

MINUTES
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
July 14, 2025

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Monday, July 14, 2025 at the Richland Township Municipal Building, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown, PA 15904 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT

Bob Heffelfinger, Chair - via phone conference
Keith W. Saylor
Jeffrey D. Wingard
Gary A. Paul
Brian H. Lehman – via phone conference

Bryan J. Beppler, Executive Director
George Gvozdoch, Jr., Solicitor

ABSENT

Kimberly D. Stayrook, Administrative Assistant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Heffelfinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES – June 30, 2025

- Mr. Wingard moved to approve the minutes of June 30, 2025 as distributed, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS - *The Public has the right and the opportunity to comment on any agenda item. No comments*

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Somerset Conservation District to Conemaugh Township Municipal Authority – NPDES Stormwater Discharge Project

A letter was received from the Somerset Conservation District advising that they reviewed the referenced NOI / application for completeness and have determined that the application is complete. DEP-SWRO will now proceed with the technical review of the application.

Letter from Jeff Berkey, East Hills Recreation Commission – Consideration of \$10,000 donation for Richland Community Days

A letter was received from Jeff Berkey, on behalf of the East Hills Recreation Commission, asking Richland Township for consideration regarding the contribution of \$10,000 for Richland Community Days.

Mr. Saylor moved to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor. Motion carried.

Letter from The Tribune-Democrat Newspaper In Education (NIE) – Adopt-A-Classroom Sponsorship Request

A letter was received from the Tribune-Democrat Newspaper In Education Department asking for a \$180.00 sponsorship donation which translates to over 900 copies of newspapers over the course of the 2025-2026 school year. The NIE program is dedicated to improving the quality of education in Cambria and Somerset counties by providing teachers with education materials.

Mr. Wingard moved to approve the request, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS
NONE**

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of the Bills

7/14/25	Richland Twp. Capital Equipment	\$3,357.21
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**** Mr. Lehman questioned the aforementioned check. This check was for 2024 delinquent real estate taxes that was deposited by Cambria County in the Township's general fund and subsequently transferred to the capital equipment fund.*

- Mr. Saylor moved to pay the general fund bills in the amount of \$146,712.87 and payroll in the amount of \$95,849.05, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor. Motion carried.

University Park Associates, Minor Subdivision (Scalp Avenue)

At the regular meeting of the Richland Township Planning Commission held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed subdivision. The proposed subdivision creates a new 0.790-acre lot (Lot 3) from the residual parcel that includes the University Park Shopping Center. The lot is zoned C-2 and will be accessed via Scalp Avenue.

Mr. Lehman moved to approve the minor subdivision, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor. Motion carried.

Darren Brant Two (2) Lot Adjoining Land Merger – 207 Coldren Street

At the regular meeting of the Richland Township Planning Commission held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed land merger. The proposed plan entails combining two (2) adjacent lots measuring 5,988.595 square feet and 8,982.892 square feet under the same ownership into a single lot totaling 18,200.245 square feet. Both lots are zoned R-2 and have access via Coldren Street.

Mr. Wingard moved to approve the land merger, seconded by Mr. Saylor. All in favor. Motion carried.

East Hills Recreation Commission / RCD – Fireworks Display Application (August 16, 2025)

Mr. Gvozdoch, Jr. advised that he reviewed and approved the fireworks application and corresponding paperwork.

Mr. Paul moved to approve the fireworks display on August 16, 2025, seconded by Mr. Saylor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Paula Kuzma (148 Algonquin Street) thanked the Board of Supervisors for paving Algonquin street. However, Ms. Kuzma is asking for consideration that Richland Township mill / pave her driveway apron between the driveway and street. Ms. Kuzma advises that the apron has a 4" drop off from the road. Mr. Beppler advised that both he and the Public Works Department inspected the driveway and is consistent with the Township's paving practice. Mr. Paul and Mr. Beppler will inspect Ms. Kuzma's driveway apron again and will follow up accordingly.

There being no Public Comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan J. Beppler

*Executive Director
Richland Township*