

West Marlborough Township
1300 Doe Run Road
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William W. Wylie, Chairman
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Emery Jones Taylor, Supervisor

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June 6, 2023 Meeting

Minutes of the June 6, 2023 Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

The Public Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 pm. on 06/06/2023 by Chairman Bill Wylie. There was no Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Wylie asked supervisors to consider the May 2, 2023 minutes. Jake Chalfin moved to approve and Emery Taylor seconded the motion. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Kathleen Hood presented her new book "Where are the Cowboys" an historic book written about the cowboys of King Ranch in Doe Run, PA. The book is illustrated by Randall Graham. It's available through Brandywine Conservancy and all proceeds go to the Conservancy.

The financial report was given showing a balance of \$12,834.05 in the payroll account at the end of May. The General Funds showed a balance of \$519,152.08. State Funds had a balance of \$214,652.55. Equipment has a balance of \$93,360.82. The supervisors approved the report subject to review of bills to be paid. Pages of the financial report are attached.

Road Master report-working on speed hump bids, mowing road banks and grading dirt roads. Tapeworm culvert project is being re-engineered given the rise in costs.

Speed hump bids are due in a few weeks. The engineer has questions so the speed humps will be acted on at July 5th meeting.

Resident Bill Shaw asked the board if they reviewed noise ordinances from other townships he brought in regarding the loud parties at the Mushroom Farm. Chairman Bill Wylie said that the police should be called for noise complaints as we have no noise ordinance at this time. Hugh Lofting suggested that 911 should be called because it will be recorded.

Dot Shaw brought up safety concerns with how dry it is and that things could catch fire at the property. Also brought up with school letting out for the summer it allows more opportunities for kids to get into trouble at the property.

Another resident brought up all the school age children on the property in unsafe conditions. A travel trailer was painted there and also the tractor trailers that have been there for 40 years. It's an ongoing issue. Bill Wylie said the township is in the middle of a zoning enforcement action and indicated it is considering a maintenance ordinance.

The owner and his legal counsel would like to avoid a hearing and work out issues with the township with a negotiated settlement. This will allow the township to look into other issues on the property. Bill also said the Chester County Health Department has stated the septic system is not compliant. The Chester County Conservation District is also involved because there is no conservation plan for the Ag operation as is required. Matt Magovern is going to inspect property.

Resident from 1310 Chatham Road brought up many complaints about neighbor Gus Brown who he says is harassing him. Bill Wylie reminded resident that our only involvement concerns zoning issues. Resident complained that he has adhered to zoning requirements at his property but that Gus Brown has not. Resident would like Gus' fence moved back to the required 10 feet from the road. It has not been moved yet.

With no further business to attend, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Elliot Blake,
Secretary/Treasurer

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