

DINGMAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 19, 2022 MEETING
AGENDA

**THERE WILL BE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION**

1. CALL TO ORDER - Pledge of Allegiance
2. PUBLIC HEARING – Conashaugh Lake Compactor – Continuance requested
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 15, 2022 Regular Meeting
4. OLD BUSINESS
 - a) Sunrise Lake Section 9 Water & Sewer
 - b) Preserve at Milford Hills
 - c) Garage Project
 - d) Har Haven – Request for Modification to O&M Agreement
 - e) Pike County 911 Office -EMS Dispatching
 - f) Draft Resolution Opposing Redesignation of DWGNRA as National Park
 - g) Other Old Business
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a) Christian Hill Culvert – Emergency Repair
 - b) Hiring of Parks & Recreation Secretary/Events Coordinator
 - c) Approval of Park Event – DDPS Field Day
 - d) Other New Business
6. CORRESPONDENCE
 - a) Kerry Welsh re: garbage pick-up
 - b) Jerry Weinstock re: Political Signs
 - c) Pike County Commissioners re: America250PA
 - d) Miscellaneous Correspondence
7. SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS
 - a) Degan Lot Improvement
 - b) Day Lot Improvement
8. EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORTS
9. ROADMASTER REPORT
10. SEWAGE/ZONING/CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT
11. TREASURER'S REPORT / SECRETARY'S REPORT
 - a) Payment of Bills: \$ 142,537.95 General Fund
 \$ 371.30 Rec Fund
 - b) General Fund Balance: \$ 636,336.62
12. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
13. EXECUTIVE SESSION
14. ADJOURNMENT

- ATTENDANCE:** Thomas E. Mincer, Chairman; Theo G. Balu, Supervisor; Karen Kleist, Secretary/Treasurer; John H. Klemeyer, Solicitor; Chris Wood, Sewage/Zoning Enforcement Officer; Shane Williams, Roadmaster; Mark O'Brien, DTVFD Chief; Eric Passaro, MVFD; and members of the public and press. Edward D. Nikles, Vice Chairman participated via Zoom.
- ITEM NO. 1: CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Mincer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ITEM NO. 2: PUBLIC HEARING
Conashaugh Lake Conditional Use** A duly advertised public hearing to consider the application of Conashaugh Lake trash compactor and recycling yard was opened. The Board was in receipt of a letter from Conashaugh Lake requesting a continuance to the May 17, 2022 meeting. The Planning Commission recommended approval. MOTION was made by Theo Balu, seconded by Thomas Mincer, and unanimously carried to continue the Conashaugh Lake Conditional Use Hearing to the May 17, 2022 meeting.
- ITEM NO. 3: APPROVAL OF MINUTES** MOTION was made by Theo Balu, seconded by Thomas Mincer, and unanimously carried to approve the March 15, 2022 Minutes as presented.
- ITEM NO. 4: OLD BUSINESS
A) Sunrise Lake Section 9** The Board was in receipt of a letter from William DuChemin complaining about Chris Wood's and the Board's handling of correcting the sewage system repairs by passing it off to PaDEP. Mr. DuChemin appears to be misinformed, especially concerning PaDEP – the state informed both Section 9 and the Township that all proposals regarding the sewage system MUST go through them.
- ITEM NO. 4(B):
Preserve at Milford Hills** There was nothing new to report.
- ITEM NO. 4(C):
Garage Project** Shane reported that both the heaters and light fixture were looked at and it does not appear any damage was done.
- ITEM NO. 4(D):
Har Haven – O&M Agreement** Chris Wood and Mike Weeks will be holding a conference call with the applicant's engineer on Friday; a report from Mike Weeks will be forthcoming.
- ITEM NO. 4(E):
Pike 911 EMS Dispatching** The Board is waiting for Milford Ambulance's dispatch numbers.
- ITEM NO. 4(F):
Proposed Resolution re DWGNRA** The Board reviewed the draft Resolution opposing the DWG National Recreation Area being redesignated as a National Park unless or until the exact consequences have been disclosed to and agreed to by Dingman Township. Solicitor Klemeyer stated that the total percentage of public land needs to be inserted in paragraph five. Karen Kleist stated that the federal lands are not broken down by municipalities, so that number is unknown. Following discussion, MOTION was made by Ed Nikles, seconded by Theo Balu, and unanimously carried to approve the Resolution after adding "a substantial portion of which is public land" instead of stating a percentage. Members of the public requested that the Resolution be sent to our state and federal representatives. The Board agreed.
- ITEM NO. 4(G):
Other Old Business** Ordinance regulating the repair, modification, renovation and reconstruction of Recreation Vehicles: the Board reviewed the completed draft Ordinance prepared in consultation with the State employee governing manufactured housing. The Township, Lake Adventure and our respective attorneys participated in preparing the ordinance which is to ensure compliance with safety standards. It will require permits (prepared by an engineer under the ANSI Code) for the same type of work the UCC requires permits for structures. MOTION was made by Ed Nikles, seconded by Theo Balu, and unanimously carried to advertise the ordinance for adoption.

ITEM NO. 5: NEW BUSINESS**A) Christian Hill Culvert Replacement**

The Township Engineer suggested the Township consider ordering and purchasing the culvert, which has a 4+ week lead time, now in order to have it on-hand when a contractor selected to do the emergency replacement. Shane obtained a few quotes ranging from \$14,500.62 to \$19,082.90, all of which could be adjusted at time of shipment. It was decided to go with the low quote from Core & Main at \$14,500.62.

ITEM NO. 5(B):**Hiring of New Employee**

Chairman Mincer informed that an interview for a new Parks & Recreation Commission Secretary/Events coordinator was held last week. MOTION was made by Theo Balu, seconded by Ed Nikles, and unanimously carried to hire Chris Irving at \$15/hour as part-time Parks & Recreation Commission Secretary/Events coordinator, with a 60-day probation period, effective April 14, 2022.

ITEM NO. 5(C):**Approval of Park Event**

The Dingman-Delaware Primary School would like to hold their first grade field trip at the Park on

ITEM NO. 5(D):**Other New Business**

There was no Other New Business at this time.

ITEM NO. 6: CORRESPONDENCE**A) Kerry Welsh re Garbage Pickup**

The Board was in receipt of a letter from Kerry Welsh requesting the Board set reasonable times for garbage pickup in the Township. His company has started coming as early as 6 am, disturbing area residents. The Solid Waste Ordinance does not limit hours of operation, but the Board will send a letter to the hauler.

ITEM NO. 6(B):**Jerry Weinstock re Political Signs**

The Board was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Weinstock expressing his disappointment with the recent changes to the political sign regulations. He feels they should be more stringent and rigidly enforced. Chairman Mincer stated that when they looked into it, we found we were more restrictive than court decisions are trending and adjusted the regulations accordingly.

ITEM NO. 6(C):**Pike County Commissioners**

The Board was in receipt of a letter from the Commissioners informing that they are establishing an "America250PA" County Commission to plan, develop and coordinate commemorative activities within Pike County.

ITEM NO. 6(D):**Miscellaneous Correspondence**

The Board reviewed various Miscellaneous Correspondence and noted a letter from the Benders complimenting Sue Mikulak for her knowledge and helpfulness.

ITEM NO. 7:**SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

A) Degnan Lot Improvement: The Board reviewed the proposed lot improvement and documents including deeds, letters of adequacy from the County Planning Commission and the Township Engineer, and a recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission. MOTION was made by Theo Balu, seconded by Ed Nikles, and unanimously carried to approve the Degnan Lot Improvement combining lots 12A & 14, Block 3, Section 5 of Sunrise Lake, to be known as Lot 12B.

B) Day Lot Improvement: The Board reviewed the proposed lot improvement and documents including deeds, letters of adequacy from the County Planning Commission and the Township Engineer, and a recommendation for approval from the Planning Commission. MOTION was made by Theo Balu, seconded by Ed Nikles, and unanimously carried to approve the Day Lot Improvement combining lots 130 & 131, Section 5 of Gold Key Lake, to be known as Lot 130A.

ITEM NO. 8:**EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

Eric Passaro of Milford Fire Dept. presented their First Quarter Fire Report. They responded to 106 fire/rescue calls. Year-to-date members completed 1,210 man-hours of training.

DTVFD Chief Mark O'Brien informed the Board that the third ambulance is now in service as a back-up, and the new ladder truck may be ready in August.

**ITEM NO. 9:
ROADMASTER REPORT**

MOTION was made by Theo Balu, seconded by Ed Nikles, and unanimously carried to approve the April 4-18, 2022 Roadmaster Report as submitted.

**ITEM NO. 10:
SEWAGE / ZONING OFFICER REPORT**

Chris Wood reported that the recent rains have given him a chance to catch up on paperwork.

**ITEM NO. 11:
TREASURER'S REPORT**

MOTION was made by Theo Balu, seconded by Ed Nikles, and unanimously carried to approve the April 19, 2022 Treasurer's Report, Bill Payment List, and General Fund balance, and to sign the checks following the meeting.

ITEM NO. 12: PUBLIC COMMENT

Toni Martin of 104 Fisher Terrace expressed her frustration with how often the pond next door floods. The last storm she even had 2 feet of water in her basement. She was hoping there was something the Township could do to alleviate the problem. Following discussion, the Board decided to have the Township Engineer and Roadmaster look at the secondary catch basin to see if it can be modified to help prevent the flooding.

ITEM NO. 13: EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board recessed to Executive Session at this time.

After reconvening the regular meeting, MOTION was made by Thomas Mincer, seconded by Theo Balu, and unanimously carried to approve hiring a structural engineer outside a meeting to investigate and evaluate the design and construction of the garage.

ITEM NO. 14: ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, MOTION was made y Theo Balu, seconded by Thomas Mincer, and unanimously carried to adjourn the April 19th meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kleist, Secretary/Treasurer