

DERRY TOWNSHIP MID-MONTH MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Mid-Month Meeting, Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present:

Chairman	absent	Manager	Kelly J. Shutes
Vice-Chairman	Don Warntz, II	Park Manager	Josh Garver
Supervisor	John T. Sipe		

Vice-Chairman Warntz called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., noting that Mr. Napikoski was absent.

Mr. Warntz announced that the advertised annual bids for road materials and pipe were opened at 5:30 p.m. The Bids will be reviewed by the Township Manager and Roadmaster and awarded per their recommendation at the March 3, 2025 meeting.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, February 3, 2025 Fire Co. Workshop Meeting and the Regular Township Meeting. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

SOLICITOR:

Discussion was held on the Mifflin County Demolition Program Application. The program offers funding for 70% of the demolition costs for blighted properties with a 30% match from the Township. The recent purchase of 545 & 547 Woodland Ave. properties, designated as unsafe structures, will qualify for the funding. The Manager will work with the Solicitor's office to ascertain the necessary legal steps to continue with the demolition process.

VISITORS:

Penny Bowersox, of the Central Keystone Football and Cheer League, was present to inform the Board that the League wishes to continue the lease of the Kish Park football field for use by the Special Needs Football team and the Tomahawks Amateur League. Ms. Bowersox was asked to see that the chain link fence around the field is maintained in good condition and was informed that the fascia around the roof is missing and causing decay to the roof structure. Josh Garver indicated that he can repair it to keep the roof from rotting any more. Ms. Bowersox also noted that their league does not use the water and does not wish to use it or have it turned on during their season.

PARK MANAGER REPORT:

Josh Garver, Park Manager, reported that the Playground and Restroom renovations continue, but that the extremely cold weather has held up construction. Crider-Mitchell completed repairs to a large joist under the Stone Arch Players building. The Stone Arch Players will paint it along with the storage trailer behind the building. Josh is also beginning organization of the Trout Youth Tournament at the Kish Park pond. It is being planned for Father's Day weekend. He will stock the pond with about 200 trout for the Youth Trout Day aimed at the four – six-year-olds. The pond will be treated, and the aerators will be installed in March.

PUBLIC COMMENT: none

OLD BUSINESS:

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the release of the Irrevocable Letter of Credit being held as Surety for the Blossom Hill Land Development Plan – Phase IIA in the amount of \$15,766.00 upon recommendation by the Township Engineer. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the return of the remaining Developer's Escrow for the Mifflin County High School Land Development plan in the amount of \$466.39. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve enrolling the Township accounts at Kish Bank in the Positive Pay Service Agreement for a trial period of three months. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to accept the proposal from Kint Corporation for a Service Agreement on the Township Fire Extinguishers for 2025. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

J. Sipe made a motion to approve Payment App # 2 of the Kish Park Renovation Project Site Construction Contract # 1 in the amount of \$35,687.21. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to accept the quote from Russler Fence Co. (low bidder) in the amount of \$17,355.00 to install the chain link fence at the Township Soccer field. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

The Township Manager received complaints from residents on Ewardtown Rd. voicing concerns about the recent letter received from Standard Steel, LLC notifying the Township that they have applied for a major permit modification application for the Standard Steel Class III captive residual waste landfill. The residents are concerned that an increase in size of the landfill may cause more dust and soot to fall on their properties. They said they already have a significant amount of dust they feel is related to the present operations of the landfill. J. Sipe made a motion to ask the Township Engineer to investigate what is being proposed and any negative effects it may cause. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Park Use Application for the MCRPD Physical Testing on the Kish Park walking trail March 2 or March 9, 2025 from 1 pm to 2 pm. and agreed to waive the Park Use fees. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the bills for January 2025 as presented. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

FYI

The PA PUC denied the Township's appeal regarding the fine levied against the Township by the PA One Call Damage Prevention Committee, citing the fact that the Township failed to attend the Complex Project Pre-Construction meeting. The Township will pay the \$500 fine and attend mandatory training.

The Notice to Award and Notice to Proceed have been issued for the CDBG - Derry Township Senior Center Renovation Project and will begin on February 24, 2025.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. on a motion by D. Warntz and seconded by J. Sipe.

DERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Kelly J. Shutes
Township Manager