

## *Conestoga Township B.O.S Minutes*

### *July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

BOS Meeting called to order at 7pm by Berry

PRESENT-Supervisors; Chairman John Berry, Member Robert Hershey Jr. Secretary Naomi Little Citizens; attendance list attached.

MINUTES- The Supervisors approved June 2021 BOS Meeting Minutes on a motion by Hershey Jr. second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

BILLS- The Supervisors approved all bills paid during the month of June 2021 on a motion by Hershey Jr. second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

TREASURER'S / ZONING – On front table and filed in office for review.

#### GENERAL PUBLIC

Residents where here to speak about issues that are occurring in the Safe Harbor Park which is owned by a company named Brookfield Renewable Energy.

**Mark Binkley-** Commented on the disrespectful behavior; loud music, speeding, assault and drag racing that some people are displaying at the park, he would like to know what Brookfield is going to do about it and why they do not supply the area with more security.

**Michelle Ditzler-**Informed of an incident where her daughter was confronted by individuals at the park while in her vehicle. State Police were contacted and responded.

**Kim Leaman-** she said she had spoken with the Conservation Officer who is helping with enforcing rules on the property and said to her that he would like to have our police dept. back because he needs more help.

**Brandon Moore** –Recently moved into the Township and is disappointed with issues of people violating his front yard by riding dirt bikes and causing smoke to come into his home. He had called the police and is fearful of repercussions from notifying the police of the problems.

**Donna Eshleman** –Informed about ongoing speeding on Main Street, she said she has spoken with the Township and State Police multiple times and that she is still waiting to get a solution for the problem. She spoke with Penn dot about possibilities of getting a digital speed sign to loan out to the Township.

**Barb Keefer-** She said that she is sad to see her new neighbors are fearful to walk in the park, she stated that the noise from the music is so loud and frustrating. She wants to know what will be done to address this.

**Steve Ebersole-** Stated that he is seeing a lot of speeding and drag racing on Main Street and that he and his wife were almost in an accident from these issues. He said that he had spoken to the Board and State Police several times about the issue. He asked why the Township can't hire the Police Dept. part time to help control the situation. Berry stated that he wants to work with the State Police to address the speeding issues and he will also work with Brookfield to address concerns at the Safe Harbor Park.

**Brittany Stipe-** She said that she moved here to be in a safe environment for her kids to grow up in and with the current issues she doesn't feel that she can ride bikes with her kids anymore in

the area and the State Police are not doing anything about it. She wants to know what will change if they keep saying they can't do anything.

**Tina Clare-** Asked why the Township doesn't have the Police Dept. anymore and that maybe if the pool was open there wouldn't be so many issues at the park. Berry stated that the Police Dept. is no longer here due to financial issues.

**Jolene Horner-** asked why people are not getting cited for public intoxication if they are drinking in the park. Berry said that he spoke with the State Police and they will be handling it.

**Robin Maquire-** commented on the loud music and trash that is at the park and disrupting the area. Berry stated about the Township Ordinances are being codified and the Township is working hard to review and update ordinances to help enforce current issues.

**Carl Longenecker-** commented on the loud music that is disrupting home owners. He also asked about who will enforce the ordinances. Berry stated that the Zoning Dept. would be enforcing the ordinances.

**John Fiorill-** commented that the Twp. Zoning Dept. would have to be the ones to enforce the ordinances and the State Police would be able to be there for back up.

**Sibina Howard-**commented on the disruption of the loud motorcycles that are speeding down the roads. She inquired about what happens to this year's funds for the pool, Berry stated that the budget for the pool will roll over to the next year.

**Hannah Cook-**Why didn't the Township get involved when a Canadian company was allowed to buy property in the Township. Berry stated that the Township was not involved with buying and selling of property. Hershey Jr, stated that Safe Harbor has been owned by this company for years before all this has happened and we should try to work with them to resolve the problem.

**Mike Specher-** asked what the community is allowed to do to help stop the issue. He wanted to know about Citizen Arrests and if Residents could get together to fill the park up. The Board reminded everyone to remain calm and respectful of others and all the rules.

**Lori Longenecker-**would like information to be available to keep everyone up to date on issues. Berry said that Residents are welcome to call the Supervisors or Twp. Office and also get information posted on the website [www.conestogatwp.com](http://www.conestogatwp.com)

**Carol Clancey-** Thanked the Board for its diplomacy about the current issues and asked that everyone have the full 3 minutes to speak on the issues without interruption. She also stated that the community is here to help and recommended the possibility of a 5 member board.

**Judy Stoner-** commented that there needs to be more Officers available to control issues at the park and asked if it would be possible to have a Brookfield person come to the next meeting. The Board stated that they are working on getting Brookfield to provide someone as a point of contact.

**Paul Thomas** – stated that he thinks the Board is going in the right direction by being persistent with working with Brookfield to resolve the matter, he commented that Brookfield has always been helpful.

**Bob Hershey Sr.-** commented that expressing the issues of liability on Brookfield may help them understand that they should be concerned with the issues.

**The Board** informed everyone that these issues are priority and the Township is taking this immediate action to move forward with getting a resolution.

**Berry-** Stated that the Township has been working with the Police to come to a resolution and will work with the State Police and Brookfield to hold the company accountable for a safe environment for everyone. He is looking to have a meeting with Brookfield and have them provide results to enforce rules and regulations. He also informed everyone that the State Police are taking addresses to allow the police to utilize to enforce the speeding issues on the Township roads; they also will be setting up speed traps and implement them 2/3 times a week in different areas and times.

**Hershey Jr. –** Stated that although the park has public access it is privately owned by a parent company based in Canada. Since Brookfield is privately owned, Brookfield is responsible for making sure the guests at the park comply with the rules and regulations. He stated that the issues that are happening are unacceptable and the Township will do everything in its power to be a part of the solution to provide a safe and secure environment for everyone. Hershey Jr. said he has called Brookfield to talk about the issues and what can be done to get rules and regulation enforced. He said that the Township will be going up the chain of command to get someone that will be able to address the issues brought to the Township. He also reminded everyone to show some kindness to the State Police and that they are doing the best they can to help bring a solution to the situation and we should all be supportive to help unite and work together.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Supervisor appointment-** Berry informed the Residents that Bill Rankin has resigned from his position as Township Supervisor. At the meeting Berry and Hershey Jr. discussed potential replacements and recommended Eric Doman due to his back ground as a Planning Commission member and consistent attendance at the monthly meetings. They stated that he would be an asset to the Board. Approval to appoint Eric Doman as a Township Supervisor motioned by Hershey Jr. second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

**Covid 19 ARPA Grant-** Appointment needed for a chief elected official to oversee the federal funding provided to the Township for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and also to create a bank account to hold funds. The Township has been awarded \$406,221.22 to be utilized in the Township with in the States guidelines. Appointment of John Berry to be the Township Official to be the point of contact and to open a new bank account for the ARPA funds. Motioned by Hershey Jr. second by Berry. All in favor none opposed.

**ADJOURN-** @ 8:15pm motioned by Berry second by Hershey Jr. All in favor none opposed.

*Respectively Submitted by,  
Naomi Little -Secretary*



# Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

## Sign in sheet for 2021

July 6<sup>th</sup>

1. C. F. Ehlman
2. PARKE RINGER MAIN ST.
3. PAUL THOMAS 3347 MAIN ST.
4. Mark B. [Signature]
5. Hannah Cooke 7 Conestoga Blvd.
6. Dianna Good Main St.
7. Eric Doman 4 CAMPSIDE CIRCLE
8. PAUL SPANGLER 312 RIVER CORNER
9. Steve & Carol Kersole 3885 Main St.
10. Kimberly Leaman 190 Spring Run Rd
11. Robert Marquini Sandhill Rd Conestoga
12. ED BURNS 44 WILMER RD CONESTOGA
13. Doug Warfe 39 Sand Hill Rd
14. Kathy Sangrey 130 W. Elm St
15. Robert & Karen Eshbach 65 Calkmanville Rd
16. Randy & Wendy Laree 2957 Main St
17. Mark Mitchell 3296 Main St
18. Bill Koss 8 Campside Circle
19. Stu Lingenacker 4339 Main St.



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| 1. Brandon Moore            | 10 Groff Ave          |
| 2. Carl Longenecker         | 4339 Main St.         |
| 3. Judy Stoner              | Green Hill Rd         |
| 4. Martin Dyer              | Benner Hollow Rd      |
| 5. Dan Dyer                 | Benner Hollow Rd      |
| 6. Michael Speicher         | 2419 main st          |
| 7. Craig Eshleman           | 431 Sand H. / Rd      |
| 8. Jenna Eshleman           | 2540 main St.         |
| 9. Ed Ritz                  | 4012 MAIN ST          |
| 10. JEFF & LORRAINE JOPCHAK | 101 GROFF AVE         |
| 11. Kyle Kix                | 265 valley Rd         |
| 12. Brittany Stipe          | BQ2 Safe Harbor Ugly. |
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