



PENN TOWNSHIP

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2025

7:00 PM

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Benjamin Bruckhart
Joe Eisenhauer
Tom Walsh

Gary Stevens
Richard Landis (Absent)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Fred Hammond, Resident
Gerald Wolfe, Resident
Mike Parmer, Resident
Katie Knol, LNP

Latrobe Barnitz, Manheim Library Director
Mark Hiester, Township Manager
Stephanie Whitehouse, Recording Secretary

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance – Ben Bruckhart opened the meeting at 7 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment & Guest Recognition:

- Mike Parmer asked the Board of the status of the Cedar Hollow connecting path. Following discussion, the Board agreed to get advice from the solicitor on how to proceed to acquire the property.
- Latrobe Barnitz updated the board on the following:
 - September Statistics – 8,217 library transactions; 2,824 visitors; 47 new patrons; and 401 total new library cards post-move to the Pleasant View location.
 - Qualified businesses can now direct their tax dollars toward the summer reading program.
 - They had a successful grand opening celebration with 445 attendees. Thank you to those who attended.
 - Donors can request a small plaque be added to the library-specific donation wall.
 - There are various events being held throughout the year that visitors can check out on their website or in person.
 - Stevens inquired about total costs and what percentage of revenue is offset by user fees. Latrobe responded that there is little consistent revenue beyond small charges for paper, estimating roughly 20%. Most funding comes from state aid and private donations. The library occupies PV's building rent-free and receives a dedicated book annually from PV. Most of the budget supports staffing and new hires.

Subdivision, Land Development & Stormwater Management Plans:

- 23-010: PVRC: Hershey Tract, Reduction of Financial Security in the Amount of \$1,114,744.84, Resultant Balance of \$1,301,952.41. Motioned by Eisenhauer, seconded by Walsh, approved 4-0.

New Business:

- Two Cedar Hollow Undevelopable Open Space Lots: The prospective owner did not attend the meeting. Notices have been sent warning that the lots are undevelopable.
- Ordinance 2025-05 Add Stop Signs, Auction Road Railroad Crossing: The ordinance has been advertised. All Supervisors agreed on the proposed safety improvements. Norfolk Southern will provide signage in accordance with their regulations. Stevens asked if residents had requested this. Hiester confirmed they had, noting it was discussed the day before a related incident occurred. Motioned by Walsh, seconded by Stevens, approved 4-0.
- Fire Police Request for traffic and pedestrian control at Pleasant View's Craft Fair: Motioned by Walsh, seconded by Stevens, approved 4-0.
- Natural Gas Purchase: The price continues to increase. Bruckhart requested to review the second pricing option. The Board agreed to table the discussion until additional pricing options are received.

Consent Agenda:

- October 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Stevens, seconded by Walsh, approved 4-0.
- Treasurer's Reports and Approval to Pay Invoices: Police payments are completed for the year. The township is in good financial shape. Motioned by Walsh, seconded by Stevens, approved 4-0.
- Communications: Notice of dissolution of Kreider Farms was received.
- Reports:
Police Department – New patrol vehicles have been added with synchronized emergency lighting. Stevens asked about pension impacts; Hiester explained that members who enter the three-year DROP program no longer accrue pension benefits or are required to pay in to the pension.

Penn Township IDA – Approved a solar project last month; another is pending. A 60-acre farm preservation was completed. Walsh has requested a map of all preserved farms to educate the public.

Adjournment:

A motion by Walsh seconded by Eisenhauer to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. was approved 4 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Whitehouse, Recording Secretary