



## Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Hybrid Meeting Via 721 Unionville Road & Zoom

**August 17, 2022**

7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Dr. Richard L. Leff (via Zoom), Chairman; Scudder G. Stevens, Vice Chair; Geoffrey Gamble, Esq., Supervisor; Eden R. Ratliff, Township Manager; Amy Heinrich, Finance & HR Director; Diane Hicks, Planning & Zoning Director; PJ Groff, Public Works Interim Director; Matt Gordon, Chief of Police; Dave Sander, Solicitor

### 1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Stevens called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Stevens thanked East Marlborough Township for the use of their meeting room while Kennett Township's is working through the mold outbreak.

### 3. Embezzlement Recovery Update

Township Manager Ratliff announced there is no update at this time.

### 4. Executive Session Announcements

Solicitor Sander announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on August 12, 2022 to discuss matters of personnel.

*\* Motion to amend the agenda to include item 7. c., which is the Approval of Temporary Pump & Haul Agreement for 67 Ways Lane, was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.\**

### 5. Presentation, Historic Commission- Spar Hill Farm (time stamp 9:12)

The presentation can be watched [here](https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5799/Agenda-Item-5-Spar-Hill-Historic-Commission-Presentation): beginning at 9:12. If you would like a copy of the slides, they can be found here: (<https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5799/Agenda-Item-5-Spar-Hill-Historic-Commission-Presentation>)

Karen Marshall (Chair) of the Historical Commission delivered the presentation along with, Matthew and Amy Heinrich. The Historic Commission gave recommendations on each structure at Spar Hill Farm, whether to retain, stabilize/upgrade or demolish. A cost analysis was shown at the end of the presentation. The Board, Township Manager Ratliff shared their comments, questions and concerns with Karen and the Historic Commission. **Public Comments: Jeremy Abelson (Zoom)** stated that the #7. Stone Walls were only going to be retained as is and that it poses a hazard if open to the public (especially kids). He referenced the stone walls in Brandywine Park that kids walk and climb on. Vice Chairman Stevens agreed. **Richard Gaw (Chester County Press)** asked what is the vision of this project once it is complete? Karen Marshall explained the different periods that this "landscape" represents. Gaw asked who/how is this project going to be used and who is it going to be marketed to? Karen stated she has numerous visions and ideas on what to do with the preservation of this landscape. Vice chairman Stevens stated we do not have a "Full Vision" sometimes the "Vision Calls Us" which is still a work in progress.

## 6. Meeting Minutes

### a. July 20, 2022

(<https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5798/Agenda-Item-6a-072022-Minutes>)

*Motion to adopt the July 20, 2022 Board of Supervisor meeting minutes was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.*

## 7. Business Items

### a. Consider August 17, 2022 Bill Voucher

(<https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5794/Agenda-Item-7a-0817-Bill-Voucher->)

*Motion to approve the August 17, 2022 Bill Voucher in the amount of \$344,798.01 and to approve total transfers in the amount of \$2,844.11 was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.*

### b. Consider Advertisement of Non-Uniform Pension Plan Ordinance

(<https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5790/Agenda-Item-7b-Advertisement-of-Non-Uniform-Pension-Plan-Ordinance->)

*Motion to authorize the advertisement of Non-Uniform Pension Plan Ordinance was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.*

Township Manager Ratliff explained this is being updated- and is only to be advertised

### c. Consider Approval of Temporary Pump & Haul Agreement for 67 Ways Lane

([https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5842/Agenda-Item-7c-PBS-TempPump\\_Haul-Packet](https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5842/Agenda-Item-7c-PBS-TempPump_Haul-Packet))

*Motion to approve the Temporary Pump & Haul Agreement proposed by the Kennett Gateway Project for the property located at 67 Ways Lane, conditioned on review and approval by the Township Solicitor and Engineer was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.*

Township Manager Ratliff: The old "Boy Scout" building will be connected to the public sewer infrastructure. The property is ready to be used but the sewer will not be ready until the end of the year, so they are requesting a temporary pump and haul which needs to be approved by the state government body which is the Board. **Public Comment: Project Manager Michael (Zoom)-** Thank you for getting us on the agenda with such short notice. We did not anticipate the delays which have pushed us out to mid-November. This will bridge the gap as far as the time frame so we can get her, the teachers and students etc. All costs will be handled by the developer- 67 Ways Lane will be the only sewage put into the wet well and pumped and hauled away.

### d. Consider Resignation of Lars Farmer from the Historical Commission

*Motion to accept the resignation of Lars Farmer from the Kennett Township Historical Commission was made by Gamble and seconded by Stevens. Motion passed 3-0.*

The Board commented that they have appreciated all of Lars's hard work and dedication for all he has done with the Historic Commission. A congratulatory letter will be sent on Township letterhead.

### e. Consider Resignation of Bruce Bilotti from the Planning Commission

*Motion to accept the resignation of Bruce Bilotti from the Kennett Township Planning Commission was made by Gamble and seconded by Leff. Motion passed 3-0.*

The Board commented that Bruce has been a wonderful addition to the Planning Commission.

## 8. Department Head Reports

### a. Eden Ratliff – Administration

(<https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5793/Agenda-Item-8a-Dept-Head-Admin>)

**John Wilkens (Zoom) 138 Round Hill Road** appreciated the comment that was raised by Mr. Gamble regarding the trees. I was hoping that now that we are nearing the end of the engineering, we could understand a bit more of the plans in saving some of the trees. I do not know what condition some of the trees are in. Ratliff commented that he was not ready to discuss the planting plans just yet as engineering is still ongoing. We are still in negotiations with the property owners as well. Mr. Wilkens has all the information that has been released to the Public at this time.

### b. Amy Heinrich- Finance & HR

(<https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5797/Agenda-Item-8b-Department-Head-Report-FinanceHR>)

### c. Diane Hicks – Planning & Zoning

(<https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5784/Agenda-Item-8c-Dept-Head-Report-PZ822>)

### d. PJ Groff – Public Works

(<https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5795/Agenda-Item-8d-Dept-Head-Report-PW-0722>)

### e. Matt Gordon – KTPD

(<https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/5796/Agenda-Item-8e-Dept-Head-KTPD>)

Vice chairman Stevens asked Chief Gordon about a particular incident that happened within the township on August 6, 2022. There was a murder/suicide within the Township and the investigation/information is forthcoming, but it still needs to be sorted through and when it is, it will be publicly announced, but until that time, no information will be released.

## 9. Public Comment

(None)

## 10. Adjournment

*Motion to adjourn was made by Leff and seconded by Gamble. Motion passed 3-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eden R. Ratliff  
Township Secretary