

DERRY TOWNSHIP MID-MONTH MEETING

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Mid-Month Meeting, Monday, March 17, 2025 at 5:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present:

Chairman	Ronald E Napikoski	Manager	Kelly J. Shutes
Vice-Chairman	Don Warntz, II	Roadmaster	Justin Allen
Supervisor	John T. Sipe	Solicitor	Timothy Searer

R. Napikoski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, March 3, 2025 Meeting. R. Napikoski stepped from the chair to second the motion. Motion carried 3 – 0.

SOLICITOR: No comments

VISITORS:

Mike Buffington and Lucas Parkes, Juniata Valley Group, were present to address the Final Conditional Approval of the Pleasant Acres W- 16th Addition Land Development Plan that has not been recorded to date. The plan was given final approval with conditions on December 16, 2024. The Township Ordinance calls for the plan to be determined null and void if not recorded within 90 days of Final Approval. Mr. Buffington and Mr. Parkes argued that the approval was not Final but conditional and they did not believe they fall under the 90-day deadline. They requested more time to get the Final Plan recorded as they are awaiting procurement of the required Financial Security and Developer’s Escrow. After the financial requirements are met, they will submit a signed Developer’s Escrow Agreement and Stormwater Management Agreement and have the plan recorded.

J. Sipe made a motion to grant the developer of the Juniata Valley Group/Pleasant Acres W-16th Addition Subdivision/Land Development Plan, an additional 90 days from today, March 17, 2025, to post financial security with the Township, have the Developer’s Agreement and Developer’s Escrow and the Stormwater Agreement executed and submitted and finally, to have the plan recorded in the Mifflin Co. Courthouse. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Mr. Parkes commented on the Tipton Lot Addition Plan that received Final Approval on November 18, 2024. The plan was to be recorded within 90 days of that date, but they failed to have it recorded. According to the Derry Township Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance, and since the Tipton Lot Addition plan was not recorded within 90 days, the plan should be determined to be null and void and be resubmitted to the Township as a new Subdivision/Land Development Plan. However, Mr. Parkes commented that he had not been notified in writing of the plan’s approval 15 days after the plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors. On a motion made by J. Sipe to waive the 90-day requirement to be recorded and give an additional 30 days from today, March 17, 2025 to Mr. Jeremy Tipton or his representatives to submit the Tipton Lot Addition Plan to the Township for the necessary signatures so the plan may be recorded in the Mifflin Co. Office of the Recorder of Deeds. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

Mifflin County Savings Bank volunteered to do a fundraiser for the Kish Park Mini Golf Project. J. Sipe made a motion to accept their offer with appreciation. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Park Use Application for the Centre Point Church Easter Egg Hunt on April 13, 2025 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

J. Sipe made a motion to approve the Park Use Application for the Peaceful Mind Veterans Adventures group to sponsor a Nursing Home picnic and fishing day at Kish Park on June 18, 2025. D. Warntz seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 - 0.

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

Discussion was held on posting "No Parking" signs on one side of the streets at Blossom Hill so emergency crews can access the streets. D. Warntz suggested looking into making Maple Ave and Highland Ave., streets in Highland Park, one-way.

The office reported that there have been ten holes pledged or sponsored by area businesses and individuals for the Mini Golf project.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. on a motion by D. Warntz and seconded by J. Sipe.

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Kelly J. Shutes
Township Manager