

Conestoga Township BOS Minutes

November 8, 2023

BOS Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Robert Hershey Jr.

PRESENT – Supervisors: Vice Chairman Robert Hershey Jr. & Matthew Connelly; Citizens (attendance attached).

MINUTES – Supervisors approved the BOS Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2023 with corrections on a motion by Matthew Connelly and seconded by Robert Hershey Jr. All in favor – none opposed.

BILLS – The supervisors approved the bills for October 2023 on a motion by Matthew Connelly and seconded by Robert Hershey Jr. All in favor – none opposed.

Business of the General Public

Robert Hershey Jr.: At the last meeting, Bob requested the residents send in letters stating their opinions on the direction of the pool. He stated that some of these letters asked the board not to close the pool. He said the board had no intentions of closing the pool. He asked that if anyone had comments to not repeat anything said in the last meeting. He stated that Melanie Schied has the lease for the pool until April.

Public Comment

Dianne Babcock: Dianne stated that she is continuing to have zoning related issues with her neighbor at 29 Pequea Blvd. She said spoke with the Zoning Officer, Jeff Fiant to discuss the remaining issues and possible solutions. She communicated frustration with the length of time it took to resolve the issue and stated she hoped the township could improve upon their process resolving zoning issues. She stated that she would be hearing from Jeff to meet within the next week to continue a path to resolution.

Bob May (Executive Director, Lancaster EMS): Bob requested the Supervisors provide an answer for why they did not honor his annual request for 2024 EMS funds.

Matt Connelly: Matt stated that the budget meeting had already occurred in August and that he explained the decision in an email.

Bob May: Bob stated that Lancaster EMS was a private non-profit and that their operations rely on municipal support.

Bob Hershey Jr.: Bob Hershey asked Bob May if everyone in Conestoga paid their ambulance bills would the system work. Bob May stated that it would work. Bob Hershey expressed issue with having to look at the residents and explain that they will have to pay for their neighbor's ambulance service even if they were not going to use it. He said if there was enough support from residents the board could figure out a way to provide the funds.

Bob May: Bob passed around EMS data from 2022. He stated that he would be back in July 2024 and would be requesting Lancaster EMS be a line item on Conestoga's budget.

Carol Bawell: Carol said she drives on Shady Lane at night and cannot see the street because there are no lines painted on the road and no lights. She stated that it is a dangerous road at night and in fog. She said she hoped the lines could be added before bad winter weather.

Bob Banzhof: Bob added that Sand Hill Road is the same, has been paved and has no markings.

Bob Hershey Jr.: Bob asked Matt Connelly to reach out to the Roadmaster to correct the issues on these two roads.

Old Business

2024 Pool Lease

Melanie Scheid: Melanie stated that she did not cancel the splash party and read an email from the swim team's president, Heidi Shannon suggesting canceling the splash party on the team's end. She stated she did everything she could for the swim team and there was no cost for them to use the pool for 45 days. She said she gave them complete access and trusted them. She stated she provided food for the swim meets and organized getting the team new t-shirts. Melanie brought time sheets and rotation schedules for the pool's lifeguards. She stated that she knows the labor laws and that the people hiring the lifeguards did not. She presented an incident report for a total of one accident during the season and stated that everything was documented. Melanie said it costs \$50,000 a year to run the pool and provided a break down. Melanie stated she provided a food truck and covered the cost of a \$6.00 voucher for food per employee. She showed a picture of mop instructions she provided to employees. She stated that it is not her job to teach the kids how to mop, it is their parents. She said if the residents want someone to run a business at the pool and make it proud, she would do it. She mentioned the success she had in bringing members of the community together for National Night Out. She stated that her heart

and passion is in the swimming pool. She said if the residents want the pool run as a business, she will run it as such. She requests a 3-year lease commitment from the board.

Resident: A resident asked Melanie who was on the board of her non-profit.

Melanie Schied: Melanie replied that three members who are her employees are on the Conestoga Area Community Pool board and there are bylaws for the non-profit.

Robert Hershey Jr.: Bob addressed the room stating that the decision is taking some time because the supervisors need to hear all sides. He stated that the community needs to get behind whoever runs the pool and stop putting the board in this position.

Dee Dee Everhart: Dee Dee asked Bob Hershey if Melanie was required under her 501 C (3) to keep records for all the funds coming in/out and do the numbers need to be reported to the township.

Robert Hershey Jr.: Bob Hershey asked Melanie if she had to report this information to the board according to her lease.

Melanie Scheid: Melanie replied it is not required for her to report the financials for the private non-profit.

Robert Hershey Jr.: Bob stated that the board does not oversee the business operations of the person leasing the pool.

Dee Dee Everhart: Dee Dee asked Bob to clarify if the board had anything to do with running the pool, including providing funding.

Robert Hershey Jr.: Bob replied that the board provided funds to the non-profit as a recreational expense. He stated that the funds were approved for repairs at the pool.

Madelyn Ritz: Madelyn asked Melanie if the pool was closed for the winter.

Melanie Scheid: Melanie replied that the pool had been winterized by a professional company.

She asked the board the status of the Millersville Lions Club.

Robert Hershey Jr.: Bob stated that the Millersville Lions Club had not gotten back to the supervisors.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:13 pm, motioned by **Matthew Connelly**, and seconded by

Robert Hershey Jr.

Submitted by,

Brandi Tomasetti,

Secretary Treasurer

Conestoga Township Board of Supervisors Meeting

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Sign In Sheet (Please Print Your Name & Address)

1. Ian Alexander Conestoga
2. CHRIS + BARB BAIR
3. Maura Fisco
4. JOHN GAULT
5. Z Schuman
6. Robert Baumgardner 660 Sandhill
7. Leanne Hershey 633 Stony Ln
8. Bobby Hershey 6325 Stony Ln
9. Sheri Kimmet Conestoga
10. Dan Cannelly 90 Buck Run Rd.
11. Madelyn Ritz Main St. Conestoga
12. Melaine B Scheid 157 Marticville Rd Lancaster.
13. Dan Hess 335 Pequea Creek Rd
14. Rachel Hess 335 Pequea Creek Rd.
15. Donnattar 69 Colemanville Church Rd
16. Bob May LANCASTER EMS
17. Pean Evans LNP
18. Danielle Radesky Conestoga
19. Jennifer Kendig 1069 Stony Hill Rd
Michelle Bah
Andrea Marley 19 Peach Ln Conestoga

20. PAUL SPANGLER 312 RIVER CORNER
21. Rachael Eshleman 431 Sandhill Rd
22. JEREMY ESHLEMAN 431 SAND HILL
23. Cary Eshleman 431 Sand Hill
24. Joe Dessoy 671 Sandhill
25. DuDoe Emlar 1020 Strubel Rd
26. Dianne Babcock 31 Pequea Blvd
27. Terry Shepps 125 Valley
28. Elias & Carol Bawell 240 Sandhill Rd.
29. John Houll 75 Pequea Creek Rd
- 30.

31.

32.

33.

34.

35.

36.

37.

38.

39.

40.