

Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners Business Meeting
6:30 PM – September 10, 2025

Persons Present:

Daniel E. Rooney, President Commissioner
David Detwiler, Vice President Commissioner
Andrew Herrold, Commissioner

Anne Gray, Commissioner
Thomas Gwilt, Commissioner

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Session was held on September 10, 2025, to discuss legal matters.

A. Presentations – Explore York – Alexis Noel Shaffer

Katie & Alexis from Explore York reviewed the slides from their presentation highlighting the opportunities for tourism in York County. They offer a website and a guide that is printed once per year, and there is a fee to be featured on either. Commissioner Gray inquired about some of the businesses and how they determined who was featured.

B. Public Comment

Garth Erickson of 200 Elmwood Blvd – Thanked the Zoning Officer and Public Works Superintendent for their help with issues with the construction/bus stop access.

C. Business Meeting Minutes

1. MOTION (Herrold/Gwilt) to approve August 13, 2025, Business Meeting and Workshop Minutes. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

D. Finance

1. MOTION (Herrold/Gwilt) to accept the August 2025 Treasurer's Report and Bank Transactions. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

E. Subdivision / Land Development

1. 711 Olive Street Industrial Park – 45-Day Time Extension

i) MOTION (Herrold/Detwiler) to approve a 45-day time extension waiver to September 28, 2025, to record the 711 Olive Street Industrial Park final land development plan. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

2. Red Oaks and Regents Glen – 45-Day Time Extension

i) MOTION (Detwiler/Herrold) to approve a 45-day time extension waiver to September 28, 2025, to record the Red Oaks at Regents Glen final land development plan. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

3. Ward One Planning Commission Member

The Planning Commission will need a member from Ward One beginning in 2026. Interested residents of Ward One can submit a letter of interest to be considered.

F. Old Business

1. Comprehensive Plan

The Draft Comprehensive Plan is in the 45-Day review and comment period. This period will close September 29, 2025. The Township will hold a Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing at 6:30 PM during the Board of Commissioners Business Meeting on October 8, 2025. **Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview** - inquired what would happen if the public hearing went on for an extended time and expressed that she did not think it was a good idea due to time constraints. It was clarified that the hearing can be paused and re-scheduled if additional time is needed. The Board said comments could be submitted to the Township prior to the meeting and that they would look into a different day for the public hearing and meeting.

2. Mill Creek Trail and Greenway

i) Phase One – Bike Lane Line Painting

Phase One was not awarded the South Mountain Grant. The Board approved \$24,000 in

recreation funds for the project in May 2025. Roadwork on Elmwood Boulevard has delayed the bike lane painting project to 2026. **Ricky Dubbs of 545 S Ogontz St** - asked for clarification about the funds.

3. Fire Station 892 on Indian Rock Dam Road

i) Request for Payment – MW Studios Invoice 24-156-09

MOTION (Detwiler/Gwilt) to approve payment in the amount of \$43,855.00 to MW Studios using unbudgeted funds from the Building Improvement Fund. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

ii) Request for Payment – Saxton and Stump Invoice 144462

MOTION (Gwilt/Herrold) to approve payment in the amount of \$4,550 to Saxton and Stump using unbudgeted general funds. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

iii) Resolution 2025-20 eRACP Grant Application-Fire Station 892

Authorizes the submission of an electronic application for a RACP Grant in an amount up to \$6,000,000, pledges 50% in matching funds, and designates the President, Vice President, and the Treasurer/Secretary as authorized signers.

MOTION (Herrold/Detwiler) to approve Resolution 2025-20 eRACP Grant Application-Fire Station 892. Discussion: None. Public Comment: **Melissa Stuart of 1161 Hollywood Terrace** - asked for clarification. 5/0. Carries.

4. Chapter 300 Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance Update

i) Handicap Parking Space Requests

Applications for 1117 E South Street and 1519 Second Avenue have been submitted for consideration. These properties meet the ordinance requirements for a handicap space.

ii) No Parking Zone – East Side of Hill Street North of the Grandview Road Intersection

Parked cars on the east side of Hill Street north of the Grandview Road intersection block the line of sight for traffic heading west on Grandview. A traffic study indicates the need for a 35-foot no-parking zone for a clear line of sight.

MOTION (Herrold/Gwilt) to direct staff to work with Solicitor to draft and advertise amendments to Chapter 300 to include 1117 E South Street and 1519 Second Avenue handicap parking spaces, and a no parking zone on the east side of Hill Street 35 feet north of the Grandview Road intersection per the traffic engineer's study. Discussion: None. Public Comment: Lynne Huddleston 808 Clearmount Rd - stated she was surprised to see this information as she never had issues with visibility. The Public Works Superintendent clarified the process of the study that was completed to reach this conclusion. 5/0. Carries.

5. 2025 Streets Paving Project Payment – Liquid Fuels/General Funds

Application for Payment (AFP) #3 for the 2025 Ludlow Stormwater Project.

MOTION (Detwiler/Herrold) to approve AFP #3 in the amount of \$76,755.64 from liquid fuels and \$47,061 from general funds to Pennell Services. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

6. 2025 Ludlow Base Paving – General Funds

The estimated cost for the base repair supply is \$5,000 and placement by Kinsley is \$3,600.

MOTION (Gwilt/Detwiler) to approve \$5,000 for the Township to supply the materials and \$3,600 to Kinsley for placement on Ludlow Avenue. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

7. Tri Hill Sewer Projects

MOTION (Detwiler/Herrold) to direct staff to work with Engineers to advertise for bids for the Tri Hill Sanitary Sewer Project and the Tri Hill Stormwater Sewer Project. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

8. Graham Packaging Insect Issue – FYI

The Township is working with legal counsel to address the issue.

9. YAUFR Charter Agreement Amendments – FYI

The proposed amendments will update the YAUFR Charter Agreement.

10. Penn Waste Contract Extension

The 2026 extension is \$113.13 per quarter plus a \$2.00 municipal administration fee.

MOTION (Herrold/Detwiler) to approve a 2026 one-year extension to the Penn Waste refuse contract. Discussion: None. Public Comment: **Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Rd** - stated that she has multiple issues with the services provided by Penn Waste and has asked for credits for multiple missed pick-ups. Commissioner Herrold acknowledged that the service is far from perfect and that the Township was working with Penn Waste to rectify the issues or fine them based on the terms of the contract. It is hard to get bids for service that would not reduce the amount of service and increase costs. It was clarified that all missed pick-ups and issues should also be reported to the Township to allow for tracking and action as needed.

5/0. Carries.

11. Mount Rose Property Safety

Unsafe areas of the property have been identified to be posted hazardous and inaccessible.

MOTION (Detwiler/Gwilt) to approve an amount up to \$1,000 in unbudgeted funds for no trespassing signs and to direct staff to post Public Works work areas, abandoned structures, pond, demolished building and railroad debris, and rugged/impassable terrain areas as unsafe on the Mt. Rose property. Discussion: None. Public Comment: Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview - Thanked the Commissioners for their effort and inquired about the possibility of a map of the closed off areas. 5/0. Carries.

12. Facebook Guidance

If the Board requests a municipal bulletin board Facebook page, staff and the Solicitor advise drafting a policy to limit the number of staff members with access to social media sites, restrict commenting on posts, and to guide direct messages to the dedicated Township inbox.

MOTION (Detwiler/Herrold) to direct staff to work with Solicitor to draft a social media policy. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

G. New Business

1. Personnel

i) Central PA Teamsters Health and Welfare Fund Participation Agreement

MOTION (Detwiler/Gwilt) to approve the Central PA Teamsters Health and Welfare Participation Agreement. Discussion: None. Public Comment: **Melissa Stuart of 1161 Hollywood Terrace** - inquired if this agreement was new or done every year. It was stated that it is another part of the four-year contract negotiation. 5/0. Carries.

2. Property Maintenance Nuisance Violations

Attempts to work with the owner to bring property into compliance have failed.

MOTION (Detwiler/Gwilt) to direct staff to work with a private contractor and/or Public Works to remediate property maintenance violations at 557 Dupont Avenue and to direct staff to work with Solicitor to lien property if costs are not covered by property owner. Discussion: None. Public Comment: **Ricky Dubbs of 545 S Ogontz St** - asked if the Township could go on private property to clean up and if it included vehicles it was clarified by the Solicitor that the Township could clean up with a court order and President Commissioner Rooney clarified that currently the Township cannot address the type of vehicle Mr. Dubbs is referring to, but the Township is reviewing several Ordinances to better address repeated issues. 5/0. Carries.

3. 2025 Sanitary Sewer Capital Fund Contribution – Future Flush Truck Purchase

With the postponement of the Hoffman Road Sewer Project to 2026, staff is proposing to make the anticipated 2026 transfer in 2025 for the purchase of a flush truck in 2030.

MOTION (Detwiler/Herrold) to direct staff to transfer \$110,000 from the Sewer Fund into the Sewer Capital Fund. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

4. Resolution 2025-21 CAT4 LSA Grant Application - Snow Vehicle

The current snow removal truck for Victory Fire Co is 30 years old and needs replaced. The resolution authorizes the submission of an application for the CAT4 LSA Grant on behalf of Victory Fire Co for the replacement of their snow vehicle and designates the President, Vice President, and Treasurer/Secretary as authorized signers.

MOTION (Detwiler/Herrold) to approve Resolution 2025-21 CAT4 LSA Snow Vehicle Application. Discussion: None. Public Comment: None. 5/0. Carries.

H. Commissioner Constituent Representation

- 1. Commissioner Detwiler, Ward 1** – The Planning Commission will need a representative for Ward 1 for 2026.
- 2. Commissioner Rooney, Ward 2** - None
- 3. Commissioner Gray, Ward 3** – Noted that she has had several requests from residents for a quarterly newsletter, it was addressed to be looked over for the budget.
- 4. Commissioner Herrold, Ward 4** - None
- 5. Commissioner Gwilt, Ward 5** – Stated that he reached out to Code Enforcement and the Police Department about the complaints brought to him by his neighbors.

I. Township Consultant, Contracted Services, Departments

1. Township Consultants

- i) Solicitor** - None
- ii) Engineer** - None
- iii) Fire Department / York Area United Fire and Rescue** - None
- iv) Police Department / York County Regional Police Department** - None

2. Township Administration

- i) Manager** - discussed receiving directions from the Board to reschedule the hearing for the Comprehensive Plan. Also clarified that it costs about \$6700 per Newsletter.
- ii) Zoning and Codes Enforcement** - None
- iii) Public Works** - None
- iv) Recreation** – Another 4th Friday has been added for September 26th at Elmwood Park.

J. Public Comment

Ricky Dubbs of 545 S Ogontz St - inquired how many violations or complaints have been sent to the magistrate. It was stated to reach out to staff.

Roberta Boffo of 1080 Grandview Rd - stated she was sad the feasibility study did not look into the possibility of tourism and zoning for the Mt Rose Property and other options that would be available.

II. Adjourn

MOTION (Herrold/Detwiler) to adjourn at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Luther C Wike Jr.
Township Secretary
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