

Chairman Rick Kochel called to order the Earl Township Board of Supervisors meeting, held on **Thursday September 17, 2020**, at 7:00 a.m. The following were present: Supervisors Rick Kochel and Tom Plitt and Lee Zimmerman, Road Master.

Roger Fry, Fry Surveying Inc., and Jonathan Martin were present to Jonathan Martin, 450 Kurtz Road, Ephrata, Major Land Disturbance Plan and requested the following:

- a. Waiver request of SALDO Section 303.B & 303.C – Preliminary Plan requirement. Tom made a **motion to waive the Preliminary Plan submission requirement**, Rick seconded and all voted yes.
- b. Waiver request of SALDO Section 602.S.1 – Minimum Safe Stopping Distance. Tom made a **motion to approve the Safe Stopping Distance modification as discussed**, Rick seconded and all voted yes.
- c. Conditional approval of the Major Land Disturbance Plan. Rick made a **motion to conditionally approve the Major Land Disturbance Plan, contingent upon the review comments of the Township’s Engineer, Zoning Officer, Road Master and L.C.P.C.** Tom seconded the motion and all voted yes.

Kurtz Road is not posted for speed limit, which requires it to be assumed a fifty five MPH (55) speed limit when measuring the safe stopping distance. There is not a location along the site frontage which provides adequate safe stopping distance to traffic moving from the south toward the intersection with Martindale Road. Solanco Engineering Associates, LLC conducted a study to define the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed along the roadway. The combined lanes, north and south, resulted in a speed of 41 MPH. The speed measured northbound traffic only is 42.8 MPH. Adequate sight distance exists at 55 MPH for southbound traffic. Considering a speed of 45 MPH, higher than the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of 42.8 MPH, the proposed drive would require 406 feet of safe stopping distance. The measured safe stopping distance at the proposed location is 478 feet. The applicant is requesting approval of the modification to allow the safe stopping distance to be based on the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed.

The plotter printer is not working and to repair it would cost Nine Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$920.00). A similar new plotter printer would cost Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Five Dollars (\$4,895.00). Rick made a motion to approve repairing the plotter printer in the amount of Nine Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), Tom seconded and all voted yes.

Lee discussed truck and equipment trade-in and purchase program, which is estimated to cost Forty Six Thousand Dollars (\$46,000.00) a year and every three years new is purchase with old being traded. After a discussion Rick stated he will investigate to verify the formula and costs of this type of program.

The Supervisors reviewed Alex Bauder’s ninety day (90) Performance Review. Tom made a **motion to approve an hourly pay rate adjustment for Alex Bauder per his Performance Review to be effective on the September 21, 2020 payday**, Rick seconded and all voted yes.

The Supervisors directed that Matt Magovern, Zoning Officer remind C S Stauffer that windows and doors shall not be stock piled outside in the yard area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda S Becker, Secretary