

Walker Township Board of Supervisors

Minutes of August 22, 2023 Regular Meeting

The Walker Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at the Walker Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by Joseph Harford at 6:00p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ryan Fisher.

Present: Joseph Harford, Chairman; Matt Johnson; Kirk States, Roadmaster; Allison Derr, assistant solicitor; Julie E. Johns, Secretary; and Jim Morris, Zoning officer.

Absent: Steve Felton and Larry Lashinsky

Guests Present: Melanie Norris, Donald, Kim & Roy Spickler, Ryan Fisher, Mike Lang, Belinda Morris, and Rebecca Berdar, TDN.

Additions/Changes to agenda: none

Public Comment on Agenda Items: No public comment on agenda items

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023, meeting. (Johnson/Harford, motion carried).

Treasurer's Report/Payment of Bills:

The Treasurer's Report and monthly bills were reviewed with the addition of a check to pay the school taxes out of the fire tax account for the fire department, \$279.60, an additional check to TDN for the solar ordinance advertisement, \$97.45, and a voided check to Grannas Brothers (duplicate). A motion was made to pay the presented invoices. *(Johnson/Harford, motion carried)*

Guests: none

Park & Rec Committee:

Joe asked Julie to reach out to Chris Linn and see if the committee has figured out what they want to do about the replacement benches at the park – he would like one to be placed (additionally) at the other end of the basketball court.

Progress Reports:

Kirk reported that they have been:

- Working to remove the old tar & chip surface from the road, crushing it, mixing it with new stone material and then rolling it back in on the surface. At the end of the season, they want to rent a large compaction roller to finish the job before winter.
- They reached out to PennDOT about the use of their mower, and they're having issues with theirs as well.
- Rob Swan picked up T-6.
- Penn Township mowed Redstone Ridge & Locust Rds. in exchange for them working on their berms for a like amount of time.

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Progress Reports (con't.):

- Porter Township mowed Iron Ore & Simon Fox Rds. For approx.. 8 hours. Their mowing equipment wasn't quite the same as ours – they couldn't do the banks like we are used to having done. They will be sending a bill.
- Discussed the honeybee's removal at the office.
- They are accumulating the supplies necessary to service the equipment before winter – for later this fall.
- Have not heard from Grannas about a schedule to pave Leister & Tammerlane Lanes, but the seal coat has been completed on Lloyd Rd.
- They have been working on cutting brush away from the roads as well as cleaning up after the strong summer storms that have been very prevalent this summer.
- Received 4 loads of salt at the new building, saving \$2/ton on the price from 2022-23 contract to the 23-24 contract.
- Helped Garth with repairs to the mini excavator – having hydraulic issues
- Have been mowing at the park almost twice a week with all the rain this summer.
- Kirk has a meeting scheduled with Jeff Tate Paving to get an estimate to pave the parking lot at the park. While he has them there, he's going to ask for a separate bid for the walking path as well.
- They are going to paint the basketball court lines this week
- Musser was in and did the cross drain cleaning on Simon Fox and Cider Press, and at Cree Manor. The drain at the bottom of Cree is going to take some extra work to get working again – they will need to replace several sections of the pipe until they find the blockage.

Zoning Enforcement Officers report:

Jim went over the report he submitted for July's permitting.

- He told the Supervisors that Verizon is not interested in the area's that they'd discussed with him at this point.

Building Committee:

The building construction meeting minutes were reviewed.

Garret told the Authority at their meeting on the 21st that the final completion is scheduled for September 18th, but he was unsure if they were going to make that date.

Planning Commission: no planning commission meeting on the 17th.

New Business: none

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Old Business:

A motion was made to adopt the solar farm regulation ordinance, 2023-6. (Johnson/Harford, motion carried)

They are planning to interview for the labor position for WTMA tomorrow evening.

They discussed the process for re-activating the general millage real estate tax for the Township. They will need to be prepared to adopt a resolution for the October meeting to meet all the requirements for budgeting and notifying the State.

Personnel:

Miscellaneous:

Joe noted that he was not going to be able to be at the September meeting.

Public Comment on non-agenda items:

Melanie Norris noted that she has been studying the treasurer's reports and asked what the Aetna bill was for and why the Aflac bill amount is always a different number. Julie answered that the AETNA bill is for Bill's insurance, and the Aflac bill differs sometimes because there are three pays in some months, and the charges are based on 26 pays (every two weeks) a year. It has also changed because Deb's insurance was added at some point in the beginning of the year, and then was removed after she quit, which also changed the amounts.

Adjournment:

With no further business to attend to, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM.
(Johnson/Harford motion carried.)

Respectfully submitted,

Julie E Johns, Secretary/Treasurer