

**Board of Supervisors**

**MINUTES**

**October 11, 2022**

**IN-PERSON - VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE**

**Supervisors Present:** Tony Matzura, Jim Nilsen (Via Zoom), Pete Kade and Bill Ryker.

**Also present:** Scott MacNair, Esq. (Township Solicitor) and Jason Wager (Township Manager).

Mr. Matzura called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

There was no comment on non-agenda items.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

None, besides conditional use hearing.

**CONDITIONAL USE HEARING**

Solicitor, Scott MacNair, Esq., commenced the continued conditional use hearing. The hearing was held in person at the Springfield Township Building and made available via Zoom. Joe LaFlamme, Esq. continued his cross examination of Frank Hollenbach concerning issues related to the Upper Bucks Rail Trail. Mr. Hollenbach testified that the trail is considered a park based on language contained in the Park and Recreation Board's Master Plan. The Township's special counsel, William Oetinger, Esq., called Matthew Mercuri as a witness. Mr. Mercuri was qualified as an expert witness in the areas of geology, hydrogeology and hydrogeologic modeling. Mr. Mercuri reviewed Val Britton's report and preliminary model. He advised that the area to be quarried is predominantly comprised of diabase rock. Mr. Mercuri is familiar with MODFLOW, the modeling program utilized by Mr. Britton. Mr. Mercuri testified that MODFLOW is not ordinarily used in southeast Pennsylvania due to its inability to show fractures. He advised that to accurately predict the impacts of quarrying on the groundwater, site specific data is necessary. The hydraulic conductivity may change when site specific data is obtained. As a result, the predicted drawdown may be different than that predicted by Mr. Britton's model. Mr. Mercuri did state that with respect to recharge data, the value used by Mr. Britton was reasonable. Mr. Mercuri advised that he would have used a low flow boundary at the location of the watershed boundary as opposed to no boundary. Finally, Mr. Mercuri opined that the wetlands could be detrimentally impacted by the quarrying if they are primarily fed by groundwater. Following cross examination of Mr. Mercuri, the hearing was concluded.

The Board of Supervisors announced that the next conditional use hearing would be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment given.

**OTHER BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Ryker reminded everyone about the upcoming Springtown Halloween Parade.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Kade, seconded by Mr. Nilsen, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gerhart  
Secretary