges scattered around the Township. An existing commercial shooting range would be grandfathered as a non-conforming use. Township resident Mrs. Scott asked what the acreage or site range requirement is for a commercial shooting range. Solicitor Crotty stated the U.S. Department of Energy adopted extensive provisions which are an attachment to the ordinance and deal with range safety. Township resident Mrs. Scott asked what the allowable time is for shooting. Chairman Herzog stated 8 am until dusk. Township resident Mrs. Scott stated she objected to shooting being permitted on Sundays.
- b. Township Resident Ellen Kuehner also stated she objects to shooting being permitted on Sundays.
- c. Township Resident Erwin Zeller stated he also agreed that shooting on Sundays should be prohibited. Shooting is rather noisy.
- d. Supervisor Heffern asked if the proposed ordinance covers archery as well. Solicitor Crotty stated the ordinance does apply to archery. Supervisor Heffern stated prohibiting shooting on Sunday would also prohibit archery which is effectively silent.
- e. Supervisor Lambert stated we do live in a rural community and shooting is what some people like to do in a rural community. Shooting ranges are regulated and safe in the Township.

VOTE: 4-1 (Chairman Herzog, Supervisor Lambert, Supervisor Heffern, and Supervisor DiRado voted yea. Supervisor Kulp voted nae.)

3) Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Flagpoles.

Solicitor Crotty stated the revisions incorporated in this ordinance amendment permit flagpoles to be allowed in front yards. There was an oversight in the current ordinance and flagpoles are not allowed in front yards.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog moved that the Township approve Ordinance No. 2018-03, amending the Zoning Ordinance provision related to flagpoles and incursions into required yard areas. Supervisor Lambert seconded.

VOTE: 5-0

4) Blighted Property Ordinance.

Solicitor Crotty stated this ordinance is not a zoning ordinance. It is a general health, wealth and safety ordinance aimed to clean up blighted properties in the Township.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog moved that the Township approve Ordinance NO. 2018-04, establishing the East Fallowfield Township Blighted Property Ordinance. Supervisor Lambert seconded.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

- a. Township Resident Sharon Scott asked if there would be grandfathered situations under this ordinance. Solicitor Crotty stated there will be no grandfathering. This is a public health, safety and welfare ordinance. The ordinance applies to properties as they relate to weeds and grass, vehicles and equipment, garbage, rubbish, swimming pools, unsafe structures and buildings, and animals. Township resident Mrs. Scott asked about enforcement of the Ordinance. Solicitor Crotty stated the Code Enforcement Officer or someone else designated by the Board of Supervisors will enforce the Ordinance. Potential violations are handled through the complaint process.
- b. Supervisor Kulp commented that it would be a good idea to have the proposed ordinances on the website for review.

- c. Township Resident Ellen Kuehner asked for consideration of implementing an anonymous complaint system. Solicitor Crotty explained the policy behind why anonymous complaints are not addressed.
- d. Planning Commission Chairman Dennis Crook stated the Planning Commission has discussed what is considered a good neighbor and the Township's complaint system.

VOTE: 4-1(Chairman Herzog, Supervisor Lambert, Supervisor Heffern, and Supervisor DiRado voted yea. Supervisor Kulp voted nae.)

5) Zoning Hearing Board Variance Application – Sultaneh Frangieh.

Solicitor Crotty reported that the Township received a variance application from Sultaneh Frangieh for 2224 and 2226 Strasburg Road. The applicant wishes to convert the professional office space into an apartment. Township Secretary Lisa Valaitis reported the Zoning Hearing Board hearing date has tentatively been set for August 22, 2018.

6) SALDO – David Thomas Subdivision Request for Escrow Release.

Solicitor Crotty reported that the Township received an escrow release request for the David Thomas Subdivision which is a development from 2005. Solicitor Crotty explained that a developer is required to put up financial security in the bank of their choice to ensure the public improvements associated with the plans are funded. Solicitor Crotty stated the first step is to officially note in the meeting minutes that the Township has received the request. The Township Engineer has 45 days to determine his recommendation on whether to release escrow funds and how much to recommend be released.

7) SALDO – Bronson Request for Escrow Release.

Solicitor Crotty reported that the Bronson's requested an escrow release of \$259. Solicitor Crotty recommended having the Township Engineer review and verify that everything is complete before approving the escrow release. The purpose for tonight is noting the Township received the request in the official meeting minutes.

8) SALDO – Ridgecrest – Pennsylvania American Water Fire Hydrant Agreement.

Solicitor Crotty stated the Township received a PA American Water Company Fire Hydrant Agreement from the developer. PA American Water Company would like the Township to be responsible for the hydrants and water lines in the Ridgecrest Development. The Township cannot agree to do that at this time because the Township does not own the land. The Township will enter into a separate agreement with the developer that the developer assume responsibility for the fire hydrants until the roads are dedicated. Solicitor Crotty stated there is no action required at this time.

9) Township Official Map – Discussion Only.

Solicitor Crotty reported that the Planning Commission has finalized the draft of the official map and the ordinance that establishes the official map. Solicitor Crotty stated the purpose of an official map is to show where all current township/public facilities are in the township and to allow the township to reserve properties for future public use. Solicitor Crotty reported that he reviewed the ordinance draft and provided comments. Planning Commission member John Nielsen reported the Planning Commission is going to approve recommending the official map and ordinance to the Board at their August 6, 2018 Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission's goal is to have the Board of Supervisors schedule a hearing date, advertise the hearing, and send the ordinance and map to the Chester County Planning Commission and neighboring municipalities.

10) Upset Tax Sale – Lot on Newlinville Road – Parcel Number 47-5A-34.

Solicitor Crotty stated the Township received a Chester County Repository Sale Notice regarding a parcel on Newlinville Road. The UPI number for the parcel is 47-5A-34 and there is no street address for this lot. Solicitor Crotty presented the history of the property. Mr. William Cooper Sr. has put in a bid of \$1,000 for the purchase of the property. He stated Chester County has requested the Township acknowledge receipt of the bid notice and confirm that there are no objections to the repository sale.

MOTION: Chairman Herzog made a motion to execute the Notice for Repository Sale for tax parcel number 47-5A-34. Supervisor Lambert seconded.

VOTE: 5-0

J. PLANNING COMMISSION

1) Planning Commission Report.

Planning Commission Chairman Dennis Crook presented an update on the Planning Commission. He reported the Commission had one meeting in July. At that meeting, they discussed the rental unit ordinance draft. They are also looking at different options for planning for the Multi-Use and Office-Industrial Zoning Districts which is a high priority action in the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission is also looking at addressing additional recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor DiRado asked for the status of the electronic signs and billboards ordinance. Solicitor Crotty stated he provided the Planning Commission with a draft copy of an electronic signs and billboards ordinance and the Planning Commission will be reviewing and discussing it. Planning Commission Chairman Crook stated the Township Ordinances do not address billboards which is not a good position for the Township. Billboards need to be addressed in the Township Code. Electronic signs are a new issue cropping up that also needs to be addressed. There are many different specifications for electronic signs and sign features can't distract drivers.

K. POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 1) June Police Department Report submitted for Board and resident review.

L. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- 1) June Road Department Report submitted for Board and resident review.

M. PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE

1) Park & Recreation Committee Update.

Chairman Herzog stated the Park & Recreation Committee has enough members to hold a meeting but has not met yet. He announced that the Park & Recreation Committee has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Park Pavilion (weather permitting). Steve Herzog stated this meeting is open to the public.

- 2) No Report Submitted.

N. HISTORICAL COMMISSION

- 1) No Report Submitted. The July 11, 2018 Historical Commission meeting was cancelled.

O. NEW BUSINESS

1) Western Chester County Council of Government.

Supervisor DiRado discussed a recent Western Chester County Council of Government meeting that she attended. She said at that meeting, they discussed the possibility of offering scholarships to high school students. The students would intern by attending Board of Supervisor meetings. Supervisor DiRado stated



she would like to see East Fallowfield Township participate in this program. She stated she would like to discuss this further at the next Board of Supervisor meeting. Solicitor Crotty said he will provide information and a sample resolution from another municipality that implemented a Jr. Supervisor Program.

#### P. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1) Township Resident Ellen Kuehner requested the Board of Supervisors consider amending the shooting range ordinance to limit shooting by permitting shooting on Sundays from 1-4 pm only. She asked about the process to have the ordinance specification reconsidered. Solicitor Crotty stated the first step for residents is to go to the Planning Commission because they are the body that makes ordinance recommendations. She asked what the Township's position is on electronic signs. Solicitor Crotty stated under Pennsylvania law we have to allow and regulate every type of use and electronic billboards are considered a use. For smaller on-site electronic signs, the regulations would limit the size, scrolling, minimal distraction to drivers, and hours of operations. Township resident Ms. Kuehner asked what is the maximum acceptable size? Solicitor Crotty stated the maximum size of an electronic sign will be determined by the Planning Commission as part of the electronic sign ordinance under consideration by the Commission. The typical maximum sign size is 25 or 32 square feet. Township resident Ms. Kuehner asked if electronic signs are limited to commercial properties. Solicitor Crotty stated this is usually limited to commercial properties however this is still under consideration by the Planning Commission.
- 2) Township Resident Erwin Zeller asked what the abbreviation "SALDO" stands for. Solicitor Crotty stated it stands for Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- 3) Township Resident David Weaver stated he is farming the land behind Horizon Drive which is the Cox Farm. He said he has not been using Horizon Drive to access the Cox Farm. Mr. Weaver discussed how he accessed the farm with farm equipment in the past and why it is more difficult to use that route now. Mr. Weaver said he recently spoke to the Zoning Officer about a driveway access for farm equipment. The Code Officer has said he doesn't need a driveway permit. He was not aware there were strong feelings against farm equipment on Horizon Drive. He said the last thing he wanted to do was create a hardship for the residents on Horizon Drive. There is a tillable piece of land that is landlocked. To block access to that land is not in the Township's best interest. If that Cox Farm goes up for sale, and farm equipment is blocked from accessing that property, a farmer will not buy it. This could open up that land to development. Every surveyor has shown that Horizon Drive stops right at the Cox Farm property. There is no strip of land owned by someone else. Township resident Mr. Weaver stated if they were to access the property through Horizon Drive, they would not be putting in a driveway. It would be a grass berm.
- 4) Township Resident Ted McLaughlin maintained that there is a strip of land at the end of the cul-de-sac on Horizon Drive that is owned by Mr. Hannum. Township resident Mr. McLaughlin said that Mr. Hannum had always said there would be no through traffic on Horizon Drive. He also commented that the farm equipment could potentially block emergency vehicle access. There was a discussion about potential road damage from farm equipment. There was also a discussion about possible development. Chairman Herzog said the Board needs to research this further.
- 5) Township Resident David Weaver stated he only needs access through Horizon Drive in the spring and fall. The modern farm equipment has floatation tires and there isn't significant weight per square inch. The weight on the road won't be a problem. Mr. Weaver stated he doesn't want to cause problems with the residents.
- 6) Township Resident Sharon Scott said she recalled Mr. Hannum saying he owned footage at the end of Horizon Drive and there would be no through traffic. Township resident Mrs. Scott asked what the original escrow amount was for the David Thomas Subdivision. Solicitor Crotty stated he thought it the most current amount was \$53,000. Mrs. Scott asked if there were other escrow releases. Solicitor Crotty stated there were other releases. She also questioned the amount of the original Bronson escrow. Chairman Herzog said they did not have the amount. They just got the notice and need to look at it in further detail. Township resident Mrs. Scott stated the records pertaining to agenda topics should be available at the meeting. She also stated she would like a monthly grant update from the Township Manager. Township Manager Swichar stated the Township has applied for a DCED grant and he is looking at the Multimodal Grant for Mortonville Road in the fall. Township resident Erwin Zeller said that Mrs. Scott's request for a monthly grant report is a reasonable

request. Chairman Herzog stated the grants have been discussed in public meetings. Grant updates are included in the Manager's Report on the agenda. Planning Commission Chairman Crook stated grants can take months to write. There was a question about whether or not Mary Ann Lane is a Township owned road. Township Manager Swichar stated Mary Ann Lane is a Township owned road. Solicitor Crotty explained that it is a Township road but not on the Liquid Fuels (PennDOT) list of roads because it does not meet the Liquid Fuels specifications.

Q. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Chairman Herzog made a motion to adjourn the Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:27 p.m. Supervisor Heffern seconded. VOTE: 5-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa Valaitis,  
Township Secretary