

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC WORK SESSION MEETING  
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837  
March 24, 2025

Chairman Knight called the Board of Supervisors Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Those present: Chairman James Knight; Vice Chairman Tom Zorn; Supervisor Katie Evans; Township Manager Jolene Helwig; Assistant Road Master Jeff Oberdorf and Secretary/Treasurer Gayle Boudman.

Members of the public in attendance: Chris Daniel; Marcey Nolan; Justin Strawser (Daily Item); Elizabeth Capaldi (Linn Conservancy); Brian Auman (BSA/LA); Gawhara Abou-Eid (Standard Journal).

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to amend the agenda to include the Zoning Ordinance amendment.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

There was no hearing of Visitors.

Reports of Officials:

- Chairman Knight
  - March 17, 2025, received notice from Senator Fetterman's office that the \$1.8 million earmark for the Market St. Streetscape Project was removed from the Federal Budget.
  - Senator Fetterman's office is looking into the status of the Safe Streets For All Grant (SS4A) awarded in December and currently on hold.
- Vice Chairman Zorn
  - March 11, 2025, attended a paper recycling webinar.
  - March 12, 2025, attended the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission meeting.
  - Still on target to get the Standard Journal Community Guide out by the end of the month.
- Supervisor Evans
  - March 12, 2025, attended the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Commission meeting.
- Township Manager Helwig
  - March 26, 2025, Pension Meeting at the township building at 1:00 PM.
  - March 27, 2025, Turtle Creek Park Phase I meeting with HRG at the township building at 2:00 PM.
  - Received notice from the Linn Conservancy that we are due for our annual Easement Inspection with Brian Auman.
  - Spruce Hills Park update: Dave Gutelius Excavating will start the fence installation on March 25, 2025; week of March 31, 2025, putting down the topsoil and preparing areas for paving; week of April 14, 2025, will begin paving.
  - Portable Traffic Signal warranty renewal is due; current warranty expires June 01, 2025.
  - Handed out the list of improvements for the township office building to the supervisors for their review.
- Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf
  - Tree trimming schedule for the year was completed last week.

- Street sweeping has started beginning with the roads scheduled for paving,
- March 24, 2025, Siemen's started the install for the new fire system and hope to be completed by the end of the week.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve the March 10, 2025, business meeting minutes as distributed.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the maintenance agreement between East Buffalo Township and the Lewisburg Area School District for maintenance of the flashing lights and crosswalk at the intersections of SR0045 and 20<sup>th</sup> St in East Buffalo Township.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve U.S. Bridge for the fabrication and delivery of a prefabricated steel superstructure for the East Buffalo Township's Turtle Creek Road Bridge replacement project in the initial anticipated cost of \$163,985.00.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve purchase for the Diamond C 22" Hydraulically Dampened Tilt Trailer from Fayette Trailers, LLC., in the initial anticipated cost of \$18,539.50 and to proceed with selling the 2000 Cronkrite trailer by placing an ad in a local publication directing potential buyers to Muncibid.com following delivery of the replacement trailer.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve proceeding with the Margaret Jane "Maggie" Daniel Natural Memorial Garden at Turtle Creek Park, as presented by Brian Auman.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to send a letter of support to the Union County Trail Authority for support towards the DCNR C2P2 grant application for the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail US 15 Crossing.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

No action taken by Township Supervisors on Smith Baseball Field Outfield Fence project at this time. Quotes will be obtained for chain-link fence replacement.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the Township Manager and Township Secretary/Treasurer to complete bank forms and set up bank account for the 2025 Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) Loan for the Turtle Creek Road Bridge project.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to enter into an Agreement with HRG to develop an online Geographic Information System (GIS) for East Buffalo Township to map the townships assets not to exceed \$20,000 and to be paid for out of the Streets and Roads Reserve Fund.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to have Solicitor Matson's office to add to the existing Zoning ordinance amendment to allow Healthcare Facilities in the Highway Commercial (HC) District; for review by the township planning commission.

Knight-y; Zorn-y; Evans-y; Motion Carried

For the Good of the Order:

- Vice Chairman Zorn stated that Union County has approved their comprehensive plan. In the past their plan included area townships. The supervisors should review it and decide if they want to update their plan, adopt what Union County has done or come up with their own plan.
- Vice Chairman Zorn asked that at some point the supervisors approve the East Buffalo Township Annual Report.
- Vice Chairman Zorn announced that PSATS News had information that Township DCNR Park Grant applications are due on April 02, 2025, if the supervisors were interested.

Press Comments:

- Justin Strawser (Daily Item) asked the supervisors to clarify the issues with the Professional Office Building and the zoning ordinance amendment.
- Justin Strawser (Daily Item) asked who the lowest bidder was for the Turtle Creek Rd Bridge Project.
- Justin Strawser (Daily Item) asked for clarification on the details for the Margaret Jane "Maggie" Daniel Natural Memorial Garden at Turtle Creek Park.
- Gawhara Abou-Eid (Standard Journal) asked for clarification on the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) loan details and what expenses it would cover.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to adjourn at 6:46 PM.

  
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Gayle Boudman, Secretary

  
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James Knight, Chairman

  
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Tom Zorn, Vice Chairman

  
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Katie Evans, Supervisor