

Chairman Rick Kochel called to order the Earl Township Board of Supervisors meeting, held on **Thursday, March 21, 2019**, at 7:00 a.m. The following were present: Supervisors Rick Kochel and Ray Martin, and Lee Zimmerman, Road Master and George Smith, ELA Group Inc.

Tom Nehilla, Barley Snyder Law Firm, Samuel Stoltzfus and Tom Matteson, Diehm & Sons, were present to inquire if the Supervisors would consider a Petition to rezone a reduced acreage of the total thirty seven (37) acres at the 568 Hollander Road property. Mr. Nehilla stated that if twenty five (25) acres were approved to be rezoned they would be able to develop h better traffic flow and enable extending the public water and sewer facilities to this property and to the King Court properties. Mr. Nehilla acknowledged that the Township is actively looking at amending the ELANCO Regional Comprehensive Plan and changing the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), but the timeline of several years to be completed is a concern. Rick and Ray stated they are not opposed to a new Rezoning Petition being submitted, after presentation to the Earl Township Planning Commission.

Harold Kurtz, owner of 358-360 Kurtz Road and Ervin Zimmerman, Chairman of the Board and Glen Martin, Administrator were present for the annual meeting regarding the program at Kurtz Homestead, for troubled girls ages sixteen to thirty-one years old (16-31). Harold reported the program continues to operate very well. Mr. Zimmerman thanked the Supervisors for their interest and support of the program, which has been successful. There is a limit of eight (8) live-in residents at a time, who are provided guidance and bible study five (5) times a week with a minister. Additionally, over one hundred (100) walk-in participants are assisted throughout the year. Harold Kurtz reported that a Co-Op of onion and vegetable growers are looking to operate a refrigeration facility to process the locally grown vegetables on the Kurtz Homestead property. After the vegetables are brought in, they are cleaned and stored for shipment. Mr. Kurtz proposes to remove the existing hog and chicken buildings and then construct the new refrigeration building. Rick inquired what traffic impact would be generated with the new use. Mr. Kurtz stated it would mostly be horse or tractor driven wagons ant then trucks for distribution of the product.

Mark Hackenburg, RGS Associates, Steve Muller, Garden Spot Village (GSV), were present to discuss the proposed Memory Care Facility, 448 South Kinzer Avenue, West Campus Land Development Plan. Mr. Hackenburg reported that the public water line from New Holland Borough Authority is being relocated. A temporary sewer extension is proposed to pump the flow to the existing GSV private Force Main line, by boring under South Kinzer Avenue. This temporary connection will require an agreement with the Township to allow the private line in the public roadway. As the West Campus is developed then a gravity line will be constructed. Traffic impact was reviewed and turn lanes are not warranted, but the turn lanes will remain on South Kinzer Avenue. The sidewalk will be installed from the Memory Care facility intersection going south to Airport Road. Ray stated the Fire Company has concerns with the boulevards hindering and restricting their response time, Mr. Hackenburg stated they will ensure fire apparatus can maneuver with the developed area. Lee stated he is concerned with the east-west flow of traffic and he always envisioned an east-west through street to be attached at Airport, when the Airport Road and South Kinzer Avenue were re-aligned.

Lee reported he is still negotiating the White Oak Road paving agreement with New Enterprise Stone. New Enterprise Stone wants the agreement to allow the truck use on the re-built road for twenty (20) year, and with no requests for additional funding through the term. New Enterprise Stone will be required to pave the roadway from the bridge to West Quarry Road and the bridge to Blue Rock Road.

Executive Session was called at 9:05 a.m. to discuss employee matters.

Regular Session re-convened at 9:10 a.m.

Ray made a **motion to adjust Noah Zimmerman's pay rate to Twenty Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$24.05) per hour, to be effective on the March 25, 2019 paycheck, as recommended by the Western Heights Water Authority and the Earl Township Sewer Authority.** Rick seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda S Becker, Secretary