

April 21, 2025

The East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 7:00pm at the East Lampeter Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. The statement of recorded meetings was played for all in attendance. Chairman Ethan Demme called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to Chairman Demme, in attendance were Vice Chairman Mike Thornton (via Zoom), and Supervisors Mr. Roger Rutt, and Mr. Corey Meyer. Supervisor Mr. Ted Gallagher was absent. Also present in the meeting room were Mr. Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager; Ms. Tara Hitches, Assistant Township Manager; and Ms. Rhiannon Eckinger-Seda, Administrative Assistant.

Public Present:

Friends, family, and coworkers of Officer Sam Sanger
James Shank, Township Police Captain

Lions Club members
Jesse Smucker, resident

Public Comment (non-agenda items only):

None

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the April 21, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting agenda
- b. Approval of the Minutes of the Monday, April 7, 2025 Regular Meeting
- c. Reinstatement and time extension to record conditionally approved plan #23-22-Daniel King Land Development Plan: 338 Willow Road

The applicant requested a 90-day extension to July 15, 2025 to satisfy all conditions of approval and record the plan.

- d. Time extension to record conditionally approve plan #24-05 – Calumet Enterprises: 2257 Old Philadelphia Pike

The applicant requested a 2-month extension through June 17, 2025.

- e. Approval to pay invoices from all funds: Total - \$218, 873.48

Mr. Rutt moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Meyer. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Demme noted an executive session to discuss legal matters was held prior this meeting.

2024 Officer of the Year – Officer Sam Sanger

Captain James Shank introduced Officer Sam Sanger. Members of the Lions Club reviewed Officer Sanger's achievements and presented him with a plaque. It was noted that Officer Sanger was also awarded Officer of the Year in 2006 and 2015. Congratulations Officer Sanger!

2024 Annual Report – Police Department

Captain Shank presented the 2024 Annual Police Department Report. He provided an overview of statistics in the report, including call volume, with East Lampeter having the 4th highest volume in the county; overtime, which increased by 7% from 2023, possibly due to coverage at the US Women's Open; and 3 crash team occurrences in the Township. He also noted statistics for Upper Leacock Township where pertinent given that East Lampeter Township Police patrol both townships.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

a. Authorize distribution of proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment re Family Farm Market Use to Planning partner for review and comment

Authorization will allow the amendment to be shared with neighboring municipalities, LCPC, and residents for review and comment. Mr. Demme and Mr. Hutchison discussed the process to adopt the amendment. There will be several public meetings and a public hearing before the amendment is adopted. Mr. Demme encouraged the public to be in attendance at the meetings and hearing.

Mr. Meyer moved to authorize distribution of the amendment, seconded by Mr. Rutt. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Supervisor Discussion items:

a. Ordinance amendment discussion re Fee in lieu of park land provisions

Mr. Hutchison provided the calculated median per-acre value of \$163,429, which is higher than the average of \$100,062. Staff and supervisors discussed whether writing the amendment using the average or median could impact future development in the Township. They also discussed the possibility of changing the required acreage. Several supervisors expressed wanting to write the amendment in a way that incentivizes development, while noting the park land fee is only one of several factors that could potentially influence a developer building in the Township. Mr. Meyer and Mr. Demme stated the amendment should be written to note the fee will be set annually.

Mr. Meyer moved to authorize distribution of amendment using the average assessed value, seconded by Mr. Thornton. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. Other

None

Action Items:

a. Memorandum of Understanding – Lancaster County Conservation District

The Township has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with LCCD for the services they provide to the Township primarily related to erosion and sedimentation control for new development. The MOU also serves the Township's needs in meeting MS4 requirements.

Mr. Rutt moved to accept the Memorandum, seconded by Mr. Meyer. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

b. Resolution to permit destruction of various financial records

Staff have identified paper records meeting criteria for disposal. A resolution is required to dispose of the records.

Mr. Meyer moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Rutt. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

c. Proclamation re Lafayette in Lancaster

Mr. Demme read the proclamation related to the bicentennial anniversary of the Marquis de Lafayette's tour of America.

Mr. Meyer moved to adopt the proclamation, seconded by Mr. Rutt. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

d. Reappointment to Park Board – Mr. Jim Everhart, Term Ending 5/5/30

Mr. Meyer moved to approve the reappointment of Mr. Jim Everhart to the Park Board, seconded by Mr. Rutt. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Manager's Report:

a. Recreation programs update

Mr. Hutchison provided an update on Recreation Programs highlighting several successful events including the Fall Festival held in October 2024 and the Summer Playground Program, which has full registration for its upcoming inaugural year. Scheduled recreation events are shared on the Township's Facebook page and newsletter.

b. PSATS Resolutions

As the voting delegate, Mr. Hutchison asked Supervisors for feedback on proposed PSATS resolutions. Supervisors reviewed and discussed the resolutions.

Mr. Rutt moved to oppose PSATS stance on Resolution 25-01, seconded by Mr. Demme. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Meyer moved to support PSATS stance on all other resolutions, seconded by Mr. Rutt. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment (non-agenda items only):

None

Adjournment:

Mr. Meyer moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Rutt. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 7:51pm.

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Township office.