

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 2, 2022

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Greene Township Board of Supervisors, held in the Municipal Building on Brink Hill Rd., Greentown, PA, was called to order by Chair Justin Wittenbrader at 7:07pm, who led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopt Agenda: Mr. Obert made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.

Action on Minutes: Mr. Obert made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 5, 2022. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried. Mr. Obert made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting for the Purpose of the 2023 Budget on October 20, 2022. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.

Announcement of Meetings: None.

In Attendance: Chairperson: Justin Wittenbrader, Supervisor: Gerald Obert, Supervisor: Barry Krautter, Secretary: Amanda Seagraves, Treasurer: Sandra Oziemblo. Solicitor: Jeffrey Treat attended via phone.

Visitors: Mary Lou & Glenn Reilly – Observing.
Mike & Merrilee Ulisny – SEO report. Mrs. Oziemblo read the report aloud.
Roger Altemier – Mr. Altemier wanted to express his disappointment in the board’s denial of his land donation. He would’ve liked to meet with the supervisors at the property to explain the reason for his donation offer. He explained that the wetlands are good for milkweed, which is a butterfly habitat, and expanding the existing walking trail in the Carlton Drake Memorial Park into Greene Township would compliment Dreher Township’s existing park, which many Greene Township resident utilize. An adjoining land owner has agreed to donate another 10 acres, which, in addition to Mr. Altemier’s donation, would provide upwards to 50 acres and would create trails along the stream. Part of the denial was based on the board’s notice of many walking trails available throughout state land in our township. Mr. Altemier stated that those lands are on the other side of the township. He further stated that there would be little cost to the township if we applied for park grants. Mr. Obert’s concern includes the difficult task of connecting a new trail with the existing trail with a bridge through the wetlands. Mr. Krautter is concerned that the task of maintaining the trails and property will be difficult, as it’s hard enough to find people who are willing to work, and the township will have additional costs for this maintenance. Another concern the board expressed is the access to the trails would have to be built off an existing, private road. Per Mr. Treat’s recommendation, Mr. Obert made a motion for the board to meet with Mr. Altemier at the property to further discuss the donation offer. Mr. Wittenbrader seconded; motion carried.
Marcia Folenta – Observing.
Joseph DePaolo – Observing.
Carl Berfante – Observing.
Donna Colby – Short-Term Rental Ordinance.

Solicitor: See Short-Term Rental Ordinance under Unfinished Business below.

Road Report: Mr. Obert said that the roadcrew has been preparing roads for winter and plan to fill potholes when we can get more material, which is difficult to obtain at this time.

SEO Report: Report received from Glen Martin.

Code Enforcement Report: Report received from Edward Geisler.

Unfinished Business:

a. **Short-Term Rental Ordinance** – Mr. Wittenbrader explained that the board does not feel a \$400 fee for the application is necessary at this time. The enforcement agency the township will hire requires a \$600 fee, our Sewage Enforcement Officer requires a \$200 fee, but since we do not have zoning permits, and therefore permit fees, we would need a lower fee for

administration costs. Fees are set by resolution so they can be altered annually at the Reorganization Meeting, held the first Monday each January. Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to adopt the Short-Term Rental Ordinance with the effective date being January 3, 2023, giving applicants sixty (60) days from the effective date to comply, and to draft a resolution for the fee schedule to also be adopted at the above-mentioned date. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.

New Business:

- a. **Resolution 22-11 – Implement Act 57 for Tax Penalty Waiver** – Mrs. Seagraves explained that this resolution is to implement Act 57 of 2022 which directs the tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations. Mr. Treat noted that this resolution is required to be adopted by law. Mr. Wittenbrader made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-11. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.
- b. **Resolution 22-12 – Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan** – Mrs. Seagraves explained that this resolution is to adopt the 2022 Pike County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Greene Township. Mr. Obert made a motion to adopt Resolution 22-12. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried.
- c. **Woods Lot Combination** – Mr. Obert made a motion to approve the Woods Lot Combination whereby lots 206 and 207 section B Lake Wallenpaupack Estates become one inseparable parcel, henceforth known as 206BR. Mr. Wittenbrader seconded; motion carried.
- d. **Distribution of Foreign Fire Insurance** – Mr. Obert made a motion to distribute the Foreign Fire Insurance Tax 50/50 between Greene-Dreher Volunteer Fire Company and Promised Land Volunteer Fire Company. Mr. Wittenbrader seconded; motion carried.

Adjournment:

Mr. Obert made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Krautter seconded; motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Seagraves
Secretary/Alternate Treasurer