

West Earl Township Board of Supervisors, 157 West Metzler Road, Brownstown, PA 17508

In Attendance:

Chairman:	John Ford	Member:	Dave Thornton
Vice Chairman:	Harold Keppley, Jr.	Member:	Keith Kauffman
Member:	Richard Stover	Manager:	Candie Johnson

Call to Order

Chairman Ford called the March 25 2019 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Thornton to approve the March 11, 2019 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairman Ford noted that the Board members had an executive session to discuss a personnel issue on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Public Comment/Guests

None

New Business

1. **Advertise amended Solid Waste Ordinance** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Kauffman to advertise the amended Solid Waste Ordinance. Motion approved unanimously.
2. **John Leid financial security reduction** – Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Kauffman to reduce the financial security for the John Leid project to \$4,025.30. Motion approved unanimously.
3. **Installation of swingsets at the Eagleview Park** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to approve using Township labor to install the swingsets at the Eagleview Park. Thornton-yes, Keppley-yes, Stover-yes, Kauffman-yes, Ford-no. Motion passed with a 4 to 1 vote.
4. **Brownstown Elementary Land Development Plan** – Mark Singley from K&W Engineers presented an overview of the land development plan for Brownstown Elementary. The project consists of 2 building additions, 2 modular classrooms, interior renovations and some site improvements. The site improvements include additional parking, more space for parent pickup, a walking trail, sidewalks, handicap ramps and stormwater facilities. Mr. Singley said the existing war memorial on the property will be untouched. Requested waivers include plan scale, preliminary plan and stormwater volumes. Applicant is also seeking conditional final plan approval. Member Kauffman asked if there will be trees planted along the walking trail. Mr. Singley said there will be evergreen trees planted along the trail. Member Kauffman expressed concern about the evergreens dropping needles and making a mess on the properties that border the trail. The representative from the CV School District said that the types of trees can be changed.
 - **Plan scale waiver** – Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Member Thornton to waive the plan scale requirements for the Brownstown Elementary School Land Development Plan. Motion approved unanimously.
 - **Preliminary plan waiver** – Moved by vice Chairman Keppley, second by Member Stover waive the preliminary plan requirements for the Brownstown Elementary School Land Development Plan. Motion approved unanimously.
 - **Plan approval** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Chairman Ford to grant conditional

plan approval contingent upon all outstanding items in the March 18, 2019 Becker Engineering review letter being satisfied. Thornton-yes, Ford-yes, Stover-yes, Kauffman-yes, Keppley-no. Motion passed with a 4 to 1 vote.

- **Stormwater volumes waiver** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Chairman Ford to grant a waiver of stormwater volume controls in lieu of water quality improvement being provided in drainage area 1/basin 1. Motion approved unanimously.

5. **Earl Hurst subdivision plan** – Sandy Kime from ELA Group provided an overview of the plan. The plan consists of the property being subdivided into two lots. Lot 1 is being sold to the CV School District and Lot 2 will remain the Hurst's property with a dwelling on it. There are no improvements being proposed as part of the plan. Five waivers have been requested along with conditional final plan approval.

- **Preliminary plan waiver** – Moved by Vice Chairman Keppley, second by Member Thornton to grant a waiver of preliminary plan requirements for the Earl Hurst subdivision plan. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Curbing installation** – Moved by Vice Chairman Keppley, second by Member Kauffman to defer the installation of curbing along SR772 for Lot #1 until such time as the lot is developed by the future owner. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Sidewalk installation** – Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Stover to defer the installation of sidewalk along SR772 for Lot #1 until such time as the lot is developed by the future owner. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Curbing installation** – Moved by Member Thornton, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to accept a fee in lieu of the installation of curbing along SR772 for Lot #2. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Sidewalk installation** – Moved by Vice Chairman Keppley, second by Member Thornton to accept a fee in lieu of the installation of sidewalk along SR772 for Lot #2. Motion approved unanimously.
- **Plan approval** – Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to grant conditional plan approval contingent upon all outstanding items in the March 13, 2019 Becker Engineering review letter being satisfied. Motion approve unanimously.

Manager's Report

- Manager Johnson provided a copy of an Act 2 cleanup notification letter for the property located at 280 Pleasant Valley Road.
- The Fire Company meeting will be on April 23, 2019. Members Thornton & Kauffman will attend.
- Pelras Conference – Manager Johnson reported that the conference was great and gave an overview of some of the topics that were covered. Ms. Johnson said that she will be working on updated the Employee Manual.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Brandt was not present at the meeting but provided a monthly report for the Board's review.

Payment of Bills

Moved by Member Kauffman, second by Member Thornton to pay the bills as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

Supervisors' Comments

Keith Kauffman – Member Kauffman asked why the Police Department had 50 hours overtime. Manager Johnson said it was due to one of the officers being off for a period of time after surgery.

David Thornton – Member Thornton asked the other Board members if they'd seen a viral video of a man addressing a City Council while all the members just stared at their tablets and didn't pay attention to him. Member Thornton commended the Board members for always listening and respecting everyone who addresses them.

John Ford – Chairman Ford said the Board should vote to proceed with the advertisement for a new Chief of Police. Moved by Chairman Ford, second by Vice Chairman Keppley to proceed with the advertisement for a new Police Chief. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Richard Gauthier, 110 Dane Drive – Mr. Gauthier asked questions about the trash hauler and what is charged when adding or removing customers from the trash program.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Thornton, second by Member Stover to adjourn the March 25, 2019 regular meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.