

As advertised in the Journal Herald newspaper, the Packer Township Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at the township building. Bob Selert called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. All were present.

The meeting was opened to the floor. Tony Caso inquired as to the situation of a pipe that had been put in on Round Head Road. Bob confirmed that Tony is referring to the pipe below Chernansky's. Terry asked Paul what the timeframe is on it. Paul responded that they are supposed to do the stop sign tomorrow. Tony was back there 2 weeks ago and since and the holes are getting deeper. He says if the Township has the modified the holes should be filled in to avoid what happened in Auburn with the State. Paul said he filled in 3 holes a couple of weeks ago. He used modified one time and then the millings. Bob asked Paul if it was scheduled. Paul responded yes, either this week or next. Tony feels a warning sign should be placed to avoid people from hitting them. John Floyd said cones should be taken out. Paul and Terry will discuss what material to use. Tom Gerhard said that he, Susie and Mark Walters met at the park. Originally it was planned to take all the trees down. Mark thought that many of the trees should remain and Tom agreed. About 25-30 trees were marked to come down. All the trees along Rt. 93 are straggly, rotted and in the wires so they will probably all come down. A local tree grower will be contacted for some suggestions as to what type of trees can be used that will be easy to maintain. Tom continued to say that Mark said he will help to install the 4 fire pits and build what is needed to get them erected up there. Terry asked if there were any power lines below the ground. Paul responded that there shouldn't be, they are all over head. Tom asked about a pipe painted orange on Packer Drive toward Rt. 93. Paul said when they were grading he marked it and asked when they were grading to pull a piece of metal out but it hasn't been done yet. Otherwise we'll have to take the back hoe up and dig it out. Tom said they talked to Earl with Stony Lonesome about the marked trees. Anyone who wants to meet before Earl comes in can help come up with a game plan. Paul asked if we can have the pine tree that is leaning on the side of the pavilion taken down. It's dead half way up. It's on the Weatherly side of the pavilion. Tom said ok. John Floyd mentioned 3 dead trees just over the fence and Tom responded that they are coming down. Tom and Paul discussed spraying near the fence to keep the vines and sticker bushes from it. Susie asked Mark if he had any comments. Mark wants to see the grills in the back after the meeting. Terry asked if people use the park. Mark said he doesn't see anyone using it. Terry said he is curious and that he mentioned about restrooms at the last meeting. Mr. Floyd said he had seen nurses doing their paperwork at the tables and a PennDOT employee taking his break. Paul added that PPL and tree trimmers take breaks there as well. He also saw woman and a child. Susie responded I know you don't know if it's worth doing it but the money that's coming in from the family is to go to what it is designated for. Terry said right, we have to show that. Paul discussed placement of the grills so they are not near the playground equipment and parked cars. Bob would like to see that it is graded so it can be cut easier and Paul added that the bank should be cut back so that PennDOT doesn't leave a steep drop off. John Floyd asked about taking down the aerial light at the park that is not needed anymore. Stephanie and Bob will determine which PPL account should be cancelled for this light.

Susie Gerhard made a motion to approve the minutes. Terry Davis seconded the motion and Bob Selert agreed. Vote 3-0.

Ordinances and Resolutions – Atty. Yurchak gave the Supervisors copies of ordinances regarding abandoned houses. These will be reviewed and discussed at the August meeting.

Reports of Officials and Committees –

Barry Isett & Associates – Permit/Zoning & Code Enforcement officer- Absent. **ZONING:** June 1, 2022: Confirmed that 450 Grist Mill Dr. is not a new garage, appears to be an old building with new sheeting. Investigated Station Lane property and confirmed that there is no ordinance for condemned buildings. June 2, 2022: Spoke to Mark Correale (902 Hudson Dr) Zoning permit question. Spoke about putting a mobile home on his parcel. Parcel appears to already be subdivided and he would need to contact Brior Environmental at 570-956-2123

4306 Quakake Solar Panels created project folder and issued zoning permit. Phil to handle the UCC plan review and permit portion. Numerous emails and correspondences with Bob Terracino about 1416 Hudson Drive and his concerns with runoff from adjacent Meadows Landscaping property (1458 Hudson Drive). June 8, 2022: Drove by 1867 Wetzel Run and noted that it appears to have been cleaned up significantly. There are still vehicles, but I cannot see if they have plates. There is debris on right side of the property. Also stopped by 5565 Quakake and noted significant reduction of debris, there is still some next to the house. Will follow up in a couple of weeks. Received an email from Bob Terracino stating he tried to move one of the vehicles on his property but found a bird's nest on a tire and he was going to wait until the birds leave the nest. June 9, 2022: Formatted legal posting for Colangelo's Zoning Hearing for June 21st Zoning Hearing. Compiled list of adjacent property owners and forwarded to admin. Mailings sent out to neighbors. June 10, 2022: Posted Public Notice on Colangelo property for the upcoming ZHB. June 21, 2022: Attended Zoning Hearing Board Meeting for Frank Colangelo Tax Parcel ID: 120C-45-D4B. Erect an accessory building on a lot with no primary structure. Decision to be rendered on July 19th meeting. June 22, 2022: 5565 Quakake Rd. much improved, some debris next to house. (Large Appliances and cans) Probably scrapping. Investigated a complaint of trash on Railroad Dr. Sent email to Keith Gould. Removed Zoning Hearing Notice from Frank Colangelo property on Wallace Way. 1867 Wetzel Run is much improved. 3 vehicles across the street appear in good condition, but unable to see license plates. A Nova is in the driveway with Classic Plates and two Firebirds are in the rear of the driveway are in fair condition. This would be following the Nuisance Ordinance of two nonoperational vehicles (which is still questionable and hard to prove) There is still an accumulation of debris on the right side of the house near the garage. 1416 Hudson Dr. Bob Terracino's property is much improved. He is still repairing vehicles in the driveway. June 23, 2022: Received an email back from Keith Gould that they do not own the property along Railroad Drive. I called Keith Gould and confirmed that one of his workers lives up near Railroad Dr. and he will remove the Ottoman from alongside the road. Keith stated that the bears get into the garbage almost daily and that they have been in contact with the game commission. June 28, 2022: Received a Zoning application for 1458 Hudson Dr. to add a container business to the property. I noted missing information and forwarded to Phil Prout input. June 29, 2022: Composed and sent an email to Jason Samler with a request for additional information needed for review of zoning permit application. **PA UCC:** June 3, 2022: Permit approved and sent to Township for release upon receipt of permit fees; 582 Quakake Road: Above Ground Pool; (343222.002) *No inspections have yet been performed. June 14, 2022: Permit approved and sent to Township for release upon receipt of permit fees; 4306 Quakake Road: Roof Mounted Solar Panels; (343222.003) *No inspections have yet been performed. June 30, 2022: Request for final inspection of 250 Tower Road – New Single-Family Dwelling (343221.004); discussed remaining items needed for final approval and release of Certificate of Occupancy: *Potable water test and report; homeowner will submit test to Hawk Mtn. Labs. *Blower Door Test Certificate; since received. *Final septic inspection performed by Brior Environmental. Bob Selert asked Atty. Yurchak if potable water testing part of the UCC. Atty. Yurchak said he didn't think so. Paul asked if it was for a well and said doesn't the well company test your water when they build a well? Susie said the well company doesn't test it. You have to do that yourself. Bob doesn't think there is a statute that this is a condition of their occupancy permit.

Bill Brior – Sewage Enforcement Officer – Absent. Two interim inspections completed for Jeff Donadi. Postage expenses of \$26.56 and maintenance of township files.

Old Business – Bob will plan a trip to New Holland to see trucks of similar size to ours. School Board has not met for him to talk to them about the tax assessment appeal regarding Hazleton City Authority. Road project bids for pipes and paving were advertised. A pre-bid meeting on Friday morning to look at the pipes is scheduled. Road project bids are due July 20th. The garbage bids were advertised. There were three inquiries so far and bids are due at the August 2nd meeting. Paul questioned whether County Waste would deliver carts if the contract has been advertised and Bob responded that they should, the contract goes to the end of the year. Paul mentioned that if you put a driveway in you have to contact PennDOT and a resident on Wetzel Run Drive appears to be putting in a driveway on a curve. Tony delivered the stone and confirmed it was for 2 sheds, not a driveway. One behind the dog coop and one behind the house but he could not drop the stone where it is intend-

ed to go because of the wet ground. That is why it is where it is. Paul said across from Joe Halechko, they cut in a road and where the big yellow gate is, not where we put the mailbox, but further, the gate is closed and locked and people are going around the gate and bringing all the dirt and mud out onto the road. They should probably block off alongside the gate because they are hauling all the debris out onto the road. The road is still in pretty good shape there and the rocks aren't going to do it any good. Bob said when the new law goes into effect that they can confiscate the 4-wheelers, you'll see people start to respect where you can and can't go. Atty. Yurchak confirmed there is a law pending in the legislature that the police will be able to confiscate illegal UTVs. If they lose the hearing they can demolish the UTV.

New Business – Terry-The resident on Sand Spring Road where we wanted to put the drainage in, called him. Terry suggested that since the property owner doesn't want that project done, he put a swale in the upper part of the yard and run it down into the woods. Terry said it was done so hopefully that will be behind us. Bob said we still have the issue with the water running down the road. In the fall this will be looked into further.

Bob Selert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Bob Selert made a motion to sign and approve the checks drafted and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0

Bob Selert made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Susie Gerhard seconded the motion. Terry Davis agreed. Vote 3-0 The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m. A total of 6 residents attended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Stephanie Stolpe
Packer Township Secretary/Treasurer