

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Workshop minutes – February 20, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Miller called the workshop to order at 6 p.m.
2. **Company Present: Supervisors** – Ms. Connors, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mr. Steinmeier, Mr. Miller, Mr. Megonnell, Mr. Yost

EAC Board – Mr. John Miele, Mr. Marcel Smullen, Mr. Robert Nicolodi, Mr. Paul DeVincenzo

Historical Society – Mr. Jonathan Hetrick, Ms. Jeanie Glaser, Mrs. Debbie Hetrick, Ms. Dottie Siler

Planning Commission – Mr. Jim Zeiters, Mr. Dave Ankney, Mr. Jim Shandersky

3. **Annual Meeting with the Board of Supervisors**

EAC Board – Mrs. Zimmerman told the EAC Board that their report was very nicely done. Mr. Miele said that Patti Estheimer did all the hard work and put it together. Mr. Steinmeier said that we recycled 850 tons last year. Mr. Miele added that if you count the commercial, it is closer to 11,000 tons.

Mr. Megonnell asked for clarification on the signs the EAC wanted to put at the parks. Mr. Miele said that they would like aluminum signs specific to each park with intricate graphics.

There was discussion about can collecting and Mr. Smullen said that Boy Scout Troop #27 would love to get those donations. Mr. Smullen said The Boy Scout Troop #27 is accepting aluminum cans at the Mount Calvary Church. Next to the shed you can throw them over the wooden fence and the Boy Scouts will crush and recycle them.

Mr. Megonnell said the new EAC member is a former fish warden and knows a lot about birds. He took over the Bluebird Trails. Mr. Smullen said that the bluebird boxes are going to start showing up shortly in the parks. So far this year, there have been a lot of bluebird sightings.

Mr. Megonnell said that we collected 4.2 tons of old tires. Mr. Miele said that we try to do it every two-three years. Mr. Steinmeier asked if anyone was allowed to bring the tires. Mr. Miele said that everyone but Commercial businesses are welcome.

Mr. Miller asked the EAC if they had any concerns. Mrs. Zimmerman asked if they needed anything. Mr. Miele replied that the Board of Supervisors are very cooperative. Mr. Megonnell asked who is responsible for the Rain Gardens? Mr. Miele said that the three Rain Gardens at the Township office have been given to the Township. Mr. Smullen thought maybe the Boy Scouts could help with the initial cleanup of the gardens and then the Road Crew could maintain them. Mrs. Zimmerman said that there was a formal letter giving us the responsibility for the Gardens. Mrs. Estheimer had drawn up a map and a maintenance plan. Mrs. Zimmerman said that we should check if Mr. Harman has the paperwork.

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Mr. Megonnell said we are so fortunate to have the Boy Scouts helping the Township. There have been many great projects the last couple of years.

Historical Society - Mr. Hetrick handed out a document that highlighted information about the Historical Society. All meetings are open to the Public. The meetings are light and fun and cover some really exciting topics. Mrs. Zimmerman asked if they had any plans for their substantial donation the Historical Society had received. Mr. Hetrick said that their plan is to invest it to keep the program funded long term. There was some discussion on the large bell, but the Historical Society has not decided where it would go. Mr. Megonnell said that the founding officers included Mr. Thomas Felsburg, and we should remember to include them when we can.

Mr. Megonnell asked how many documented Civil War Veterans are in West Hanover Township. There was discussion about several places where veterans have lived.

Mr. Miller asked if there were any upcoming projects that they needed to get the word out on. Mr. Hetrick said that they are in the process of digitizing old photos and documents. Ms. Glaser mentioned that she would like to document historic buildings before they are removed. There was talk of buying the old Manada Hill Church and moving it to the cemetery on Jonestown Road. There was discussion on the specifics of moving the church and the costs.

Mr. Hetrick would like to recognize three people that are appreciated and helpful to the Historical Society. He said that Donnie Holmes is great and loves to be involved. The Road Crew has done an amazing job mowing around the cemetery on Jonestown Road. Last he wanted to recognize Mr. Rosario for keeping an open dialogue and keeping the Society informed.

Planning Commission – Mr. Zeiters said that this is one of the slowest times in years. He said the big project coming up is the new Elementary School. Mr. Steinmeier spoke about the project coming on Sterling from Foxbuilt. The average home will be around \$700,000.00. All homes will have grinder pumps.

Mr. Miller asked if the Planning Commission had any issues. Mr. Steinmeier asked if the Planning Commission needed anything from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Shandersky said in his previous career he learned about all the things that are discoverable in lawsuits, the things you should and shouldn't do. He was not sure if all of the volunteers on the Planning Commission have this knowledge. Mr. Shandersky would like to take a primer course. Mrs. Zimmerman recommended checking with PSATS. She also thanked the Planning Commission for making sure their plans are complete and correct. Mr. Megonnell said that the Board of Supervisors appreciated the Planning Commissions guidance and recommendations. Mr. Zeiters said that the Planning Commission has a lot of good people on it right now.