

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP  
February 7, 2023  
Monthly Meeting

**Rollcall**

Jim Burkholder – Present (Chairman Board of Supervisors)  
James Heishman – Present (Vice Chairman Board of Supervisors)  
David Bachman – Present (Supervisor - Roadmaster)  
Karen Heishman – Present (Secretary/Treasurer/Manager)  
Pam Burkholder – Not Present (Tax Collector)  
Ed Franco – Not Present (Chairman Planning Commission)  
Keith Senecal – Not Present (Vice Chairman Planning Commission)  
Hubert Gilroy – Present (Solicitor)  
Greg Alleman – Not Present (Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer)  
Donna Yarlett – Present (Chairman Board of Auditors)  
Debbie Starner – Present (Secretary Board of Auditors)

**Previous Minutes:** Jim made a motion to approve the January reorganizational and regular meeting minutes, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

**Treasurers Report:** The attached treasurer's report for January was approved with a motion by Jim, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

**Motion to Pay Current Bills:** A list of outstanding bills was read into the record. Jim made a motion to pay the current bills, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

**Planning Commission Report:** Annual Report attached.

**Code Enforcement Report:** No report.

**Roadmaster Report:** Plowed 2" of snow on January 25<sup>th</sup>. The guiderail on Mount Zion Road was damaged from an automobile accident. Chemung Supply is scheduled to replace it in March, the road crew will be providing the flaggers.

**Building & Grounds Report:** No report.

**Equipment Report:** MJR Equipment repaired the strobe light on the Ford F550.

**C. O. G. Report:** Barb Gleim mentioned the House of Representatives have not been in session. The goal is to go in session beginning February 21<sup>st</sup> to discuss and vote on the rules. The current distribution of the House is 102 Democrats and 99 Republicans. Typically the party with the majority gets to work on agenda items and develop committees. Barb said her office is getting a lot of complaints about farmers spreading food processing residual. Unfortunately, DEP is the one with the power to resolve this issue by updating farming guidelines. Farmers are not currently breaking any DEP laws when they spread the food processing residual nor when they composts a dead animal. Barb is currently working to change MS4 legislation. DEP's stream information is

antiquated. Townships should check the Chesapeake Monitoring System for more accurate stream information.

**Correspondence:** WellSpan Health partners with the library systems across the region (Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon and York counties) to offer a free program designed for children and their families. This program, run in conjunction with the library summer read program, encourages children between the ages of birth to 18 years old (technically anyone can participate, but to be eligible for prize drawings, they must be 18 years and under) to explore the outdoors by hiking trails and hikes in community, local, and state parks in the respective county.

When we identify the parks we'd like to have participate (and often times parks are now reaching out to us to be included in the program), we map out a hike and write clues to help the participant locate a wooden post that we place in the park. The post, which is a 4' high, by 4"x4" post, comes with a rubbing plate (like an etching plate) on the top. On this is an icon that correlates to the theme of the program that year. This year's theme will be Oceans of Possibilities and is all about things you might see, find, hear or associate with the ocean. When children reach the post, they place their rubbing sheet over the icon and use a crayon or pencil to "rub" the icon, which then transfers that image to their rubbing sheet. There is also a 4-digit code on the etching, which the parents/guardians enter into a library app called Beanstack to have their child(ren) earn credit for completing that hike. There are 15 hikes throughout Cumberland County and we encourage participants to complete as many of them as possible during the summer months. We know that obesity rates among children (and adults) is statistically high and WellSpan offers this program to encourage children and families to be physically active and engage in family time activities. Additionally, during the summer, we know that children are not engaged in active school learning, so by collaborating with the libraries and the summer read program, we are encouraging children to continue to read, either by reading clues to hikes or reading the suggested books we identify that connect to the respective icon at each park. We have been participating in the Get Outdoors program since 2008 (in York County) and will be starting in Cumberland County specifically this summer.

In working with the libraries throughout Cumberland County, they helped identify parks in their region that they would like to have participate in this first year in Cumberland. During the month of November, I hiked many of the parks they identified to start the clue process.

The post would be attached to a tree using steel banding, that we provide, that would circle the tree and be screwed into the sides of our post. This secures the post and helps to prevent removal of the post and vandalism. We would maintain the post and replace it (or fix it) if anything were to happen to it during the program. We know if something occurs as participants locate the post and find something amiss, they reach out on the Get Outdoors (GO) Cumberland Facebook page, and then we will take care of it. The program starts Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, so the post would likely be placed earlier that week and would remain in place until the program ends in mid-August (I don't have the specific date yet). We will then return and remove the post. Once all the data is collected, a report will be sent to each park utilized, stating the number of individuals that logged that code for that park and the total distance traveled. Our goal is to drive participants to these parks and help them enjoy the outdoors while respecting nature.

**Persons to be Heard:** Jake Fealtman left the BOS know that the annual Steve Fealtman Race is scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup>. PA Fish & Boat Commission approval is still pending, they have an

application filed. This year they will be adding a climbing cargo net in the pine trees. EMTs will be placed at the net.

Wilmer Baker, 430 Run Road, request that the Township to install an alarm system at the pumping station. Mr. Baker reported the Attorney General will be testing his well water for contaminants.

**Unfinished Business:** No report.

**New Business:** The auditors presented the 2022 Report to the BOS. Jim made a motion to accept the report and thanked the auditors for their time, second by David and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Karen mentioned that we have two people with delinquent trash accounts. Karen called and sent a letter to both of them and still no payment, so the road crew pulled the toters. Hubert offered to review the solid waste ordinance to see what can be done to get payment. Then he will write a letter to the two people.

Jim said he wrote an EOP for the Envirothon that will be held at Opossum Lake on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be approximately 120-150 kids attending.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.