

**LANCASTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
DECEMBER 16, 2019 MEETING MINUTES**

The Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors meeting was called to order by Chairman Plesniak at 6:16 pm. Those in attendance were Supervisor Dennis Kerr, Supervisor Kris Kniess, Township Manager Ben Kramer, Secretary-Treasurer, Chrissy Senft, Township Solicitor Chris Reese, Township Engineer Tom Thompson, Connie Domhoff, Randy Anno, Jay Wack, Kathy Ligday, Mary Ann Brill, Mark Jeffries, George Coholich, Frank Noland, Mark Butler, Charles & Debbie Scott, Ron & Loretta Rice, Carrie Kerr, Jim Kerr, Dave Weber, Syl Wack, Albert Martin, Jake Vagias, Nate Vagias, Linda Plesniak, Denny & Carol Hamilton, Sid Schiever, Alan Osan, Ken Miller, Dale Kerr, John Meyer, Howdy Duer, Mitchell Kerr, Ryan Trugan and Ed & Cindy Eckstein.

**MEETING MINUTES AND TREASURER’S REPORT**

Supervisor Kerr made a motion to approve meeting minutes from the November 18, 2019 Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting and the November 18, 2019 Conditional Use Hearing regarding MHB Real Estate Holdings, motion was seconded by Supervisor Kniess, and passed by a majority vote. VOTE: Kerr, Kniess, Plesniak – YES

Motion was made by Supervisor Kerr to approve the treasurer’s report dated November 14 – December 12, 2019, motion was seconded by Supervisor Kniess and passed by a majority vote. VOTE: Kerr, Kniess, Plesniak – YES

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Zoning & Land Use:**

1. Arden Woods - A motion was made by Supervisor Kerr to approve Arden Wood – Letter of Credit Release Request #7 with a total of \$930,740.12 as described below:

a. Phase I Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program	\$112,430.35
b. Arden Wood Drive	\$106,699.75
c. Arden Wood Multi Modal	\$439,914.37
d. Arden Wood Duplex Village	<u>\$271,695.65</u>
	<b>\$930,740.12</b>

Motion was seconded by Supervisor Kniess and passed by a majority vote. VOTE: Kerr, Kniess, Plesniak - YES

2. MHB Real Estate Holdings - Solicitor Chris Reese read the findings of fact, conclusion of law, and decision of the MHB Real Estate Holdings Conditional Use Hearing. A motion was made by Supervisor Kerr to approve the MHB Real Estate Holdings conditional use. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Kniess and passed by a majority vote. VOTE: Kerr, Kniess, Plesniak – YES

Pertaining to the subdivision of parcels owned by MHB Real Estate Holdings, a motion was made by Supervisor Kniess to approve the subdivision of the property into 3 parcels as shown on their subdivision application. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Kerr and passed by a majority vote. VOTE: Kniess, Kerr, Plesniak – YES

A motion was made by Supervisor Kerr to approve the waiver of Section 601 of the Lancaster Township Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance reducing the riparian buffer to 25’, motion was seconded by Supervisor Kniess and passed by a majority vote. VOTE: Kerr, Kniess, Plesniak – YES

3. Year in Review – A total of 79 building permits were issued with 43 for construction of single-family dwellings. The total construction costs of \$10,892,525.00 equate to \$10,428.40 in permit fees paid to the township.

**Police Department:** Year-end statistics are in progress.

**Road Department:** Weekly reports have been provided via email. The berm project on Swain Hill Road has been completed.

**Historical Records Committee:** Nothing to report at the present time

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Resolution 2019 – 12-** A motion was made by Supervisor Kerr to approve Resolution 2019-12 to approve the advertised budget, motion was seconded by Supervisor Kniess and passed by a majority vote. Budget has been available online at the township webpage since 11/18/19. VOTE: Kerr, Kniess, Plesniak – YES
2. **Western Butler County Authority Board –** A motion was made by Supervisor Kerr to approve Mark Butler to the vacancy for representation of Lancaster Township, motion was seconded by Supervisor Kniess and passed by a majority vote. VOTE: Kerr, Kniess, Plesniak
3. **Service Recognition –** Chairman Plesniak presented John Vagias with a plaque for over 25 years of service representing Lancaster Township with the Western Butler County Authority.

Supervisor Dennis Kerr was recognized by all members of the Board and multiple residents for his service to the community for 36 years as supervisor. Dennis's knowledge of the township roads and dedication to Lancaster Township will be greatly missed. At the conclusion of the meeting all are welcome to stay for refreshments.

**Public Comment**

John Meyers addressed the Board on the crack sealing project of 2019 and requested that the Board of Supervisors contact Suit Kote. The Board of Supervisors is aware of the issues with the project and will address in 2020 should Suit Kote be awarded the bid for the project.

Frank Noland sought information regarding the closure of East Lancaster Road and the proposed timeline. Township Manager Ben Kramer delivered all information as provided to the Township from Penn DOT and indicated that the road may be closed through September of 2020.

Ron Rice questioned the use of hiring flaggers on the Swain Hill Road. The Board of Supervisors made the decision to use a professional flagging company due to the major traffic on the road, and for the safety of township employees and residents traveling during the restoration process.

With no additional business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made to close the Board of Supervisors meeting at 6:56 pm by Chairman Plesniak and was seconded by Supervisor Kniess.

Respectfully submitted:

Christina M. Senft  
Secretary/Treasurer