



PENN TOWNSHIP

LANCASTER COUNTY, PA

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

September 28, 2026

7:00 PM

BOARD ATTENDANCE:

Benjamin Bruckhart
Richard Landis
Harrison Myer
Gary Stevens
Tom Walsh

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mark Hiester, Township Manager	Susan Grubb, LNP
Jennifer Tulonen, Planner	Elaine Kernc, Resident
Stephanie Whitehouse, Recording Secretary	Daryl Myer, Resident
Karen McCrady, Manheim Community Library	Randy Sweitzer, Resident
Gary Gaissert, Pleasant View	Gerald Wolfe, Resident
Alex Piehl, RGS Associates	

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

Public Comment and Guest Recognition: Resident Elaine Kernc raised concerns regarding quarry blasting interfering with her way of life from her well being unusable to structural integrity issues at a neighbor's house. She asked the following from the Board and were answered as follows:

- *Monitor tightly and enforce fines on local quarry operations to ensure blasting vibrations are not damaging private residences and water resources.*
 - Bruckhart said he will speak to Rohrer's Quarry about ensuring they are following the MSHA protocols.
- *Impose strict zoning bans on proposed and existing high-density data centers to protect residences and farmland in Penn Township*
 - Bruckhart let her know that we did pass a Data Center Ordinance that covers all of the issues that were listed
- *Establish rigorous, clearly defined low-frequency noise and water consumption limits of any proposed and existing high volume data computing facilities and corporate facilities.*
 - Both MSHA and the Data Center Ordinance cover these issues

Subdivision, Land Development & Stormwater Management Plans:

Recommendation of Conditional Approval:

- 25-020: Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Cassel Signs, Grant of Time Extension to Penn Township, through to December 15, 2026, Recommendation of Approval: *Motioned by Stevens, seconded by Walsh, approved 5-0.*



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- 26-009: Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for Snaveley Mills, Grant of Extension to Penn Township, through to January 27, 2027, Recommendation of Approval: *Motioned by Walsh, seconded by Stevens, approved 5-0.*
- Small Project Stormwater Management Plan for 754 W. Newport Road, Recommendation of Conditional Approval: *Motioned by Myer, seconded by Walsh, approved 5-0.*
- 26-017: Waiver of Land Development for Pleasant View Retirement Community, Main Entrance Addition, Recommendation of Conditional Approval: *Walsh inquired about correspondence with the fire company to ensure the height requirement of the new canopy will have at least a 14' clearance for a Ladder Truck. Motioned by Myer, seconded by Bruckhart, approved 5-0.*

New Business:

- Consider Approving Bids for Office and Public Works Buildings Exterior Repair Work: *Motioned by Walsh, seconded by Myer, approved 5-0.*
- Lowest Responsible Bids for Office and Public Works Buildings Exterior Repair Work: *Motioned by Walsh, seconded by Myer, approved 5-0.*
- County Emergency Management Division Commodity Flow Assessment Trailer MoU: *Motioned by Walsh, seconded by Myer, approved 5-0.*
- Resolution 2026-22 Trick or Treat Night: *Motioned by Myer, seconded by Walsh, approved 5-0.*

Consent Agenda:

- September 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes: *Motioned by Stevens, seconded by Bruckhart, approved 4-0. Walsh abstained.*
- Treasurer's Reports and Approval to Pay Invoices: *Motioned by Stevens, seconded by Walsh, approved 5-0.*
- Communications:
 - Lititz-Manheim Rail Feasibility Study: Bruckhart mentioned that they wanted to do a tourist train similar to Strasburg Railroad, including dinner & sight-seeing.
 - 2026 DEP MS4 Audit Report: Bruckhart said the township got "glowing reviews," and thanked Jennifer Tulonen for her hard work.
 - Karen McCrady spoke on behalf of the Manheim Community Library and said the numbers have increased and it is operating like it did pre-pandemic!

Adjournment: A motion by Landis, seconded by Myer to adjourn at 7:47 pm was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Whitehouse, Recording Secretary

