

EAST BUFFALO TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC WORK SESSION MEETING  
589 Fairground Road, Lewisburg, PA, 17837  
July 28, 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/Secretary/Treasurer Jolene Helwig; and Assistant Road Master Jeff Oberdorf.

Members of the public were in attendance: Ralph and Dori McIlvaine, Amy Day, Greg Zeh, Beth Confer, and Gawhara Abou-Eid (Standard Journal).

Hearing of Visitors:

- Ralph and Dori McIlvaine asked about the updates on the property maintenance code and if they could comment during that discussion.

Reports of Officials:

- Chairman Knight
  - Attended the CSFES meeting held July 24; discussed the intergovernmental agreement among the three municipalities; discussed including Buffalo Township and West Chillisquaque as part of the agreement or separate agreements with the fire departments; no action was taken as the meeting.
  - Submitted the 2025 Healing the Plant Grant application through Giant Foods for trees to plant around municipal complex and park.
  - DCNR awarded a grant of fifteen (15) oak trees to be delivered and planted at Turtle Creek Park, trees to be delivered first week of November; will require volunteers to help plant.
  - He received additional revisions for the Safe Streets for All federal grant contract; still waiting for final approval.
- Vice Chairman Zorn
  - Attended the CSFES meeting held on July 24; had several ongoing phone calls with Bob Huntington, Shawn McLaughlin, and Curtis Barrick to discuss the Regional Solid Waste Management Plan, and the County Comprehensive Plan.
- Supervisor Evans
  - July 16, 2025, attended the Planning Commission meeting; discussed the County Comprehensive Plan and decided that they lack the capacity to write a full comprehensive plan; topic to be discussed at next meeting.
  - She stated that she herself, Jolene, and another member from the Planning Commission, would be attending a two-day PSATS Zoning Conference in State College.
- Township Manager Helwig
  - She received an email from the Northumberland County Conservation District that they are monitoring and spraying the West Nile virus that was in East Buffalo Township and several surrounding municipalities.
  - Mentioned that she and Jeff reviewed and updated the budget notes; found a few that will need to be discussed by all members.

- Assistant Roadmaster Oberdorf
  - He received a phone call that the grinder should be delivered either July 31<sup>st</sup> or August 1<sup>st</sup> to the Brush and Yard Waste Drop-off Site. Since April, the site has collected 732 cubic yards of material and issued 152 permits.
  - He stated the North side of the bridge has been completely removed; protection wall is installed; construction to start Wednesday at 6:00 AM.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisor Evans to approve the July 14, 2025, business meeting minutes as distributed.

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

The Board of Supervisors took no action regarding the East Buffalo Township Comprehensive Plan; discussed the Planning Commissions recommendation; agreed to have the Planning Commission take action at their next meeting to approve and adopt the 2024 County Comprehensive Plan as township's own.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisors Evans to approve **Resolution 17-2025** to adopt the Five-County Regional Solid Waste Management Plan.

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

The Board of Supervisors took no action on the Property Maintenance Code; instead, they tabled it until they receive the updates and changes that Solicitor Matson's Office is working on.

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Vice Chairman Zorn to approve Philip Hackenberg Forest Management Plan for Turtle Creek Park at the cost of 4,250.00.

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

Motion by Chairman Knight seconded by Supervisors Evans to authorize a meeting with PennDOT and SEDA-COG before the next meeting and to request HRG prepare an estimate for phase four: adding sidewalks (south side) and repair/replace (north side) on West Market Street between 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

For the Good of the Order: No comments

Announcements: Chairman Knight called for an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss legal issues.

Press Comments:

- Gawhara Abou-Eid (Standard Journal) asked for clarification on the West Nile Virus.

Motion by Chairman Knight and seconded by Supervisor Evans to enter into an Executive Session at 6:09 PM.

Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn and seconded by Supervisor Evans to exit the Executive Session at 6:28 PM.

Motion by Vice Chairman Zorn seconded by Chairman Knight to adjourn at 6:28 PM.

  
Jolene D. Helwig, Secretary

  
James Knight, Chairman

  
Tom Zorn, Vice Chairman

  
Katie Evans, Supervisor