

PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP
MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 1, 2024

The Pine Creek Township Board of Supervisors held the regular monthly meeting on May 1, 2024, at 7:00 pm, with Supervisors John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Dave Winkleman, Jr., present.

Also present: Todd Pysher, P.E., Bonnie Nichols, Kevin Ferrara, Greg Love, Rhonda Davis Sweeney, Ben Sweeney, Matt Stover, David Rockey, Pam Smith, Ken Packard, EMC Jim Hess, Travis Overdorf, Ruth Lupold, and Sgt. Dennis Gill

Individuals recording the meeting: Kevin Ferrara and Rick Macklem

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Edwards asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes from the April 3, 2024, monthly meeting; there being none, Supervisor Winkleman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Financial Report & Invoices

Supervisor Winkleman made a motion to approve the financial reports and invoices as presented seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

Public Participation

Rhonda Sweeney

Resident Rhonda Sweeney provided an update to the Supervisors on the memorial plaque for Tom Wilt stating that Todd Pysher and Darlene Macklem researched dates for the plaque to make sure they were correct and she plans to contact Brownie's Signs for pricing.

Kevin Ferrara

Resident Kevin Ferrara read a statement to the Board about the March 14, 2024 meeting minutes being incorrect, claiming that Chairman Edwards did not call the Executive Session and that the video of the meeting indicates that Solicitor Rosamilia requested the Executive Session for legal matters which is too vague and claimed the Solicitor and Supervisors violated the Sunshine Law. He suggested the Board be investigated by the Attorney General's Office and then asked what the Executive Session was about, and Solicitor Rosamilia replied that it was to discuss a legal matter to which Mr. Ferrara again claimed that the stated reason was too vague and the township is in violation of the Sunshine Law.

Pam Smith

Resident Pam Smith complained about a plume of smoke that was very dense near her home at 44 Garden Circle this past Sunday. She contacted the Avis Fire Company who responded and then proceeded to call the Communications Center and they advised her to contact the Township, so she called and left a voicemail at the township office and at the township police office about the burning.

Ms. Smith questioned who was burning and whether they were in violation of the Township's ordinances and if anyone was cited, asking when residents are permitted to burn in the township and what materials may be burned.

A discussion ensued and the Board agreed to investigate the matter.

Recreation Committee

Taryn Saar, Chair of the Recreation Committee, reported that the Committee met last Sunday and asked for clarification regarding the Recreation Fund checking account.

A discussion followed and it was the consensus of the Board that pavilion rentals, small donations, and fundraising proceeds received by the Recreation Committee will be deposited into the Recreation Fund by the Committee. Any large recreation grant funds will be deposited into and disbursed from the Township's General Fund. The Board reiterated that the Recreation Committee may not issue checks over \$1,000.00 without prior approval by the Supervisors.

Secretary/Treasurer Darlene Macklem stated that the Recreation Fund was set up as an account in QuickBooks, and she is reconciling the monthly bank statements for the account.

Taryn stated that the Recreation Committee recommended the Supervisors spray the Woolrich Park again for the Spongy Moths. Chairman Edwards agreed stating the Park will be sprayed on Friday, May 3, 2024.

Taryn also announced that the Recreation Committee and Woolrich Little League will be holding a Chicken BBQ fund raiser on June 8th at Woolrich Park. She noted that the Woolrich Community Center and Woolrich Fire Company would be participating in the event.

Old Business:

Security

Chairman Edwards reported the new door locks were installed and the security cameras are in the process of being installed.

New Business:

Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule

Updating the Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule was tabled by the Board of Supervisors.

Personnel

Supervisor Reese explained that the Board is proposing to make the Police Chief and Police Sargeant salaried positions and Police Chief Dave Winkleman and Sgt. Denny Gill will no longer paid an hourly rate. The breakdown of the annual salary for the Chief of Police is approximately \$3,460.00 bi-weekly and Sgt. Gill receiving approximately \$3,000.00 per pay period.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to approve changing the Police Chief and Police Sargeant to salaried positions; seconded by Chairman Edwards, the motion passed 2-1 with Supervisors Reese and Edwards voting in favor of the motion and Supervisor Winkleman abstaining from voting.

Zoning Ordinance

Chairman Edwards reported that hard copies of the Zoning Ordinance will be provided to members of the Zoning Hearing Board and the Planning Commission and will also be available on the Pine Creek Township website.

Investing Township Funds

Chairman Edwards said that the township has over \$800,000.00 making very little interest and he would like to invest a portion of township funds to increase the amount of interest earned. Supervisor Winkleman agreed, and it was the consensus to decide on how to invest township funds at the next township meeting.

Right-To-Know Officer Report

Right-To-Know Officer Macklem reported receiving one Right-To-Know request from Kevin Ferrara and Joy Packard filed five appeals with the Office of Open Records for the month of April.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Edwards adjourned the meeting at 7:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene S. Macklem

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary