

WHITE DEER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING MINUTES – MAY 26, 2026

On May 26, 2026, White Deer Township's Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting. Present were Supervisors Carroll Diefenbach, Paul Saber and Erik Platt, Township Secretary Michelle Finck and Township Solicitor Jason Brudecki, Esq. Also in attendance were Nathaniel Gearhart, Gearhart's Surveying, Steve Wilver, Scott Jones, David Edinger, Eric Hans and Duke Cook from the WDT Fire Company.

Mr. Platt made the motion to approve the minutes for the April 28, 2026, meeting, seconded by Mr. Saber.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Following a motion by Mr. Saber and seconded by Mr. Platt, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the bill sheet dated May 26, 2026, totaling \$33,742.55.

OLD BUSINESS

A motion to advertise the adoption of the Property Maintenance and Code Enforcement Ordinance Amendment and Adoption of the CKCOG Maintenance Code was made by Mr. Saber and seconded by Mr. Platt. This ordinance will be adopted at the June Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Open Bids for Sale of 2015 Chevy Pickup

Sealed bids for the sale of the 2015 Chevy Pickup were opened. Bids were received by: David Burkholder for \$5,250.00, Audie Fisher, Sr. for \$5,100.00 and Diefenbach Construction for \$8,000. A motion was made by Mr. Saber and seconded by Mr. Platt to accept the bid from Diefenbach Construction. Mr. Diefenbach abstained from the vote.

Nathaniel Gearhart – Gearhart's Surveying

Mr. Gearhart was in attendance to discuss his dissatisfaction with the cancelation of the May Planning Commission meeting in which he had a client's subdivision plan on the agenda for review. Discussion ensued regarding the practices of the Zoning Officer and Planning Commission as well as the required number of plans needed to be signed. There was also discussion regarding violations of the Municipalities Planning Code and any legal ramifications from violating the code. Mr. Brudecki will conduct a review of the MPC and the SALDO to address these concerns.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance # 83 amending Animal Ordinance

A motion was made by Mr. Platt and seconded by Mr. Saber to adopt Ordinance #83 amending Chapter 2, Part 1 of the Code of Ordinances, to provide regulations regarding animals in the Township.

Motion to Adopt Resolution #26-2 deeming White Deer Community Park area as slum/blighted.

Resolution #26-2 was adopted deeming the area of White Deer Community Park as a slum/blighted area by a motion made by Mr. Saber and seconded by Mr. Platt. This resolution will allow the Park Association to request funding from the Community Development Block Grant Program through Union County for projects at the park.

Motion to Propose Transient Retail Merchant Ordinance

A motion was made by Mr. Saber and seconded by Mr. Platt to have Solicitor Brudecki prepare a draft of a transient retail merchant ordinance to address the Renewal by Anderson representatives and other merchants that solicit in the Township.

Fire Company Audit Recommendations

Mr. Diefenbach shared that a meeting was held with Tony Gagliardi from Klacik and Associates regarding the review of the 2024 and 2025 fire company financial records. A list of recommendations to strengthen internal controls and practices to safeguard against fraudulent activity was provided to the fire company for review. Mr. Gagliardi will attend June's Board of Supervisors meeting to address any questions.

Eric Hans shared an update on the recent activity with calls and equipment as well as the plans moving forward with the building capacity. Duke Cook shared an update on the ambulance activity. Discussion ensued regarding the EMA Coordinator status and recommendations for replacement of our current coordinator.

ZONING AND PLANNING

No plans needed approval.

SOLICITOR/SUPERVISOR/OTHER COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Jones inquired about which paper the ordinances are advertised (Standard Journal). Dave Edinger shared thoughts on the Planning Commission meeting being canceled.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Mr. Platt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Saber.

Michelle Finck
Secretary/Treasurer

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APPROVED