

PINE CREEK TOWNSHIP  
MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 2, 2025

The Pine Creek Township Board of Supervisors held the regular monthly meeting on April 2, 2025, at 7:00 pm, with Supervisors John M. Reese, Dean L. Edwards, Jr., and Dave Winkleman, Jr., present.

Public Attendees: Pam Smith, Karen and Joseph Dicello, Julie and Randy Marks, Jana and Keith Carson, Damon Duffield, Jason Smith, Nate Hollick, PLS, Rhonda Davis Sweeney, Ben Sweeney, Jim Hess, Ken Packard, Adam Wian, Deb Reese, Heather Fowler, James Reichard of Keystone Railway Company, Dennis Greenaway, Kevin Ferrara, David Rockey, Taryn Saar, Greg Love and Thom Rosamilia, Esq.

**Individuals recording the meeting:** Kevin Ferrara

**2025 Road Paving Project Bid Opening**

The Supervisors received the following bids for the 2025 Road Paving Project:

Charles Construction	\$36,592.50
Big Rock Paving, LLC	\$39,487.60
HRI, Inc.	\$56,291.00
Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.	\$40,700.00

Supervisor Reese made a motion to accept the low bid from Charles Construction in the amount of \$36,592.50; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman, MCU.

**2025 Oil & Chip Road Project Bid Opening**

The Supervisors received the following bids for the 2025 Oil & Chip Road Project:

Russell Standard Corporation	\$108,371.76
Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc.	\$116,805.36

Supervisor Reese made a motion to accept the low bid from Russell Standard Corporation in the amount of \$108,371.76; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman, MCU.

**Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Edwards asked if there were any changes or additions to the March 5, 2025, 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 Reese made the motion to approve the financial reports and invoices as presented; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman, MCU.

## **Public Participation**

### **Truck Traffic on Take-A-Peek Road**

Karen Dicello, owner of Grand Central Beer Distributorship, spoke to the Board about the ongoing issue with tractor-trailer trucks using Take-A-Peek Road when driving to Jersey Shore Steel and Keystone Railway Company in South Avis. She thanked the Supervisors for the electronic sign that was placed at the SR150 intersection earlier this week, but said trucks continue to use the road. She said the trucks have caused damage to her property and to other properties along Take-A-Peek Road.

Karen also questioned why the access road built a few years ago, supposedly as an access road for truck traffic for Jersey Shore Steel, is not being used.

Resident Julie Marks also expressed concerns about the trucks using the road and damaging her property. She said she has tried to speak to some of the truck drivers, but they do not speak English very well and suggested that the Supervisors contact Jersey Shore Steel and Keystone Railway about the truck traffic to see if they will contact the trucking companies about the issue.

James Reichard, spoke on behalf of Keystone Railway Company and agreed that part of the problem is that the truck drivers do not speak English and cannot read the road signs. He said Keystone Railway is willing to do whatever it takes to resolve the issue and agreed that truck traffic should be directed to use the access road off Route 220 at Kephart Boulevard at the Pine Creek/Avis Exit.

Chairman Edwards explained that Dave Shultz of Jersey Shore Steel was asked to attend the township meeting, but he was unable to attend. He said the Supervisors will continue to work with Jersey Shore Steel and Keystone Railway Company to resolve the truck traffic issue.

### **Damon Duffield**

Resident Damon Duffield of South Avis complained about loaders from Keystone Railway dragging mud onto the township road from Railyard Avenue when loading rail cars.

The Board of Supervisors agreed to investigate that issue and James Reichard of Keystone Railway agreed to address the issue.

### **Adam Wian**

Adam Wian of Avis Little League expressed appreciation to Dean Edwards and his crew for the work they did at the Little League field to get it ready for this baseball season.

He also thanked the Township for its continued support to the Avis Little League. He said the Township assisted with the concession stand a couple of years ago, and repaired the concession stand last year after it was vandalized, adding that this year, township employees built a new ramp for the shed.

Mr. Wian also discussed future maintenance of the ball field in the Spring and Fall needed to help keep it in shape.

## **Deb Reese**

Resident Deb Reese said that a lot of residents are asking questions about the upcoming election, and she suggested that Supervisor Edwards clarify why he is running in this election, since there was an election two years ago.

Supervisor Edwards explained that he was appointed as a Supervisor after Tom Wilt passed away in 2022 and, by law, was required to run in the first municipal election (2023) to complete Tom Wilt's term, which ends this year, and is currently running for a new six-year term as Township Supervisor.

## **Heather Fowler**

Resident Heather Fowler, who lives across from Woolrich Park, requested that the Township Supervisors consider obtaining clearances such as ChildLine and background checks for whoever is hired as the new Park Maintenance Employee.

## **Recreation Committee:**

Taryn Saar, Chair of the Recreation Committee, presented recommendations to the Supervisors to restrict vehicles inside the park due to individuals parking in the handicapped and unloading zones, and ignoring the "No Parking" signs. She also asked the Board to consider installing a gate blocking the road near the cabin and installing a wire or rope near the softball field to help with the parking issues.

A discussion was held about increasing the police presence at the park and issuing parking tickets.

Taryn also reported that the memorial and tribute giving benches will be installed at the park soon.

## **Old Business:**

Resident Rhonda Sweeney reported that the plaque for Tom Wilt was completed and noted that Todd Pysher & Associates paid for the memorial plaque. She is looking for someone to take over planning the event for Tom Wilt.

Deb Reese volunteered to take over planning the memorial event for Tom Wilt.

## **New Business:**

### **Carson Subdivision**

Supervisor Reese explained the Carson subdivision is for an add-on .328 acres to the existing property of Ben and Kim Carson and an add-on of .12 acres to the property of Keith and Janice Carson. The purpose of the subdivision is to have their outbuildings on each of their existing parcels.

Supervisor Winkleman moved to approve both lot additions; seconded by Chairman Edwards, MCU.

### **JTS Subdivision**

Nate Hollick, PLS presented a two-lot subdivision on behalf of Jason Smith of JTS, creating a 1.880-acre lot for residential purposes and a 136.537-acre residual lot in Woolrich. There is an existing sewer lateral, and a “will-serve letter” was issued for water service.

Chairman Edwards suggested adding an easement to the other property on the subdivision. After a discussion, Nate Hollick indicated he would include it as an exhibit to the subdivision if the property owner decides to add an easement.

Chairman Edwards moved to approve the subdivision contingent on the DEP approval of the Sewage Planning Module; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman, MCU.

### **Grant Writer**

Chairman Edwards explained that the Township Supervisors would like to hire a grant writer to write grants on an as-needed basis and will be advertising the position.

### **Part-time Police Officer**

Supervisor Winkleman said the Board received a request from the Pine Creek Township Police Department to authorize the hiring of a part-time police officer to work as needed. The Officer is a full-time officer for the City of Lock Haven and will work when available while Chief Winkleman is on leave.

Supervisor Winkleman made a motion to authorize the Pine Creek Township Police Department to hire a part-time police officer; seconded by Supervisor Reese, MCU.

### **Resignation of Rob Magill, Park Maintenance Employee**

Supervisor Reese explained that Rob Magill worked two days at the Park for two days, did a great job, but is unable to continue working for the township due to other responsibilities.

Supervisor Reese made a motion to accept the resignation of Rob Magill as Park Maintenance Employee and to advertise the position; seconded by Supervisor Winkleman, MCU.

### **Right-To-Know Officer Report**

No Right-To-Know requests were received during the month.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Supervisor Winkleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Chairman Edwards, MCU.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Darlene S. Macklem*

Darlene S. Macklem, Secretary