



# Pocopson Township

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## Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes Monday, 7:30 P.M., April 22, 2013

In attendance: Supervisors – Stephen R. Conary, Georgia F. Brutscher, Ricki Stumpo; Mark Knightly, Public Works Director; Richard Jensen, Zoning/Code Enforcement Official.

**1. Call to Order:** Conary called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Announcements:** Barnard House Steering Committee met on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Stumpo attended the Kennett Area Regional Planning Commission meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>. Stumpo will report on the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting with PennDOT after discussing particulars with the Comprehensive Plan Task Force on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

**3. Public Comment:** none.

**4. Zoning Hearing Board Appeal No. 1-2013; Brandywine Ace Pet & Farm:**

Drennen Enterprises, LLC (Applicants) and Winifred Moran Sebastian, Esquire, appeared before the Planning Commission (PC) on April 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss Zoning Hearing Board Appeal No. 1-2013. PC recommended support for the Appeal based on the list of signs to remain, signs to be removed, and assuming PennDOT does not object to signage that may be in the PennDOT right-of-way. Applicants acknowledged ordinance provisions regarding temporary flags and banners. Jensen suggested inclusion of the railroad cars in the square footage inventory as a matter of decision for the Zoning Hearing Board. Applicants own two of the railcars and agreed to include them as they stand today on dead rails with one sign reference to Ace Brandywine. Jensen will photograph the railcars for the Township file. Brutscher stated that the signage should be limited to the square footage as referenced in the Appeal.

**Motion:** Conary moved, Stumpo seconded, to recommend support for Zoning Hearing Board Appeal No. 1-2013 requesting variances from Section 250-53.C to expand certain non-conforming signs with the following stipulations: (1) to document the ACE railroad car sign measurement and add it to the overall square footage; and (2) signage listed in the Appeal and no other signage shall be permitted; motion unanimously approved.

**5. West Creek Road Intersection:** Julie Long of 12 Cabin Club Lane was heard regarding her safety concerns with West Creek Road and the intersection of Route 52 and West Creek Road. While recent improvements have enhanced safety generally, Long suggested additional steps to address vulnerabilities such as difficult sight distances, location of the stop box, and two-way traffic control on West Creek Road. Board agreed to investigate feasibility of addressing vulnerabilities such as marking the edge of the road and line painting where permitted. Board asked Knightly to obtain a speed control machine as a

means of calming traffic. The Board thanked Long for her efforts to bring the matter to their attention.

**6. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Report:** Jensen reported the potential for three additional Zoning Hearing Board appeals due to denial of zoning permits. An offensive flag was removed from East Lafayette and Rodney Drive. Jensen and the building inspector will communicate with the property owner of the Dance Hall on Route 52 regarding violation of the Nuisance Ordinance and the County Health Department with regard to condemnation proceedings as it appears the property is without a working sewage system. Jensen is investigating a tree clearing concern and a timber harvesting concern on Marlboro Road.

**7. Public Works Report:** Board accepted Public Works Report dated April 22, 2013. Work on the Red Bridge Lane bridge will begin on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. During a preconstruction meeting for the bridge work, Township Engineer and Knightly discussed prep work for plans to pursue scour remediation. Knightly continues to communicate with the Red Bridge Homeowners Association regarding the bridge work.

**8. Administrative Secretary Report –**

**a. Open Records Request:** Board accepted Open Records Report for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> 2009 through 2013. Board directed that a copy of the report be sent to Senator Pileggi and Representative Barrar.

**b. SmartSearch Case Study Candidate:** Board agreed that the Secretary may work with the software company if the time commitment is nominal.

**9. Old Business –**

**a. Locust Grove Schoolhouse Sign:** Board approved Locust Grove Schoolhouse sign as described in the April 15, 2013 email.

**b. Lindvig 2<sup>nd</sup> Extension for Conditional Use: Motion:** Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve granting a second extension for the Lindvig Conditional Use Application for the property located at 45 Bragg Hill Road to April 30, 2014, subject to the conditions as described in the motion approved May 21, 2012; motion unanimously approved.

**10. New Business –**

**a. “Safekids” Inquiry:** Board agreed with the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee (PRT) dated April 18, 2013, that there is no clear benefit to implementing a program that places an age limit on unaccompanied minor use of Township trails and parks.

**b. Holiday Event- Motion:** Conary moved, Brutscher seconded, to approve the PRT request to sponsor a holiday event at Northbrook Marketplace in December; motion unanimously approved.

**10. Correspondence**

**a. Letters of support of DCNR Grant:** Board approved signing of letters of appreciation to those individuals who provided support for the submission of the DCNR Grant.

**11. Treasurer's Warrants:** Conary moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for April 9 - 22, 2013 recommended for payment by the Treasurer; **General Fund:** 15 bills paid totaling \$12,293.55; 6 debit card charges totaling \$606.69; **Escrow:** 1 bill paid for \$315.00; **Highway Aid:** 5 bills paid totaling \$14,199.60; **Parks, Recreation & Trails:** 1 bill paid for \$74.99; **Rt 52 / Road Improvements:** 3 bills paid totaling \$23,504.46 with one check to be redrawn in the amount of \$15,400.00; motion unanimously approved.

**12. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes dated April 8, 2013; motion approved.

**13. Adjournment:** At 8:35 P.M., Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion unanimously approved.

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Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary

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Stephen R. Conary, Chair