

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD	George Downsborough, Jr., Chair Betsy Whitman, Vice-Chair Elliot Abrams Daniel Treviño, Supervisor Jessica Buckland, Supervisor (arrived at 7:37 pm)	
STAFF	Doug Erickson, Township Manager Lawrence Pegher, Finance Director Stephen Casson, Township Engineer Greg Garthe, Planner Tyler Jolley, Chief of Police Betsy Dupuis, Solicitor	
AUDIENCE	C-NET (2) Larry Thorwart, Timberton HOA Kathleen Chovit, Resident Sandy Erwin, Resident Marcus & Kelly Barberry, Residents Jim Payne, Resident	Glenn Moyer, Resident Sharon Kalajainen, Timberton HOA Bryce Boyer, Resident Lynn Ammon, Resident James Bennett, Resident Matt Harlow, ELA Group

1. CALL TO ORDER / APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Downsborough.

b. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Whitman moved to approve the revised May 8, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. Seconded by Mr. Abrams, the motion passed 4-0.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

3. PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Public Hearing: Sign Review Board Disposition

Mr. Erickson gave a brief overview of the Sign Review Board Disposition Ordinance.

From the April 1 Planning Commission agenda:

At the [July 18, 2018](#) Board of Supervisors meeting, the Manager proposed amending the Township Code to dissolve the Sign Review Board for the following reasons:

- There is no formally designated advisory committee tasked with reviewing proposed changes to the Township's Sign Regulations. The Board of Supervisors typically refers any proposed changes to the Planning Commission for review.
- Although the Township has a committee entitled "Sign Review Board (SRB)" its authorized scope or jurisdiction is so limited that the group has not met in more than 10 years, and the Board has not heard an appeal for a special exception since 2000 or 2001.

3. **PRESENTATIONS / PUBLIC HEARINGS (Continued)**

a. **Public Hearing: Sign Review Board Disposition (Continued)**

The composition and function of the SRB is detailed in [§140-24](#) of the Code of Patton Township. When the change was proposed last July, there were only two remaining members of the SRB. They were invited to participate in the Planning Commission discussions on proposed modifications to the sign regulations for corporate flags in an advisory capacity. Since that time, one of the members moved out of Patton Township.

The Manager recommend preparing an ordinance to achieve the following purposes:

- Amend Chapter 140 (Signs) to designate the Planning Commission as the advisory board for reviewing proposed amendments the sign regulations, and;
- Designate the Planning Commission to fulfill the role of the Sign Review Board, as currently outlined under [§140-24](#).

End of Planning Commission agenda materials

At their, April 1 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the Disposition of the Sign Review Board Ordinance.

Following an introduction from the Manager, the Board should review the enclosed Draft Ordinance (v1.1) and open the Public Hearing to accept comments from the audience.

1) **Public Hearing**

Mr. Abrams moved to open the Public hearing on the Sign Review Board Disposition Ordinance at 7:03PM. Seconded by Ms. Whitman, the Chair opened the Hearing.

Mr. Trevino moved to close the Public hearing on the Sign Review Board Disposition Ordinance at 7:05PM. Seconded by Ms. Whitman, the Chair closed the Hearing

2) **Action Consideration**

Ms. Whitman moved to approve the Sign Review Board Disposition Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Trevino, the motion passed 4-0.

4. **PUBLIC SAFETY**

a. **Children's Fair Follow-up**

Chief Jolley thanked the community for attending and stated that this year was one of the most well attended Safety Fairs with over 1,000 people. He stated that without the assistance of the Patton Township Business Association and their volunteers this event would not be successful. He stated that Officer Tuskovich is already starting on picking a date for next year. He thanked Ms. Lawana Moore, the Board and Mr. Erickson for their support and all their help.

Mr. Trevino stated that he wanted to thank Officer Tuskovich and Mr. Panko for organizing this. He stated he was glad to see all the police departments participate.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS**

a. **Timberton Estates Residents – Road maintenance requests**

Mr. Moyer stated he is a resident of Timberton Estates and he is concerned about the condition of the shoulders of the roads. He stated that it is a small community with soon to be 20 house. He stated that shoulder is causing damage to the road itself. He stated that there are three things the community is asking, one is to do extensive work to the shoulders, second to remove the erosion in the culvert system and third to have an assessment to add curbing at home owners expense.

Mr. Erickson stated he would look into the feasibility of a neighborhood improvement district and will look into what it would cost for curbing. He stated that he could have something for the July meeting.

Ms. Chovit stated that one problem with drainage area there is steep slopes that cannot be mowed, the need to be weed whacked.

Mr. Downsborough stated that staff will take care of these items the Board would like an update at the July meeting.

b. **Circleville / Scotia Alternative Analysis**

Mr. Erickson stated that in 2018, in response to requests from residents to take action on perceived dangers at the subject intersection, the Board of Supervisors engaged an engineering consultant, ELA Group, to thoroughly review the issue and provide alternative solutions for consideration by the residents and Township officials.

The ELA Group and the Public Works Department held a Public Input meeting on January 30th to gather initial input from residents of the area. Despite inclement weather (many other agencies cancelled activities), ten hearty souls attended the meeting. ELA provided an overview and background on the project, and provided mapping, photos and aerial photos of the project area. The residents then shared their concerns and suggestions for improvements with the group. A summary of the comments received from that meeting was provided to the Board on February 13th.

From the initial input, ELA Group developed four alternative solutions to address the sight-distance deficiency for cars stopped on Circleville Road. These alternates were again reviewed with local residents at a meeting held on May 15th. Through a brief survey, residents were asked to rate each of the alternative solutions.

Concept drawings for each of the alternative solutions were included with the agenda materials.

Mr. Harlow of the ELA Group provided background information and introduced each of the Alternates.

Ms. Erwin stated that if Meeks Lane is closed and there is a stop sign installed at Circleville and Scotia Road, once construction done more traffic will use Valley Vista.

Ms. Ammon stated she agrees with the stop sign and with closing Scotia Road would help with traffic and the bike path.

5. **PUBLIC WORKS (Continued)**

b. **Circleville / Scotia Alternative Analysis (Continued)**

Ms. Erwin stated that Grays Woods Blvd was built to handle all the traffic not Scotia Road and Circleville Road.

Mr. Downsbrouhg asked if there are any state requirements if a road is closed. Mr. Erickson answered no, it is our road.

Ms. Buckland stated that she appreciates the perspective of closing the road down to preserve the area.

Mr. Abrams stated the original plan showed Grays Woods Blvd being a more used road and that if we close an access we should look at lowering the speed limit on Scotia Road. He also noted that any consideration of closing Meeks Lane should include a survey of the commuters using the road and residents along Grays Woods Boulevard and in Graysdale.

Mr. Erickson stated he would work with the consultant to predict what the traffic impact would be from closing Meeks Lane, and a final report will be provided to the Board in July.

c. **Updates on Requests for Traffic Improvements/Mitigations**

1) **Toftrees Golf Crossings**

Mr. Erickson stated that the consultant had to collect additional speed data for analysis

2) **Toftrees / Presidents Drive**

Mr. Erickson stated that the Traffic Calming Survey results will be available at the June 12th Board meeting.

d. **Bid Awards**

1) **2019 Street and Office Parking Lot Overlays**

Mr. Casson stated that bids were opened on May 21st. The Public Works Director's recommendation memo with bid tabulations was distributed prior to the meeting.

Mr. Abrams moved to award the 2019 Street and Office Parking Lot Overlays contract to Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc., for \$268,996.00. Seconded by Ms. Whitman, the motion passed 5-0.

6. **PLANNING & ZONING – no items**

7. **ADMINISTRATION**

a. **Regional Refuse and Recycling Contract**

Mr. Erickson stated that in the last 3 weeks the Council of Governments (COG) [Public Services and Environmental Committee](#) (PSE) recommended awarding the regional contract with the alternate bid that included the use of standardized carts to facilitate automated collection, and potentially having the COG purchase the carts through a loan from the Code Agency's fund balance. Subsequently, the [Finance Committee](#) (Finance) voted against authorizing the borrowing from Code – a memo from the COG Regional Refuse and Recycling Administrator is included in the agenda materials and provides additional detail regarding the Finance Committee discussion.

The bid results were available as an attachment to the [April 24, 2019](#) Board meeting agenda.

One resident comment on the matter was also included with the agenda materials.

The Board should review and discuss the referenced materials, take any public comments offered, and provide comments/guidance to the PSE (Whitman) and Finance (Downsbrough) Committee representatives.

Mr. Downsbrough is concerned about COG having a legal liability by continuing to use building inspection fees for purchases of other items or services not related to building inspections, so he was not in favor of the PSE proposal. Mr. Pegher concurred with that position.

Mr. Trevino stated that Code is charging too much and is in favor of a non-cart contract.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA – no items**

9. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Erickson reported on the following items:

a. Awards for Waddle Road Intersection (enclosed)

b. [Upcoming Events](#)

[1] Township Office Schedule

a. Closed, May 27, Memorial Day

b. Closed, July 4th, Independence Day

c. Closed, September 2nd, Labor Day

[2] Recreation Advisory Committee Spring Parks Tour, 4 pm, May 28th

[3] [PML Spring Sustainability Conference](#), Toftrees, June 11th

[4] [Community Diversity Conference](#), Penn Stater, June 11th

[5] [Central PA Fourth Fest](#), July 4th

[6] Arts Fest, July 10 - 14

[7] PML Summit, Gettysburg, Oct. 3-5

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Executive, May 21 - Downsborough

- Unit Votes at General Forum Meetings
- Appointment of an Executive Director Recruitment and Screening Committee
- Centre Lifelink Update

Centre County Airport Authority, April 25 – Trevino

Mr. Trevino stated that still working on parking lot easement with Penn State University.

11. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

12. **ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Trevino moved to adjourn the May 22, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting at 8:26PM. Seconded by Ms. Buckland, the motion passed 5-0.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board met in Executive Session with the Solicitor, Manager and Director of Finance and Administration to discuss collective bargaining negotiations with the Patton Township Police Officers Association and other personnel issues.

There was no Board action taken following the Executive Session.

Douglas J. Erickson, Township Secretary