

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Mark Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Other Supervisors present were Andy Merritt, Barbara Spencer and Todd Kirsten. Staff present were Susan Steele, Township Manager; D.J. Liggett, CRPA; Jim May; CRPA and Danelle DelCorso, PC. Residents & others in attendance: Tom Hall.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Hall discussed concerns regarding the culvert pipe near Smith Road and Hummingbird Lane that is causing flooding issues in one of his fields near this area. Mr. Hall also stated there was a flooding issues at the corner of Smith Road and State Route 550 that is causing flooding in his pasture field. Mr. Hall commented he has spoken to the Roadmaster, Ben Pisoni and prior Supervisors regarding these issues and requests the Boards consideration in this matter. Ms. Steele will contact the Municipal Engineer and request he look at these areas and render a written opinion which includes the problem and the remedies.

4. **MINUTES**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the minutes dated September 26th, 2013; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.***

5. **BILLS LIST**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the Bills List dated October 10th, 2013; Mr. Merritt seconded; Vote 3-0-1; Messrs. Stevenson, yea; Merritt, yea; Kirsten, yea; No Nays; Ms. Spencer abstaining; Motion Carried.***

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- ***MOTION: Mr. Kirsten moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for month of August, 2013; Ms. Spencer seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.***

7. **PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE AMENDED TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL MAP**

Mr. Stevenson opened the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

Ms. Liggett and Mr. May provided a presentation that describes the map and comments from the Centre Region Planning Commission. The CRPC is requesting that until signage is posted to keep them as proposed on the official map is supportive of the amended map. Centre County is suggesting adding the Act 153 properties. Ms. Liggett stated she had concerns with this as the leases are not permanent and some of the properties could use a 10% exemption so it would require that the official map be amended. Ms. Liggett commented there are other map resources that show where the Act 153 properties are. Ms. Spencer questioned the proposed park on the Barr property. Ms. Liggett stated that park came out of the park plan. Ms. Spencer also questioned the trail that runs between Shanelly and Lutz lane. Ms. Spencer stated she has talked to residents and feels it should stay on the map. There was discussion regarding the trail. Mr. Kirsten questioned whether the cost of the shared roadway signs would be the sole responsibility of the Township. Ms. Liggett stated there was a proposed park near the Peters and Gummo properties but the Planning Commission felt they did not make sense at this time. Ms. Steele stated these proposed parks were on the Park Plan and not on the old official map. Mr. Stevenson questioned why there is no trail to the end of Sawmill Road? Ms. DelCorso stated the Planning Commission did not know what the development would be in that area. Ms. Steele stated that she remembers the citizens wanting limited access. Ms. DelCorso agreed. Ms. Spencer stated citizens already have limited access with Lone Pine Road connecting to Trotter Farms to Sawmill Road. Mr. Stevenson stated he thought the trail should also connect Sawmill Road to Gray's Woods. Mr. Kirsten stated he though the trails were to connect the parks. Mr. Stevenson stated there should be a park added to the eastern end of the Township were the new municipal building could be located. Ms. Liggett stated if a park and trail were added then the map would have to be re-advertised. The

Board agreed that it is okay to re-advertise as long as it is right. Ms. Steele suggested putting a park and trail on the area which is the multi-use area from Sawmill to Patton Township. The Board agreed. Ms. Liggett will take the additions back to the Planning Commission. The Wildlife Corridor will be added to the official map but not the Act 153 properties.

Mr. Stevenson closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m. No action was taken.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING REVISED DRI/RGB AGREEMENT AS DRAFTED BY CENTRE REGION COG AND POSSIBLE COMMENTS TO FORWARD TO CENTRE REGION COG

Mr. May commented that he did not have a formal presentation but wanted to address and hear comments from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. May stated after all comments have been received the Centre Region Planning Agency will put together all municipal comments and have them available for a future General Forum meeting.

Mr. Kirsten stated he has concerns regarding the language on page 7 stating that, "By signing this agreement each Centre Region Municipality agrees not to rezone or complete zoning text amendments for properties outside the RGB/SSA that will permit development greater than one EDU per acre." Mr. May stated that is how it is written now. Ms. Steele questioned if we went less than one acre per EDU, would we need to go through the DRI process. Ms. Liggett commented that then it would mean we could not without going to the General Forum. Mr. Stevenson requested adding some language to clarify. Mr. May stated he would add that comment to go back to the Executive Committee and General Forum. Mr. May stated the intent is not to do regional zoning. Mr. Kirsten commented that he did not like having to go in front of the General Forum for a zoning change. Mr. Stevenson stated that would only be in the case of sewer and not bound by any zoning change if greater in density. Mr. Kirsten commented that it is how he thought the language read. Mr. May explained that it means the Township will just have to go through the process, but the comments are not binding. Mr. Kirsten stated section IX #3 needs to be clarified.

See attached summary comments noted provided by Jim May.

9. MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRE TAX AGENCY TO COLLECT LOCAL SERVICE TAX ON BEHALF OF HALFMOON TOWNSHIP

- ***MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to approve the agreement with Centre Tax Agency to collect local service taxes on behalf of Halfmoon Township; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.***

10. MANAGER'S REPORTS

Ms. Steele reviewed the Manager's report.

11. SUPERVISORS' REPORT

Ms. Spencer provided a flyer regarding healthcare for veterans and requested it be posted to the website and be put in update.

Mr. Stevenson noted a memo provided by Steve Bair regarding testing of some of the Upper Halfmoon Water Companies hydrants. The flow rates were minimally 700 gpm. The flow rate needed by the fire companies is 500 gpm. Mr. Stevenson stated Centre LifeLink has sent out memberships and wanted to remind residents that Port Matilda EMS is Halfmoon Township's service provider. Mr. Stevenson requested Ms. Steele contact the Port Matilda EMS to see if it would be different for anyone on Medicare.

Mr. Kirsten thanked Ms. Del Scott for her time she volunteered on the Schlow Library Board. Mr. Kirsten also stated the C-NET budget was approved.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

- ***MOTION: Ms. Spencer moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; Mr. Kirsten seconded; Vote 4-0-0; Motion Carried.***

Secretary