

LOWER FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP  
July 9, 2024  
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 – Present (Chairman Planning Commission)  
Keith Senecal – Present (Vice Chairman Planning Commission)  
Hubert Gilroy – Present (Solicitor)  
Doug Brehm – Present (Engineer)  
Greg Alleman – Not Present (Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer)  
Donna Yarlett – Not Present (Chairman Board of Auditors)  
Debbie Starner – Not Present (Secretary Board of Auditors)

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

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

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

**Planning Commission Report:** No report.

**Code Enforcement Report:** No report.

**Roadmaster Report:** The road crew has been mowing along the roads and at the Park. They trimmed at the end of Vine Drive. Schlusser’s Paving paved 1.29 miles of Opossum Lake Road, sealed all of the joints, and placed millings along the edges.

**Building & Grounds Report:** The road crew continues to take care of the pit toilet and trash at Opossum Lake Park.

**Equipment Report:** No report.

**C. O. G. Report:** Joshua Reynolds from the 199<sup>th</sup> District, reported that HB 2393 “Keeping Farms and Communities Safe by Managing Residual Food Processing Waste” has been introduced, but the Farm Bureau came out against the regulatory aspects of the bill. The bill could possibly be reintroduced in the fall session. Joshua distributed a farm odor facts sheet. He encouraged residents to file complaints directly with the appropriate state agencies. Please sign up to receive Representative Gleim’s weekly newsletter.

<https://www.repleim.com/NewsGroup/thebarbwire>

Nancy Bull from PA 13<sup>th</sup> District, mentioned that Representative John Joyce will be voting yes to pass the Save Act. This act will require individuals to have proof of citizenship before they are allowed to register to vote. There are twelve appropriations bills concerning agency funding that are being worked on for the fiscal year 2025 budget. There is a hearing scheduled this week with the FCC to discuss broadband and cell phone coverage issues in rural areas.

Jean Foschi said that Cumberland County Office of Aging has ECHO Housing opportunities. She also reminded everyone that all Cumberland County Libraries are cooling centers.

### **Correspondence:**

**Unfinished Business:** Representatives from Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Cumberland County Planning Department, and Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources addressed the BOS concerning funding opportunities that are available if the Township should decide to accept Randy Heishman's donation of land along Old Mill Road at the Conodoguinet Creek. A grant application for a project at this property would be reviewed by the various agencies and hopefully awarded to the Township. If multiple grants were applied for, it is possible that cash from one grant could be used as a match for another grant. All grants require a 50/50 match. Jim made a motion to reinstate negotiations of the possible acceptance of the land donation from Randy Heishman, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

Hubert Gilroy reviewed the Zoning Ordinance in regards to the possibility of installing a sign at Opossum Lake to deter unreasonable noise. Under the criminal statute, a person guilty of "disorderly conduct if, with intent to cause public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creating a risk thereof he... makes unreasonable noise." This is a Summary Offense under the Crimes Code, unless the actor persists in the conduct after a reasonable warning and then becomes a Misdemeanor of the Third Degree. The reality is this gets enforced by the Pennsylvania State Police in your Township's situation, and a call would need to be made to the police. A suggestion for the wording of a sign is as follows:

“WE ENCOURAGE ALL PARK USERS TO BE RESPECTFUL AND SENSITIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF OTHER PARK USERS. MAKING "UNREASONABLE NOISE" WITH STEREO'S OR OTHERWISE CONSTITUTES DISORDERLY CONDUCT UNDER THE PENNSYLVANIA CRIMES CODE. TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS MAY REQUEST THE ASSISTANCE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE TO ENFORCE THIS PROVISION IF NEEDED.

THE KEY IS FOR ALL TO ENJOY THE PARK AND HAVE RESPECT FOR THE OTHER PARK USERS.”

Hubert Gilroy would like to draft a letter to be mailed to DEP stating that the Township is supportive of Mr. Baker and would appreciate if he would be treated fairly in regards to his septic needs on his property. Jim made a motion for Hubert to draft a letter, second by James and passed with an all-in-favor vote.

**New Business:** Friends of Opossum Lake Conservancy asked the BOS to split the cost of the installation of electric to the FOLC shed. They intend to purchase battery powered tools and will

need the electric to recharge the batteries. Jim made a motion to split the cost up to a maximum of \$425, second by James, David abstained from voting.

**Persons to be Heard:** Wilmer Baker, 430 Run Road, requests that the Township to install an alarm system for the pipeline to allow residents to know there is a rupture in the pipe. Mr. Baker also requests that the Township allow him to install a holding tank at his property. He is choosing not to install a small flow treatment system because the chlorine will destroy the wetlands and the alarm on the system is an ignition source.

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