

**CAERNARVON TOWNSHIP
BERKS COUNTY, PA**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

MAY 23, 2017

The Caernarvon Township Board of Supervisors held their Monthly Workshop Meeting on May 23, 2017 in the Caernarvon Township Municipal Building located at 3307 Main Street, Morgantown, PA, pursuant to notice according to law.

ATTENDING OFFICIALS

Allen Styer, III, Chairman; Jack Hess, Supervisor; Sandra Styer, Supervisor; Paul L. Whiteman, Jr., Supervisor; Eric Brown, Siana, Bellwoar & McAndrew, Township Solicitor; Randall Miller, Township Administrator/ Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Allen Styer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

BUSINESS

Residents of Pennwood were present to discuss with the Board of Supervisors the recent issuance of violation notices for planting trees in the right-of-way between the curb and sidewalk, in violation of Ordinance #168, enacted July 11, 2000. Joseph Vasaturo, 1 Indian Springs Court discussed his reasons for requesting the Supervisors grant a waiver for the planting of trees in the right-of-way (ROW). The Board of Supervisors indicated that the reasons for not allowing planting in the ROW was to protect public utilities that have buried facilities traversing the area. In addition, the added responsibilities for the Township Maintenance Department are also a concern.

Teofil Rus, 113 Quarry View Drive also spoke about the violation notices. He noted that in his opinion, existing research indicates the trees help with traffic calming, reduced road temperatures, help with climate change, and increase the value of property. He also presented a petition with signatures from the area residents.

Supervisors Paul Whiteman noted the increased costs to be borne by all taxpayers of the Township would place a burden on residents not impacted by the trees.

Solicitor Eric Brown weighed in on ROW enforcement, and noted the Township would need to make amendments to the Ordinance if they Supervisors where to allow for a waiver. He also noted that he would recommend agreements be put in place, in the form of an "easement encroachment agreement" to enforce the homeowners to maintain the public ROW.

Supervisors Sandy Styer noted that any issues of allowing the trees should first be discussed with the Township Maintenance Department about issues with leaves, branches

stormwater, and easements, etc. The Supervisors did agree to inform the Zoning Officer to hold off on further action until the issue can be decided.

BUSINESS

Secretary Miller noted a request was received for Fire Police Assistance, and introduced Resolution 2017-21. Paul Whiteman made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-21, authorizing the Fire Police to assist with the French Creek Iron Tour, June 11, 2017; beginning at 8:00 a.m. Jack Hess seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

TOWNSHIP REPORTS

Secretary Mill noted Treasurer John Griesemer is working on the Township Banking needs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Supervisors recessed to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. Chairman Allen Styer called the meeting back to order at 7:45 p.m. summarizing that the executive session was to discuss litigation. No action was taken.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

There was a brief update on the Carnival planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Whiteman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandy Styer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randall P. Miller
Township Secretary