West Marlborough Township

1300 Doe Run Road

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June 3, 2025, Meeting

**Minutes of the June 3, 2025, Meeting of the Board of Supervisors**

The Public Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Bill Wylie. In attendance were Township Supervisors William Wylie, Emery Taylor, and Jacob Chalfin.

Emery Taylor moved to approve May 6, 2025 meeting minutes and Bill Wylie seconded the motion, minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

The financial report showed a balance of $7,909.03 in the Payroll account, $125,057.96 in General Funds, $6,331.28 in State Funds. The PLGIT (Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust) accounts show totals of $304,724.70 in General Funds, $253,508.27 in State Funds, and $97,477.45 in Equipment Funds. Jacob Chalfin moved to approve the financial report, Emery Taylor seconded, it was approved by unanimous vote.

Resident Joanne Kalmbach spoke about the recent fatal accident on route 926 near where she lives. She said her husband was on the scene of the latest accident where a teenage female driver was killed and the male passenger was in critical condition. She said she and her husband have witnessed countless accidents in the same spot due to cars going airborne from speeding over a hill. She has spoken with PennDot and Representative Christina Sappey to come up with a solution to get people to slow down approaching the hill on route 926. PennDot did a review and have agreed to put up a sign that says “Hill Blocks View”. Joanne Kalmbach asked West Marlborough Township to place a Dynamic Speed sign in the location which would show drivers’ their speed. She said PennDot told her the township would be the entity to install a dynamic speed sign. Bill Wylie said that route 926 is a state road and was surprised PennDot told the resident to ask West Marlborough Township to install a Dynamic Speed sign. Bill said the township will ask their traffic engineer to do a study of the road to find the best solution.

Guy Swift from the Avondale Fire Department gave a status update that West Grove Christiana is opening an emergency room at the old Jennersville Hospital in August 2025. He also said that Avondale and West Grove Fire Companies are still talking about a potential merger of the two fire companies. He asked to be on the July 1, 2025 agenda to deliver second quarter fire and EMS results.

Mike Buck, director of open space of New Garden Township and Chris Williams, traffic engineer of New Garden Township gave a presentation of their plans to place two islands on Church Road. One of the islands would be in West Marlborough Township. New Garden Township is proposing to use an existing crosswalk and 2 traffic calming islands to connect open space on each side of Church Road. Safety is the main concern for the crosswalk so they want to change the look to present a clear message that motorists are entering a park area with the entrance to the park being on Church Road. The park is located where the now closed Loch Nairn Golf Course was and has been renamed Smedley Preserve and will be open to the public. The presenters said that PennDot is unofficially supportive of this plan, and opposed to a three-way stop at the intersection of McCue and Church Roads as there isn’t enough traffic to warrant it. New Garden Township has obtained grant money to fund the project. The supervisors asked if there were other options like rumble strips or a raised crosswalk to achieve safety for the crosswalk. The presenters explained the grant money New Garden Township received is for the proposed plan and they are not certain if they would receive grant money or if it would be adequate if the plan is changed. The supervisors asked the presenters for week to discuss the proposal.

The Roadmaster reported that Martin Paving Inc. won the bid for oil and chipping for 2025 in the amount of $43,868.73. Emery Taylor motioned to accept the bid, Jacob Chalfin seconded, and the motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Route 82 bridge will open on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 1:00 PM with a ribbon cutting ceremony with representatives from PennDot and Representative Christina Sappey in attendance.

Tom Brosius of the Planning Commission recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the subdivision plan at 248 Hood Road, West Grove, PA dependent on 4 waiver requests. Jacob Chalfin motioned to approve the plan, Bill Wylie seconded the motion, and the plan was approved unanimously.

Tom Brosius also recommended the Board approve a lot line change at 1271/1273 Doe Run Road, Coatesville, PA dependent on three waiver requests. Emery Taylor motioned to approve the plan, Jacob Chalfin seconded the motion, and the plan was approved unanimously.

Tom Brosius asked how the Tough Mudder event at Plantation Field went on 5/17 and 5/18/25. Roadmaster Hugh Lofting said it went well except that parking was difficult the first day and route 842 had a back up of traffic. The event went well and the organizers did a great job cleaning up at the end. If it is proposed for next year the township will require more communication with the organizers and possible escrow funds for any damages that might occur.

With no further business to attend, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Next public meeting of the supervisors will be at the township garage on July 1, 2025 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Elliot Blake,

Secretary/Treasurer