

Board of Supervisors:
Robert Sloan, Chairman
Philip Wulff, Vice Chairman
Edward Latuska, Supervisor
Donald Pringle, Supervisor
Alan Smallwood, Supervisor



Anthony Amendolea, Secretary/Treasurer
Michael Gallagher, Solicitor
David Heath, Engineer
John Nath, Building Code Official
Randall Brown, Zoning Officer

Center Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2023
6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Robert Sloan called the Regular Meeting, of the Center Township Board of Supervisors, to order at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Unionville Volunteer Fire Company Firehall, 102 Mahood Road, Butler PA 16001.

ROLL CALL:

In addition to Chairman Sloan, present were Vice Chairman Phil Wulff; and Supervisor Donald Pringle via telephone; Township Solicitor Michael Gallagher; Township Engine David Heath; and Administrative Assistant Kayla Amendolea. Supervisors Edward Latuska and Alan Smallwood were absent.

The motion was made by Sloan to amend the agenda to have the BASA/PA American Water Sewage Facilities Planning Module and Solicitor's Report moved to the top of the agenda after Public to be Heard. Wulff seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. BASA/PA American Water Sewage Facilities Planning Module Resolution No. 2023-08-11: *Sloan motioned to adopt the BASA/PA American Water Sewage Facilities Planning Module Resolution No. 2023-08-11. Wulff seconded. Motion carried.*

SOLICIOR'S REPORT:

- A. BASA/ PA American Sale: *Sloan motioned that Center Township will not oppose nor will it contest the settlement for the sale of Butler Area Sewer Authority as reached between Pa American Water, Office of Small Business Advocate, Office of Consumer Advocate, and Bureau of Enforcement and Investigations, BASA, the City of Butler and Butler Township. The Center Township Solicitor is authorized to take all necessary action to implement this Motion. Other than authorizing the Solicitor as set forth above, Center Township will take no further action in the Protest filed with the Public Utility Commission at Docket No. A-2022-3037047. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.*

The public was advised that all parties, including Center Township, are subject to a court ordered Confidentiality Agreement until at least August 14, 2023 and therefore the matter cannot be discussed before that date. Comments will be given at the next meeting.

SUBDIVISION & LAND DEVELOPMENTS:

- A. Baxter MHP Land Development No. 2023-03-02, Preliminary/Final, Expires 08/22/2023: *Sloan motioned (1) to grant a thirty-one (31) day extension for the Baxter MHP Land Development upon their request and (2) table the plan and return to the Planning Commission due to contingencies not being met. Wulff seconded. Motion carried.*
- B. BASA Brewster Booster LLR No. 2023-07-06, Final, Expires 10/24/2023: *Sloan motioned to approve based on contingencies being met from the Engineers letter dated August 9th with signatures being held until those are met. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.*
- C. BASA Brewster Land Development No. 2023-07-07, Preliminary/Final. Expires 10/24/2023: *Sloan motioned to table and return the plan to the Planning Commission due to the Engineers contingencies not being met at this time. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.*
- D. BASA Fisher LLR/Land Development No. 2023-07-08, Preliminary/Final, Expires 10/24/2023: *Sloan motioned to table and return the plan to the Planning Commission due to the Engineers contingencies not being met at this time. Wulff seconded. Motion carried.*
- E. Whitmire Minor Subdivision No 2023-07-09, Final, Expires 10/24/2023: *Sloan motioned to table and return the plan to the Planning Commission due to the Engineers contingencies not being met at this time. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- B. Sunburst Ct: Ms. Patricia Johnston wants to set a background. Some comments made are not warranted. She has lived at that property since 99. She bought it when it was just a basement. There was no backyard, it was never seeded to be a backyard. She has planted vegetables and flowers, and ground cover, trees in that area. She spread mulch and pea gravel. She has steppingstones and pond stones. She has a concrete sidewalk and patio. She left the strip of meadow there as well. When she bought the property, she looked at the convenience. It states there must be two trees in the front yard, and five in the backyard. No mention of a back lawn, no mention prohibiting vegetables, flower garden, or hedges. A simple google search will show you there are many people who are not in compliance with the convenience with the trees, sheds, and above ground pools. There she has kept it up, with some issues after back surgery and multiple other surgeries and health issues. She has a problem with the mowing, it has destroyed over \$1,000 in plants. Was told her steppingstones were going to be removed to mow and other plants and décor have been damaged. She has tried to work with some landscaping companies. She has been thankful for the communication this year and trying to solve the problem. Confiscating her stones and sand does not help the problem, it just promotes leaves to grow. They help protect against them. Has called some churches, Agency on Aging, and Community Resources. Has someone for Slippery Rock that came down and helped, a neighbor is helping. Apologizes that it has gotten so bad. If the Township keeps mowing and destroying, she's never going to get ahead of it. She will keep trying to get it organized. *Sloan motioned to keep enforcing the ordinance. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.*

Due to scheduling conflicts the meeting had to be adjourned after this subject. Anything not discussed at this meeting will be moved to the next meeting, which is to be held on September 13, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT:

Sloan made a motion to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Pringle seconded. Motion carried.

Kayla R. Amendolea
Administrative Assistant

Robert M. Sloan
Chairman

Phillip B. Wulff
Vice Chairman

Absent

Edward G. Latuska
Supervisor

Donald E. Pringle
Supervisor

Absent

Alan H. Smallwood
Supervisor