

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PERRY TOWNSHIP

UNOFFICIAL

May 3, 2022

The committee-of-the-whole meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Perry Township was called to order by Chairman Lance N. Adam, at 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2022 in the Township Municipal Building, 680 Moselem Springs Road, Shoemakersville, PA. This meeting is being recorded. This meeting is available on ZOOM.

Pledge of Allegiance

A roll call was conducted by Chairman Adam and the following Supervisors were present:

Lance N. Adam- PRESENT

Patrick J. Daly-PRESENT

Joseph Dalton- PRESENT

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator- PRESENT

Public Comments:

Karen Hoagland- Karen asked “what the zoning is for farm animals on less than 3 acres in the township.” Chairman Adam questioned where specifically she was referring too? Karen referred to Nancy James’s property with 5 alpacas in her back yard. Chairman Adam questioned if Karen contacted Kraft Codes? Karen confirmed she discussed this matter with Joe Body last year. Supervisor Daly interjected, at a public meeting last year, it was determined that “the weight of the animal was relevant to the acreage and the weight of her fully grown alpaca was around 125lbs.” It was determined that was a domesticated animal, not a farm animal. Karen asked if she can put miniature donkeys in her yard then? Karen alleged “this was kicked under the rug last year in a closed-door meeting.” Supervisor Daly interjected, there was NO closed- door meeting. Supervisor Daly read from the public Supervisors Board June 8, 2021 meeting minutes: *“According to Google, the average weight of an Alpaca is 110-190 lbs.” Allen Shollenberger, asks if there is a zoning violation. Joe said no. Chairman Adam asked why are we even having this conversation? Supervisor Pat Daly stated that he feels this is all tying into someone coming and taking pictures. Nancy stated that she just wanted to make sure she was not in the wrong. Allen and Joe determined there was no violation at this time.”* Supervisor Daly stated this was at a public meeting in a public setting, with both our zoning officer and solicitor weighing in. Karen stated she “does not have a problem with it but when she puts animals in her yard, she doesn’t want any issues with it.” Karen said she has horses and is going to get a miniature donkey. Karen commented chickens are not even permissible in Shoemakersville Borough. Supervisor Daly informed that is a borough, we are a township, which has different regulations. Karen said “we need to regulate what is a farm animal because these are new. They are not a pet, not litter trained, not in your house.” Supervisor Daly interjected “based on the weight, it was determined by our zoning officer, whom is hired by the township to provide zoning consultation to us, and by our solicitor that there was no violation. Karen asked if that is why he (Joe) left? Karen stated Joe told her “She needs to go to a meeting and bring it up because they kicked it under the rug and he was done with it.” Supervisor Daly informed the meticulous, almost verbatim, public meeting minutes are available on the township website. Karen said “so she can put up a notice for all the neighbors that we can get whatever type of animals in our yard.” No, the weight of the animal determines if it is a domesticated animal. Karen said “a Sicilian donkey is under 100 lbs” and “she doesn’t want to hear issues when she puts them in her yard. She is going to put a fence along the road with goats, also fence everything along Jeff Seaman’s place for goats so she doesn’t have to cut her grass either.” Karen claimed that is why Nancy has them, she doesn’t want to cut her field. Nancy asked if she may clarify that statement. Nancy said “we have over an acre of land”. Karen interrupted with “1.08 acres”. Nancy continued “you are allowed anything under 1,000 lbs. Her 2 alpacas

graze her property and she has 2 sheep. All her animals together are under 1,000 lbs. When she opened her gate connecting to the neighbor's property, she asked Joe 'so it's ok to have their cows come over and graze her property, but she cannot have her animals there?'. Joe back-tracked and realized the animals were ok. Joe couldn't dispute allowing 4- 100 lbs cows on her property to graze was the same as her having her own animals of that weight." Nancy had goats and sheep in the 1980's. Nancy said "let them have animals, it doesn't matter to me." Karen rebutted with "everything seems to matter to you Nancy. No matter what anyone does in the neighborhood, you have an issue." Chairman Adam and Supervisor Daly shut down the non-productive conversation.

Chuck DeCarlo- On Zoom- The sound on zoom is a lot better with the new tablet.

4. **Review List of Invoices-** No comments.

5. **Review Unofficial Minutes** of the Committee Meeting of April 5, 2022, and the Supervisor's Meeting of April 12, 2022. No comments.

6. **Recreation Park Rental Contract-** The rental contract for the recreation park has been revised, incorporating suggestions from the Recreation Board and Supervisor Daly. The Recreation Board approved the revised contract at their April meeting. Supervisor Daly shared a copy of the contract with Nancy James, and advised her to direct any questions she may receive to the township office. Chairman Adam made a motion to approve the revised rental contract for the Perry Recreation Park. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

7. **CELG Membership Renewal-** Supervisor Daly assured the township greatly benefits from its membership with the Center for Excellence in Local Government through Albright College. Supervisor Daly made a motion to approve the 2022 membership renewal with the Center for Excellence in Local Government at the cost of \$150.00. Supervisor Dalton seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

8. **CPA Auditor Appointment-** Through the collection of quotes and time analysis, it was determined RKL CPA Accounting and Business would best serve performing the annual municipal audit. Supervisor Daly made a motion to appoint RKL CPA Accounting and Business as the official township auditing firm for 2022. Chairman Adam seconded the motion. Motion carried with all Supervisors voting yes.

Public Comments:

Nancy James- Nancy had a feeling Karen was going to show up to a meeting. Supervisor Daly said "its fine, we will not have that kind of bickering with petty squabble stuff. If she wants to put animals there and a complaint is lodged, we will handle the zoning in the same manner. It will be a public forum, no closed-door meetings, nothing getting kicked under the rug. As long as the rules are followed and we follow the guidance of our solicitor and zoning officer."

Adjourn:

Chairman Adam made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Daly to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting yes.

MINUTES APPROVED ON
June 14, 2022

RECORDED BY

Lance N. Adam, Chairman

Rochelle Dreibelbis, Administrator