

THE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 12, 2020

A Work Session of the Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on August 12, 2020, at the Smithfield Township Municipal Center, at 1155 Red Fox Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301, and via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Present are Supervisors Robert Lovenheim and Jacob Pride, and Office Manager Julia Heilakka. Brian Barrett is not present.

1. Vice Chair Robert Lovenheim calls the meeting to order at 4:07PM. A quorum is present.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited.
3. Announcements
4. Minutes – none.
5. Public Comments on the Agenda – none.
6. New Business
 - a. Bill Dunn, Service Manager – Signal Services, Inc. The Board asks that PennDOT consider installing specific types of traffic signals.
 - b. Dr. Yasin Khan – Re: Route 447 Property. Yasin Khan discusses installing apartments or a pharmacy on his property. The Board and Yasin Khan discuss other possible uses for the property, changes related to the Economic Development (ED) zoning district, and apartment availability in the area.
 - c. Experiment Mills – Eco Village. [See Item 6.F]
 - d. Discussion on Work Sessions. Julia Heilakka discusses work sessions related to the Sunshine Act, and that it is the solicitor’s opinion that we are permitted to operate as we have been. The Board will continue operating as is, but asks that they discuss this again at the 2021 Reorganization Meeting.
 - e. Fisher & Fisher Appraisals. Robert Lovenheim motions to appoint and engage Fisher & Fisher Appraisals to conduct a certified fair market appraisal of 274 Marshalls Creek Rd. property and house at a cost of \$500.00, Jacob Pride seconds. This will include a rough estimate of demolition costs. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
 - f. [Item C] Experiment Mills – Eco Village. Eric White and Cameron McIntosh introduce themselves. Eric White discusses agro-tourism in the Poconos and possible uses for a property. The Board discusses the need for diverse living options, amenities, and

experiences in the area. White discusses an eco-hotel, public sewer and water, making a positive impact on the area, needing a variance to use hempcrete, the geography of the property, possible access routes, and the history of the Experiment Mills name.

- g. Zoning Hearing Board Membership discussion. Julia Heilakka states all the Zoning Hearing Board members are serving at-will terms and the solicitor recommends reappointing staggered terms that expire in January. She will reach out to current members and advertise for the vacancies once the status of the Parks Commission is also determined.
- h. Fishing Pier Discussion. Julia Heilakka states the Certificate of Title and Certification of Bidding Requirements need to be signed by our solicitor. Jacob Pride motions to allow the solicitor to sign the fishing pier documents for DCNR, Robert Lovenheim seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.

7. Bills to be Paid – none.

8. Public Comment

- a. Robert Lovenheim states this meeting seemed like an afternoon talk show.

9. Jacob Pride motions to adjourn, Robert Lovenheim seconds. Vote: meeting adjourned at 5:18PM.

Minutes recorded by Julia Heilakka

Respectfully submitted:

Brian Barrett, Secretary