# AGENDA HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING Monday, February 24, 2025

Next Ordinance # 2025-001 Next Resolution # 2025-012

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Meeting Called to Orde	er: Pledge of Allegiance:	
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- 1. Announcements:
  - a. Executive Sessions
- 2. Consent Agenda:

[Items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by Board Members, that item will be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the agenda.]

- a. Minutes of January 27, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting
- b. Bills List: February 11, 2025
- c. Bills List: February 25, 2025
- d. 2025 Fire Protection Agreement: Dublin Volunteer Fire Co.
- e. 2025 Fire Protection Agreement: Hilltown Fire Co.
- f. 2025 Fire Protection Agreement: Perseverance Volunteer Fire Co. of Souderton
- g. 2025 Fire Protection Agreement: Sellersville Fire Department
- h. 2025 Fire Protection Agreement: Silverdale Fire Co.
- i. 2025 Fire Protection Agreement: Telford Volunteer Fire Co.

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- 3. Confirmed Appointment:
  - a. Sweatshirt of Hope: Terry Derstine
- 4. Legal: Solicitor's Report:
  - a. ZHB Appeal 2025-001 Greg Dew 729 Blooming Glen Rd, Requesting Variance
  - b. ZHB Appeal 2025-002 Jason Allebach 914 Forest Rd., Requesting Variance

5.	Pla	nning:	
	a.	Weidner Tract Subdivision	
6.	Engineering:		
	a.	2025 Road Maintenance Projects – Authorization to Advertise for Bids	
	b.	MS4 – Stormwater Management Update	
7.	. Unfinished Business:		
	a.	Motion to Approve 3-year Auditing Services Contract	
	b.	Supervisor Liaison Program: Supervisor Metzinger	
	c.	Hilltown Fire Evaluation: Supervisor Metzinger	
8.	Ne	w Business:	
	a.	Act 14 Notification, Berry Brow WWTP Permit Renewal: Vice Chairman Groff	
9.	Ma	anager Update:	
	a.	Donation Request from Hilltown Historical Society	
	b.	Bucks Co. Tennis Association Inc. Lease Agreement	
10. Supervisor's Comments:			
11.	Pu	blic Comment:	
12.	Pre	ess Conference:	
13.	Ad	ljournment:	Time:

# MINUTUES from January 27, 2024 BOS MTG.

#### HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, January 27, 2025

The regular meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Caleb Torrice at 7:02 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Vice Chairman James Groff, Supervisor Joseph Metzinger, Township Manager Deanna Ferry, Township Solicitor Jack Wuerstle, Township Engineer Timothy Fulmer, and Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart.

1. <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</u> Chairman Torrice announced there was an Executive Session on January 6, 2025 to discuss personnel, and another prior to this meeting to discuss legal matters with regard to Linke, Delaney Construction and Rouse, as well as an internal investigation.

#### 2. <u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u>

- a. Minutes of January 6, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting
- b. Bills List: January 28, 2025
- c. 2025 Fire Protection Agreement: Silverdale Fire Co.

Chairman Torrice asked for a Motion to approve items A through C on the Consent Agenda. Supervisor Metzinger requested that item C be separated out pending further review with Solicitor Wuerstle. Chairman Torrice asked for a Motion to approve items A through B on the Consent Agenda, a motion was made by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously to approve items A through B on the Consent Agenda. Chairman Torrice asked for a motion to Table item C, a motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously to table item C on the Consent Agenda. There was no public comment.

#### 3. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT:

- a. <u>Promotion of Officer Towhey to Detective:</u> Chief Engelhart spoke regarding the need for another Detective within the Department, as well as noting the great work Officer Towhey has completed since joining the Department. Chairman Torrice asked for a motion to promote Detective Towhey to his new role, a motion was made by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously. District Judge Regina Armitage then administered the oath and swore in Detective Towhey.
- b. <u>Appointment Corrections:</u> Chairman Torrice advised that some term dates were incorrect on last month's approval for appointments which is why they are re-appearing this month. Chairman Torrice asked for a motion to approve item b, i through iv, which was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously.
- c. New Appointments: Chairman Torrice requested a motion to appoint Steve Kendra to the Parks and Recreation Board with a term ending 12/31/2029, which was made by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously.

#### 4. <u>LEGAL</u>: Solicitor's Report:

- a. None.
- 5. PLANNING:

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- a. Telford Borough Authority Well House #6 Land Development Waiver: Mr. Fulmer advised the Board that the Planning Commission recommended the proposal to waive the Land Development process, with conditions, for the construction of a filter building on the existing property owned by Telford Borough to comply with pending Environmental Protection Agency mandates for water quality. The Authority's Engineer, Pat DiGangi from CKS Engineers, provided further explanation of the project. Chairman Torrice requested a motion to waive the land development plan conditioned upon completion of items contained within the engineering review dated January 9, 2025, and we'll add receiving confirmation from PPL that proposed improvements may be located within that utility easement. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously.
- b. Suburban Equities, III LLC Land Development: Mr. Fulmer explained that this project was before the Planning Commission in December and this month for consideration of the proposal to construct a warehouse building on the property along Bethlehem Pike which is located within the HI Zoning District. He reminded the Board that this project previously received conditional use approval and some variance approval from the Zoning Hearing Board, which was granted by the Board of Supervisors as well. Mr. Fulmer stated that the Planning Commission's recommendation this month was to grant preliminary approval subject to compliance with the items in the November 18, 2024 review letter and made recommendations on waivers. He then introduced the applicant's attorney, John VanLuvanee, who spoke on behalf of the applicant regarding the project's history and three items within the review letter. Discussion then ensued for items 5, waivers f and g under line item 7, and lastly, regarding preliminary final approval that was requested and not approved by the Planning Commission. Following an extensive discussion regarding these items, Mr. Fulmer further explained how any fees in lieu would be handled through the Development Agreement should an alternative use of the funds be requested by the Board, to which Mr. VanLuvanee affirmed. Chairman Torrice then asked about the buffer yard, and Mr. Fulmer responded that the buffer is essentially double buffer for the parking lot, as well as the neighboring use, between type 1 and type 5 depending on the location on the property. Representatives for the applicant added additional information regarding the buffering, the recent traffic study, conditional uses, and alternative energy sources. Chairman Torrice requested a motion for preliminary land development approval upon the completion of items contained within engineering review correspondence dated November 18, 2024, with additional capital contribution determination for sidewalks and trees at a later date, Vice Chairman Groff made a motion amending the Chair's motion from preliminary land development approval to preliminary final land development approval, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger. Chairman Torrice then asked for public comment, which there was none of. The amended motion was passed unanimously.
- c. <u>Front Porch Cohousing:</u> Mr. Fulmer advised that the members of Front Porch Cohousing met with staff about a month ago to talk about a proposal that they would like to discuss with the Board, and introduced co-founder Jim Richardson for his presentation. Mr. Richardson shared that he was seeking a very preliminary approval from the Board for a project they would like to start at a parcel located off Route 113. Mr. Richardson and his team presented on the need for a neuro-inclusive community, shared his personal story, and provided a concept plan for the potential development. The Board provided comments and positive feedback on the proposal.

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#### 6. ENGINEERING:

a. None.

#### 7. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u>

a. None.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. <u>Motion to Approve 5-year Contract for new Permitting Services to Spatial Data Logic:</u> Dr. Ferry advised that Spatial Data Logic was selected out of the three options that presented to the public at a prior meeting. Chairman Torrice asked for a motion to approve the 5-year Contract for new Permitting Services to Spatial Data Logic. A motion was made by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously.
- b. <u>Motion to Approve 3-year Auditing Services Contract</u>: Dr. Ferry advised that this motion is to approve auditing services to cover audits in 2025, 2026 and 2027, noting there was a substantial difference in the cost with no real variance in services between the two responses that were received. Chairman Torrice asked for a motion to approve auditing services for years 2025, 2026 and 2027, at which time Supervisor Metzinger requested that this motion be tabled until February. Chairman Torrice then asked for a motion to table this item until February. A motion was made by Supervisor Metzinger, seconded by Vice Chairman Groff, and carried unanimously.

#### c. Ordinance Advertisements:

- i) 1987-002, Well Certification for Private Water Supplies
- ii) 2016-004, Vehicles and Traffic

Dr. Ferry advised the first item, Ordinance 1987-002, Well Certification for Private Water Supplies, is no longer consistent with the County's recently modified requirements and noted she would like to evaluate and amend the Township Ordinance to be more consistent. Dr. Ferry advised the second item, 2016-004, Vehicles and Traffic, is used when making snow emergency declarations and general emergency declarations. The sections that are proposed for updates are Schedule 1 and Schedule 7, to increase safety and make the Township roadways more clearly defined for the Township residents. Chairman Torrice asked for a motion to draft and advertise Ordinance 1987-002 and Ordinance 2016-004. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously.

d. <u>Discussion for future quarterly treasurer reports: Vice Chairman Groff</u>: Vice Chairman Groff advised that he wants to have Dr. Ferry's present quarterly treasurer's report with respect to budgets, spending, etc. Chairman Torrice asked for a motion for to provide quarterly treasurer reports in the future. A motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously.

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- e. <u>Discussion for Agenda addition timetables: Vice Chairman Groff:</u> Vice Chairman Groff advised the need for a deadline for when material must be added to the Agenda so that everyone has to time to review material. Discussion ensued and a deadline of Thursday at noon was decided. Further discussion on when to post the materials to the website prior to the meeting was initiated by Supervisor Metzinger.
- f. <u>Supervisor Liaison Program: Supervisor Metzinger:</u> Supervisor Metzinger advised that one of the roles he took on when a liaison program was established last year was as the fire liaison. He noted that based on his involvement over the last year, there seems to be overlap between fire and EMS, he asked if the other Board Members would be open to more of an emergency services liaison, excluding police. Discussion ensued regarding the Manager's role and if a liaison program is necessary now that there is a Manager. The Board agreed to table it at this time.
- g. <u>Hilltown Fire Evaluation: Supervisor Metzinger:</u> Supervisor Metzinger felt it would be a good time to take another look at the fire evaluation report that was completed in 2007, and asked Dr. Ferry to explore avenues to get another one done. Dr. Ferry advised that she would look into it.

#### 9. <u>MANAGER UPDATE:</u>

- a. <u>Resignation of Elected Auditor, James O'Brien</u>: Dr. Ferry announced Mr. O'Brien's resignation and advised the County of Bucks has been notified.
- b. <u>ARPA Recap Report</u>: Dr. Ferry provided a report on the fully obligated ARPA grant money, providing a comparison to the previously reported projected uses for the funding which were presented in fall of 2024.

#### 10. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Torrice thanked the Public Works Road Crew for their hard work and great job on the recent snow event.

Supervisor Metzinger thanked Dr. Ferry and Chief Engelhart regarding their response to a safety concern on Rte. 113 and Keystone on Friday night.

#### 11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tyler Coleman, Township resident, asked about access and changed to the Telford Borough Authority Well House #6. Mr. Fulmer responded to his questions after which, Tyler's brother Brian Coleman, also a Township resident, approached the podium and asked about the bridge. Mr. Fulmer advised Brian to ask Telford Borough as it is their access point.

#### 12. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

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13. <u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> Upon a motion made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Metzinger, and carried unanimously, the January 27, 2025, Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deanna Ferry, DPA Township Manager

(\*NOTE: These minutes were transcribed from notes and recordings and should not be considered official until approved by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting).



## 2025 FIRE AGREEMENT



#### 2025 FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT

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HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	Silverdale Fire Company
Caleb Torrice, Chairman	
James C. Groff, Vice-Chairman	
Joseph Metzinger, Supervisor	

Deanna Ferry, Township Manager

Attest:



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Caleb Torrice, Chairman
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Joseph Metzinger, Supervisor
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December 5. and To the Line Management

Telford Volunteer Fire Company



Deanna Ferry, Township Manager



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The "Designated Service Area" is that portion of Hilltown Township to be served by the Fire Company as depicted on the Fire District Map, as adopted on August 12, 1996, by the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors.

The Fire Company shall, when providing service to areas of substantial distance from the Fire Company or in situations when certain equipment/apparatus is required, utilize "dual dispatch" to ensure that complete and comprehensive fire protection is provided. "Dual dispatch" means that the Fire Company will automatically be dispatched first, while fire company equipment located nearest to the scene (in terms of expected travel time) shall automatically be dispatched second.

#### 4. Town Fire Chief

The Chief of the Fire Company is hereby appointed the Township Fire Chief within the Designated Service Area. Pursuant to the Second-Class Township Code, the Township hereby vests such authority in said Fire Chief and said Fire Chief shall possess an appropriate badge of authority in the exercise of duties. The Fire Chief

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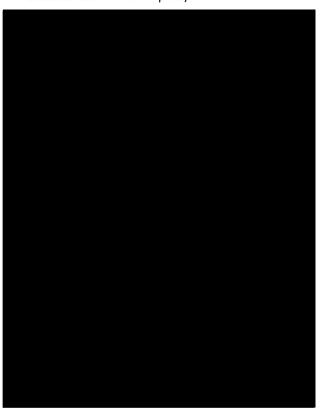
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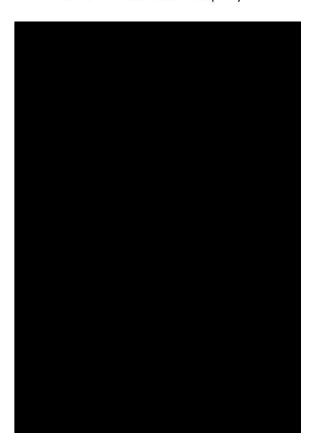
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Telford Volunteer Fire Company



Deanna Ferry, Township Manager

# CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT



#### HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP

JAN 24 2025

13 West Creamery Road P.O. Box 260

Hilltown, PA 18927

(215) 453-6000 Fax: (215) 453-1024

Date: January 3, 2025

### **COMMUNITY EVENT FORM**

Request for Use of Hilltown Township Local Road for a Community Event (Resolution # 2007-022)

Dear Hilltown Township,

we, the undersigned Hillown Township property own	iers and residents hereby request	
consideration from Hilltown Township to allow us to	use 15-001-045-001	
5	(Street)	
for a Sweatshirt of Hope 25	on the following date Sept 20 & 21	and
time Saturday 9 am to 9 pm Sthday 9 am to 2 pm	•	
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We have read and we understand and agree to all of the requirements of Hilltown Township Resolution #2007-022 and in compliance thereof, we have obtained the signatures of all Hilltown Township property owners who have land owner frontage affected by the location of our requested event. We further enclose a check payable to "Hilltown Township" in the amount of \$100.00, pursuant to Paragraph 3 of said Resolution.

We understand that we will be responsible for notifying all abutting property owners at least twenty one (21) days before the event. We also hereby agree to provide proof to you that individual notification was delivered to each resident on our affected street of the requested scheduled event. We will provide you with a receipt as required by Paragraph 9 of said Resolution and we will further provide to you a Letter of Indemnity pursuant to Paragraph 10 of said Resolution.

The contact person who is hereby authorized by all of the undersigned to be the contact person			
for purposes of Township response is _	Terry S Derstine (Please Print)	who can be reached at	
(Filone Number)			

### SOLICITOR'S REPORT



### P.O. Box 260 Hilltown, PA 18927

Hilltown, PA 1892/

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

February 18, 2025

To:

**Board of Supervisors** 

From:

Caitlin M. Mest, EIT, BCO, CFM, CZO

RE:

Variance

Applicant:

Gregory Dew (Owner)

**Affected Property:** 

**Zoning District:** 

VC - Village Center

**Requested Action:** 

Applicant is requesting two variances to erect a residential accessory

detached garage.

Summary:

Applicant requests to demolish an existing detached garage and erect a new detached garage. Garage is accessory to an existing single-family dwelling. The proposed garage shall have a side yard setback of 10 ft; whereas, a minimum 20 ft side yard setback is required. Also, the proposed garage shall have a rear yard setback of 35 ft; whereas, a rear yard setback of 50 ft is required.

**Requested Variance:** 

ZO §160-23.B(1). Single Family Detached.

Note to BOS:

There is a typo in the zoning officer's letter to the applicant dated 2/11/2025. The letter stated a 25 ft side yard in required in the VC zoning district; however, a 20 ft side yard is required per the zoning ordinance.

Correction is noted above.

cc:

File



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APPEAL TO ZONING HEARING BOARD HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP

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TOWNSHIP USE: Appeal #: 2025-00 Date Files: 2-13 Receipted By:

#### PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THEAPPLICATION

PLEASAE ATTACH ALL REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION. FAILURE TO COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OR ATTACH ALL REQUESTED DOCUMENTATION MAY RESULT IN A DENIAL OF YOUR APPLICATION. YOUR INTIALS BELOW INDICATE THAT YOU HAVE A COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF THE SAME.

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Date: 2-17-25				
1. Applicant:				
a. Name: <u>Ireq Dew</u>				
b. Mailing Address:				
c. Phone Number:				
d. State whether the Applicant is: (Check one or more if applicable)				
Owner of Legal Title Owner of Equitable Title Tenant with the Permission of Legal Title				
2. Applicant's Attorney: (if any)				
a. Attorney's and Firm Name:				
b. Mailing Address:				
c. Phone Number:Fax No.:				
d. Email Address:				

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# HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

3.	Property Information:
	a. Present Zoning Use Classification:
	b. Tax Parcel Number:
	c. Location: (with reference to nearby intersections or prominent features):
	Near intersection of Blooming Glen Rd and
	Main St. in the Blooming alen community
4.	Present Use: Old barn ogarage
5.	Proposed Use: (if different) <u>new detached garage</u>
6.	Classification of Appeal: (Check one or more if applicable)
	A. Request for a Variance (Zoning Ordinance §160-104.A)  B. Request for Special Exception (Zoning Ordinance §160-104.B)  C. Interpretation of Law  D. Appeal from action of the Zoning Officer (Attach all related correspondence)  E. Other (Please specify)
7.	Cite Zoning Ordinance sections applicable to, and summarize, relief request:  (use separate paper if necessary)
	160.23-8 I would like to move the current footprint
	approximately 9.5 ft closer to my SW (side yard) property line. Aesthetically and functionally this would be a big improvement
8.	Have any previous appeals been filed regarding this property:  Yes  No
	a. If yes, please explain:
	b. Prior Appeal Number:
	hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge,
Name:	
Name:	Date:



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February 11, 2025

Greg Dew and Rachel Dew	
RE: – Detached	garage

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dew,

This letter is to notify you that your permit application for 2005, located in the Village Center (VC) zoning district, has been denied at this time. The permit application has been denied due to the following reasons:

- 1. (Section 160-23.B.(1), Hilltown Township Zoning Ordinance) The proposed side yard setback for an accessory residential structure greater than 250 sqft is 10 ft; whereas, a minimum of 25 ft setback is required.
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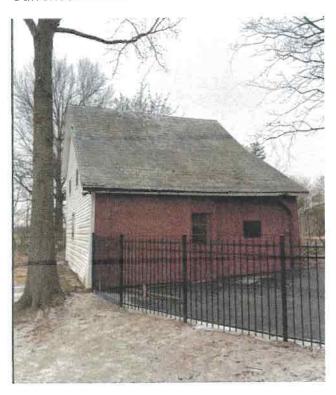
You may appeal the decision to the Hilltown Township Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB.) The link to the ZHB application is within the email to which this letter is attached.

If you should have any questions at this time, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

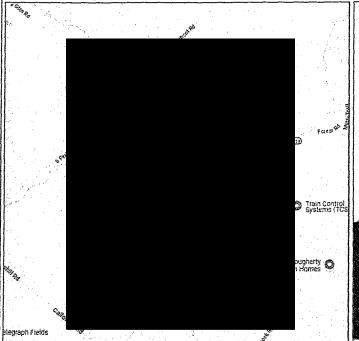
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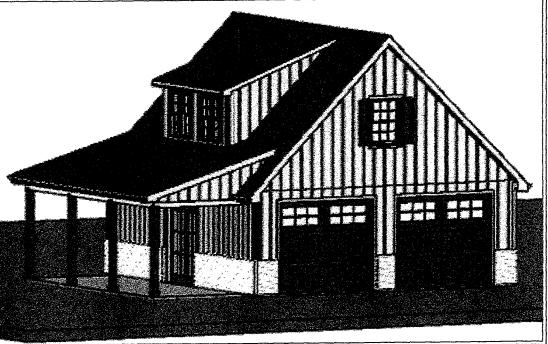
#### Current structure



New (proposed)







# BROTHERS

DRAWINGS PROVIDED BY:

Smucker Brothers Construction 1934 Sheep Hill Rd (717)587-881B

Dew. Greg & Rachel

729 Blooming Glen Rd Perkasie PA email address Ph-317-306-6686

DATE:

2/13/2025

Plan Image

3D Image

Page Notes

# Site Plan Electrical Layout

## Greg & Rachel Dew

#### ALL CONSTRUCTION SHALL COMPLY WITH 2018 IRC BUILDING CODE

BUILDER MUST VERIPY ALL DIMENSIONS AND ACCURACY BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

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#### CODE AND LOADING INFORMATION

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RESIDENTAL SINGLE FAMILY DIVELLING

CONSTRUCTION TYPE

#### LOADING NOTES - 1ST FLOOR LIVE - 40 PSF

- 2ND FLOORIATTIC = 80 PSF

-SNOWLIVE = 90 PSF

- DEAD LOADS = 1 PSF

-BASIC WIND SPEED = 115 MPH

- SEISMIC DESIGN CATEGORY - B

- FROST DEPTHLINE = 96"

- ASSUMED SOIL CLASS - GM, GC

- SOIL BEARING CAPACITY = 2008 PSF IF SOIL DIFFERS FROM ASSUMED ABOVE (REFER TO IRC 2015 CODES)

#### ENERGY CODE COMPLIANCE

#### SINGLE FAMILY DIVIDLE ING (CLIMATE ZONES-A)

MAX. GLAZING-FACTOR = 50 - CEILING INSULATION = R-49

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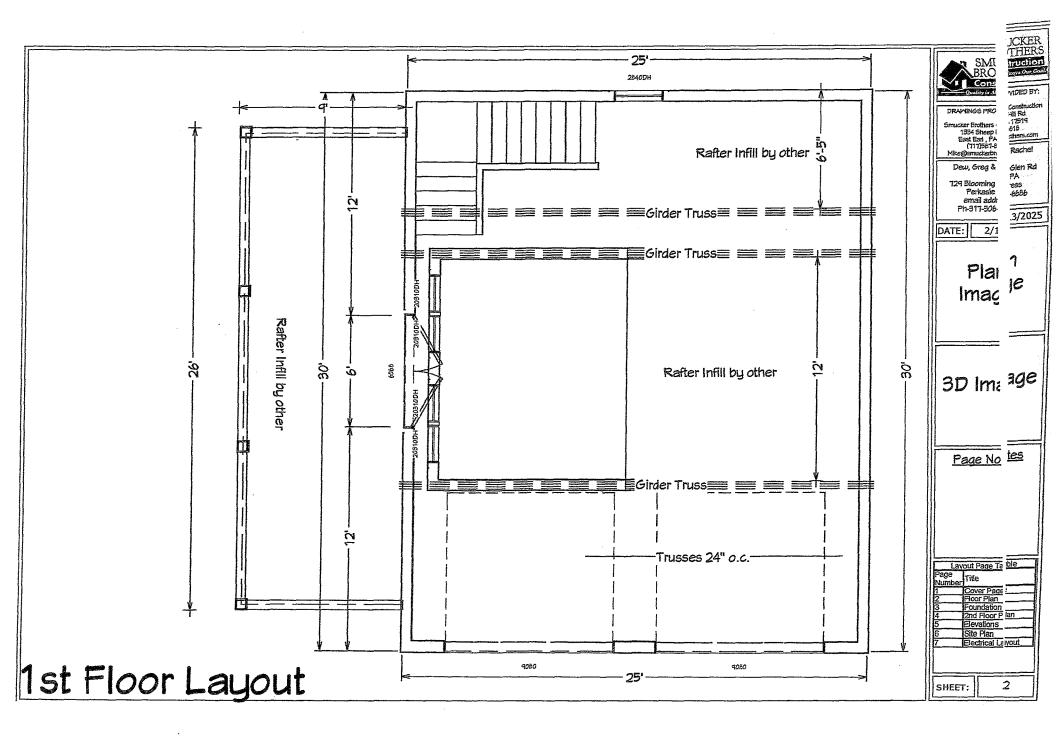
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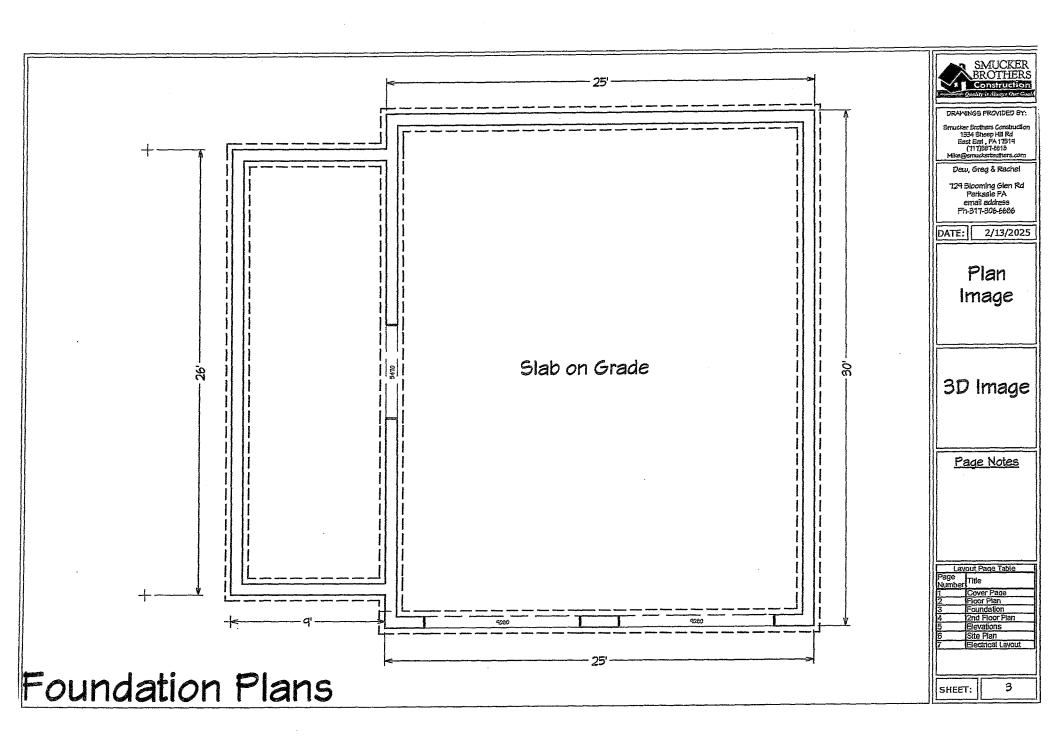
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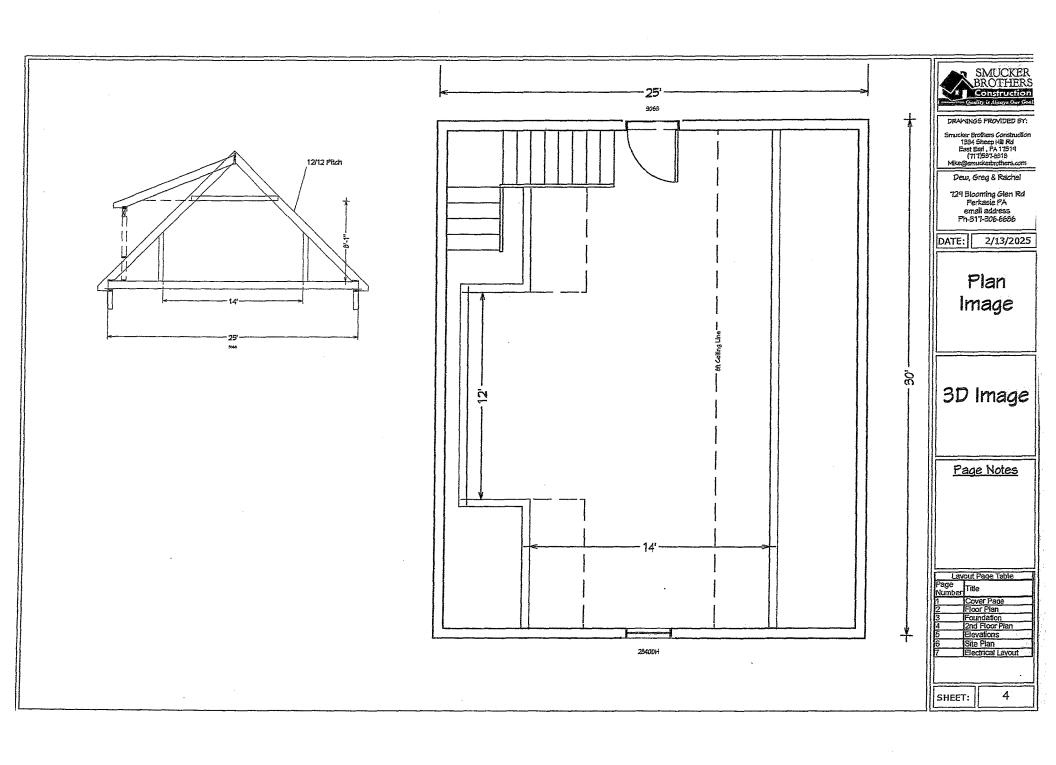
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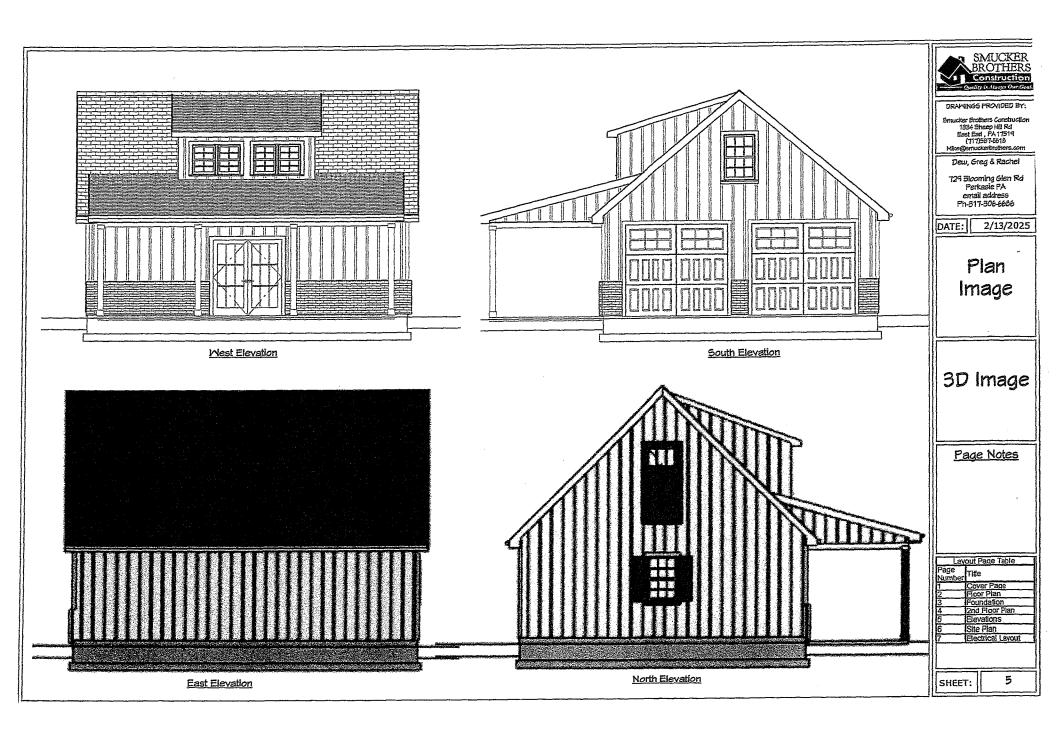
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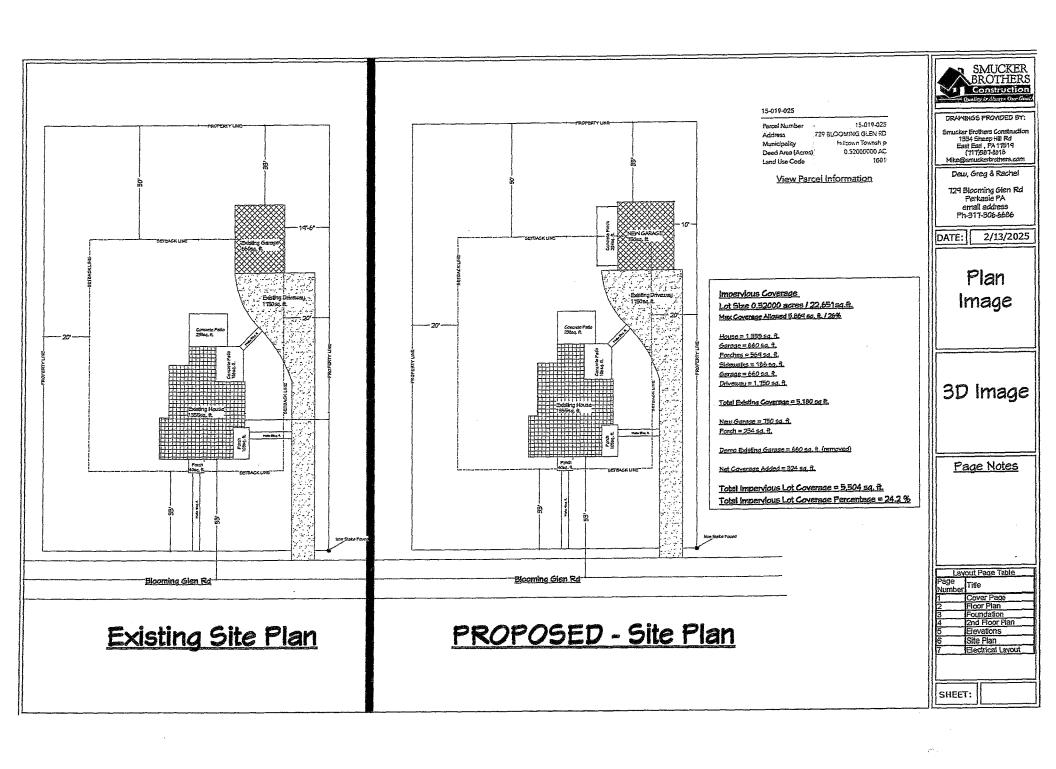
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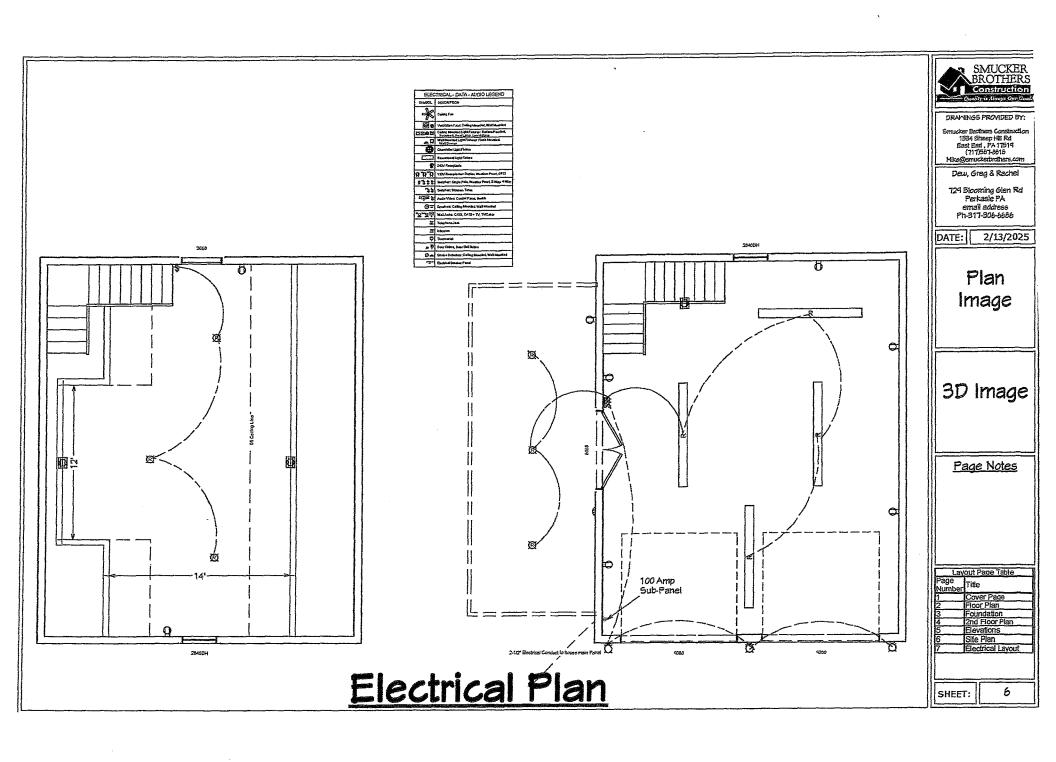














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MEMORANDUM February 19, 2025

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: Caitlin M. Mest, EIT, BCO, CFM, CZO

RE:

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**Applicant:** Jason Allebach (Owner)

Affected Property:

**Zoning District:** RR – Rural Residential

**Requested Action:** Applicant is requesting one variance to erect a residential

accessory structure (pole barn.)

**Summary:** Applicant requests to erect a new pole barn. Pole barn shall be

accessory to an existing single-family dwelling. The proposed pole barn shall have a side yard setback of 10 ft; whereas, a

minimum 25 ft side yard setback is required.

**Requested Variance:** ZO §160-23.B(1). Single Family Detached.

cc: File



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# APPEAL TO ZONING HEARING BOARD HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP

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TOWNSHIP USE:
Appeal #: 2025-003

Date Files: 2-18-25

Receipted By: JL

#### PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THEAPPLICATION

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THE TOWNSHIP WILL NOT ACCEPT APPICATIONS UNLESS INTIALED BELOW. Date: 2/17/25 1. Applicant: a. Name: Jason Allebach b. Mailing Address c. Phone Number: d. State whether the Applicant is. (Check one or more is applicable) ✓ Owner of Legal Title Owner of Equitable Title Tenant with the Permission of Legal Title 2. Applicant's Attorney: (if any) a. Attorney's and Firm Name: b. Mailing Address: Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No.: d. Email Address:

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# HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

3.	Propert	Property Information:		
	a.	Present Zoning Use Classification: Rura   Residential		
	b.	Tax Parcel Number: 15-029-033-002		
	c.	Location: (with reference to nearby intersections or prominent features):		
		on Forest Rd. near intersection		
		with Minsi Trail		
4.	Present	Use: Residentia)		
5.	Propos	ed Use:(if different) Residents a)		
6.	Classif	ication of Appeal: (Check one or more if applicable)		
		A. Request for a Variance (Zoning Ordinance §160-104.A) B. Request for Special Exception (Zoning Ordinance §160-104.B) C. Interpretation of Law D. Appeal from action of the Zoning Officer (Attach all related correspondence) E. Other (Please specify)		
7.	Cite Zo	oning Ordinance sections applicable to, and summarize, relief request:  (use separate paper if necessary)		
8.		ny previous appeals been filed regarding this property:  Yes  No  If yes, please explain:		
	b.	Prior Appeal Number:		
I (We)	hereby	certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge, belief.		
Name:				
Name:	V	Date:		

### HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP ZONING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The following need to accompany this application:

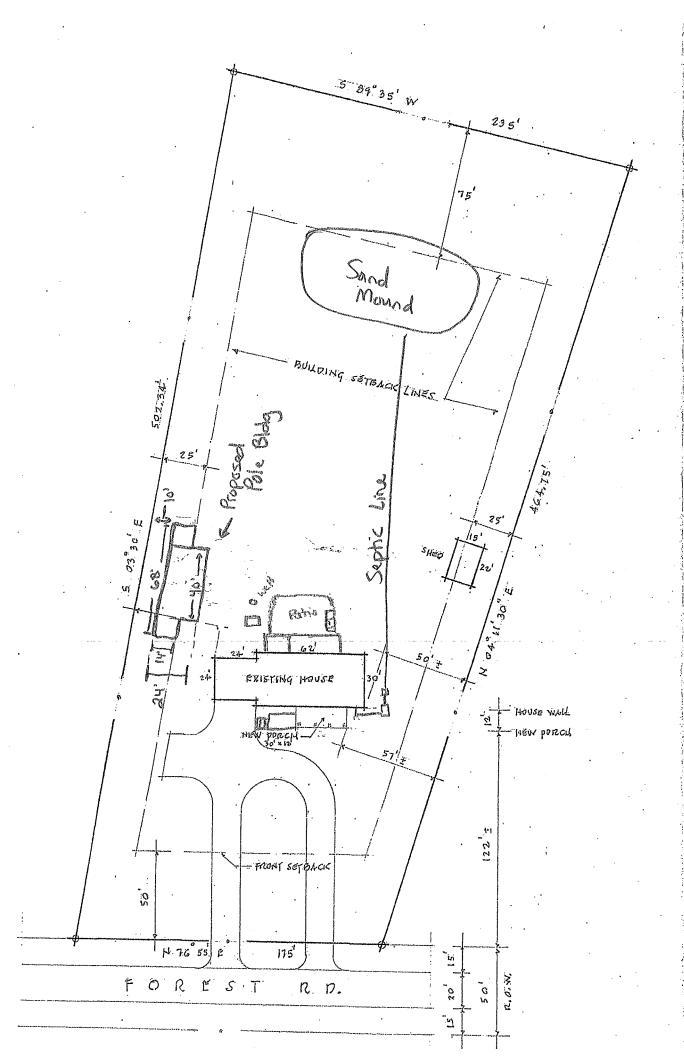
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    - The dimensions and area of the lot
    - The dimensions and location of existing buildings or improvements
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    - Building(s) or improvements
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Ap	olication to Zoning Hearing Board	GOD
A.	Residential Use	\$1000.00
В.	Residential Development (3 or More Lots)	\$1,500.00
C.	Non-Residential Use	\$2,000.00
D.	Multiple Hearing-Additional Testimony Only	50 % of Original Fee
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Requesting variance to allow this placement of the proposed structure for the following reasons:

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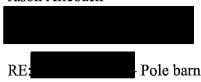




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January 28, 2025

Jason Allebach



Dear Mr. Allebach,

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If you should have any questions at this time, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Caitlin M. Mest, EIT, BCO, CFM, CZO Hilltown Township Zoning Officer cmest@barryisett.com

### PLANNING REPORT

# WYNN ASSOCIATES, INC.

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February 18, 2025

Caleb Torrice, Chairperson (via email) Jim Groff, Vice Chairperson (via email) Joe Metzinger, Supervisor (via email) Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors 13 W. Creamery Road, PO Box 260 Hilltown, PA 18927

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Planning/Engineering Agenda Items

File No. 03-000

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Subject: Weidner Tract Subdivision Preliminary Plan

Seven Corner Road/South Perkasie Road

TMP #15-11-76 & #15-11-78-2

File No. 01-626

Dear Planning Commission Members,

The following comments and/or recommendations are made with respect to the subject revised preliminary subdivision plan, sheets 1 thru 32, dated December 18, 2020, last revised November 23, 2024, prepared by Woodrow & Associates, Inc., which was received by the Township on January 13, 2025:

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- C. SLDO Section 140-28.M, which prohibits proposed roads from crossing municipal boundaries. Relief is requested to permit the proposed road to cross the municipal boundary between Hilltown and East Rockhill Townships. The proposed ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the road are consistent with direction given by the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors; and should also be addressed to the satisfaction of East Rockhill Township.
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- E. SLDO Section 140-38, which requires that design of stormwater management facilities must be based on the maximum permitted site and individual lot impervious surface area (15%) for all major residential subdivisions where the smallest lot is less than three acres. Relief is requested to design stormwater management facilities for less than the maximum lot impervious surface area on Lots 11 and 12. (Lot 11 contains the existing dwelling, which does not drain to the proposed stormwater management facilities; and Lot 12 assumes a total impervious cover of 8,000 SF, which accounts for the proposed improvements shown on the subdivision plan, plus an additional 3,000+ SF of future impervious cover on the lots without additional stormwater controls). If a waiver is granted, approval should be conditioned upon the residential disclosure statement for Lots 11 and 12 specifying the limitations for future impervious surface, and the possibility that additional stormwater controls may be required on these lots if future impervious surface area exceeds the limitations specified on the approved subdivision plan.
- F. SMO Section 134-19.J.4.c, which requires internal basin side slopes to be a maximum of 4 horizontal to 1 vertical. Waiver is requested to permit internal basin side slopes to have a maximum slope of 3 horizontal to 1 vertical, in order to enable preservation of more of the wooded area. Provided that basin side slopes are planted with low maintenance groundcover that does not require routine mowing, this office has no objection to the applicant's request.
- 3. Tabulation of natural resources on sheet 2 indicates that the site contains woodlands and steep slopes, which require protection in accordance with Section 160-28 of the Zoning Ordinance. A Wetland Report, dated March 2020 from John F. Szczepanski, PhD of Nova Consultants, LTD, indicates that no wetlands/regulated waters were determined to exist within the site. Plan information indicates that the limits of disturbance of natural resources are within the allowable limits set forth in Section 160-28 of the Zoning Ordinance. Environmental Performance Standards table on sheet 2 should be revised to eliminate the "V" designations next to the tabulations of forest and steep slope disturbance, as variance approval is not applicable to the current site layout.
- 4. A Homeowner's Association (HOA) is proposed to maintain the stormwater management facilities (pursuant to Note 12 on sheet 2), and the internal road (pursuant to Note 15 on sheet 2). HOA Charter and Bylaws should be submitted to the Township for review by the Township Solicitor; and a Declaration should be prepared to outline ownership and maintenance requirements for common improvements.

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- 5. Internal street is designed having a 32 feet wide cartway (with curb) contained within a 56 feet wide right of way. A 40 feet radius cul-de-sac turnaround (with curb) is proposed at the terminus of the road. Sidewalk is proposed along both sides of the roadway. The following street design issues should be addressed:
  - A. Plan identifies a "Reserved ROW" between Lots 15 and 16, to permit future street construction within TMP #15-11-77 to the east of the site in the event the adjoining parcel is ever proposed for development. In the event that the internal road network will be privately owned, Township should reconsider whether a future "reserved ROW" is desirable to adjacent parcel.
  - B. A group mailbox location is proposed along the frontage of Lot 19. Plan should be reviewed by the servicing postmaster to confirm that group mailbox location/design complies with USPS requirements.
  - C. A snow storage easement is proposed around the perimeter of the cul-de-sac turnaround as required by Section 140-30.F of the Subdivision Ordinance. A legal description for the snow storage easement, containing original seal and signature by the responsible surveyor, should be submitted for review, and preparation of easement documents by the Township Solicitor. Easement documents should be executed by the property owner in a manner satisfactory to the Township, prior to plan recordation.
  - D. Plan identifies that the applicant proposes the road name of "Fox Trail Court" for consideration. Proposed name should be reviewed by Township emergency services and servicing postmaster, to verify that same does not duplicate, or otherwise conflict with, existing street names in the Township and postal service area. Street name is subject to review and approval of the Board of Supervisors. (SLDO Section 140-28.L)
- 6. A "Post-Construction Stormwater Management Report", dated June 2021, last revised November 2024, prepared by Woodrow & Associates, was submitted with the revised preliminary plan. Site is located within the East Branch Perkiomen Creek Watershed, which requires compliance with peak rate control, water quality volume, and groundwater recharge volume requirements of the Stormwater Management Ordinance (Ordinance 2011-2) adopted pursuant to Act 167. Plan identifies a stormwater management basin contained within a proposed drainage easement at the rear of Lots 18 and 19, which is designed to manage increased runoff from the Hilltown Township area of the site.

Ownership/maintenance for the proposed stormwater management facilities is identified to be the responsibility of a community Homeowners' Association (HOA), per Note 12 on sheet 2. A Stormwater Facilities Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement, prepared by the Township Solicitor, should be executed by the property owner to ensure that the basin remains a perpetual part of the site, is maintained pursuant to requirements of the approved stormwater plan, and which permits the Township to access the site to ensure that the basin is being maintained accordingly. Additionally, the proposed easement encompassing the stormwater management facility, as well as all other drainage/storm sewer easements shown on the plan, should be established in a manner satisfactory to the Township. Legal descriptions for proposed storm sewer/drainage easements, signed and sealed by the responsible surveyor, should be submitted to the Township for review and preparation of easement documents by the Township Solicitor. Easement documents should be executed by the property owner in a manner satisfactory to the Township, prior to plan recordation.

Discharge from the proposed stormwater management basin at the rear of Lots 18 and 19 is proposed to be piped through an existing drainage easement on TMP #12-13-21-2, which was shown on a prior subdivision plan from the mid-1980s. Although this office supports the concept of piping runoff through the easement area for connection to storm sewer proposed along Seven Corner Road in East Rockhill Township, documentation clarifying the terms of the original drainage easement (ownership, maintenance, purpose, restrictions) should be provided to the Township for review, to ensure that discharge from the basin is permitted to be piped as shown on the plan; and clarification of access/ownership/maintenance

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responsibilities can be verified. If an easement document is not determined to exist (or does not permit the pipe and/or clarify the ownership/access/maintenance responsibilities of the easement), the applicant should obtain authorization from the impacted property owner to clarify these provisions to the satisfaction of the Township and Township Solicitor.

Additional comments pertaining to stormwater facility design are included in the engineering/drafting detail portion of this review.

- 7. Written verification of approval for proposed erosion and sediment control measures to be implemented during construction activity should be received from the Bucks County Conservation District. As earth disturbance will exceed one acre, verification of receipt of an NPDES permit from PADEP must be submitted to the Township, prior to plan recordation. (SLDO Section 140-40)
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  - A Sewage Facilities Planning Module was not submitted with the preliminary plan for review. Sewage Facilities Planning Module must be submitted for review and execution by the servicing entities and Township; and must receive approval from PADEP, unless waived by PADEP. (SLDO Sections 140-21 & 140-42)
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the development abuts existing residential parcels, to supplement existing vegetation to remain and to fill in gaps in the existing tree rows. Tree Inventory notes that 145 replacement trees are required to be installed within Hilltown Township, which will be installed "at the owner's discretion" - and specifies 9 trees per lot, with one lot having 10 trees. Township should determine if tree replacement proposal is acceptable.

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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Very Truly Yours,

Timothy Fulmer, P.E. Township Engineer

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# UNFINISHED BUSINESS



### **Recommendations Action Plan**

- 1. Establish an audit committee to oversee the audit process and hiring of a qualified auditor
- 2. Develop formal, written financial policies in compliance with the Second Class Township Code to guide decision making
- 3. Review all bank accounts and balances.
- 4. Create a multi-year capital plan for infrastructure to ensure funds are adequate.
- 5. Prepare a formal investment policy to ensure public funds are managed prudently and in accordance with SCTC
- 6. Provide monthly financial reports and bank statements for all funds to the BOS
- 7. Meet to address the excess reserve balance as soon as possible, and discuss the impact on the 2025 budget taxes
- 8. Transfers must have a resolution
- 9. Send a letter to all vendors requesting them to complete a W-9, which can be electronically done, and issue 1099's as appropriate
- 10. Join GFOA and PSATS



### Regional Fire & Emergency Services

**Smart Strategies for Keeping Communities Safe** 



#### **Emergency Services in PA**

In 2018, the Senate released the Senate Resolution 6 Commission report as a guide to improve Pennsylvania's Fire & Emergency Medical Services (EMS) systems. The report gives an overview of emergency services in the state and includes 27 recommendations developed by six subcommittee chairs who recognized the crisis in these services. It also offers tools like a Fire/EMS Service Delivery Chart to help communities identify their emergency providers and a Standard of Service Matrix to determine acceptable levels of service in Pennsylvania.

Through voluntary mergers and consolidations, fire departments and emergency medical service providers may become more sustainable.

### Regional Fire and Emergency Services

The Governor's Center for Local Government Services provides a full range of vital programs, training, and services to municipal governments to resolve problems at the local level.

The Governor's Center for Local Government Services also offers technical and financial assistance to support regionalization efforts, and continually recognizes successful ventures to encourage more fire departments and emergency medical service providers to consider regionalization.

For more information about regional fire and emergency services, visit dced.pa.gov/fire.

## **Regional Fire & Emergency Services**

Regional Contacts & Resources

### Recommendations for Municipalities Regarding Fire Services

- Create an Emergency Services Committee, comprising municipal staff and emergency services staff.
- 2. Plan budgets in one, five, and ten-year increments in cooperation with fire company expectations.
- 3. Pay fire company invoices as allocated in the municipal budget without handing over cash to company.
- 4. Consider the overall needs and level of service of the municipality, surrounding municipalities, and county emergency planning staff.
- 5. Assist fire departments with securing external bookkeeping/accounting support for financial management, including annual tax preparation.
- 6. Require fire departments to conduct annual and recruit physical examinations.
- Conduct annual criminal background/drivers' license checks on all firefighters and new recruits.
- 8. Require that all new recruits and firefighters pass an annual fitness/agility test.
- 9. Contact the Center with questions.
- 10. Submit a Letter of Intent to the Center (if needed) to request a study.



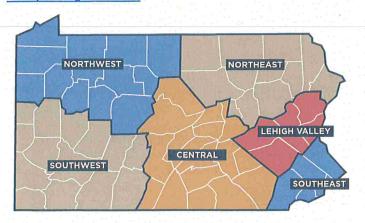
### **Fire Studies Offered**

- M Emergency Services Evaluation
- Fire Services Management
- Fire Apparatus and Equipment
- Merger Feasibility
- Consolidation Feasibility
- M Regional Feasibility

Emergency service comes in a variety of forms, from a simple intergovernmental agreement like mutual aid to a complex merger. Other forms of service may include automatic aid agreements or functional, partial, and operational consolidations.

## **Regional Contacts & Resources**

The Department of Community & Economic Development's regional offices are the first point of contact for municipalities regarding economic development programs. Our department provides technical assistance to local and regional agencies relating to planning, implementation, funding opportunities, grant applications, and project management. We are invested in enhancing the quality of life for all Pennsylvanians through the revitalization of our cities and boroughs. Contact an office near you to get started.



# Governor's Center for Local Government Services

Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street, 4th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

> Tel: 1.888.223.6837 Email: ra-dcedclgs@pa.gov

#### Northwest

100 State Street, Suite 205 Erie, PA 16507

814.871.4241

### Southwest

301 5th Avenue, Suite 250 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

412.565.5199

#### Central

400 North Street, 4th Floor Commonwealth Keystone Bldg. Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

888.223.6837

### Southeast

1650 Arch Street, Suite 2500 Philadelphia, PA 19103

215.560.5830

### Lehigh Valley

400 North Street, 4th Floor Commonwealth Keystone Bldg. Harrisburg, PA 17120-0225

717.877.8481

### Northeast

2 North Main Street Pittston, PA 18640

570.963.4571









### LETTER OF INTENT

This Letter of Intent is submitted to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services to request technical assistance. By submitting this request, the municipality agrees to cooperate with the Center.

The governing body must approve this request for assistance by motion prior to submission. No resolution is required.

Complete and return the form either by mail or email to <u>ra-dcedclgs@pa.gov</u>. Center personnel will evaluate the request to determine the level of assistance. The contact person designated below will receive all future information regarding this request.

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING  1. TYPE OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BEING REQUESTED:				
□ Police Regionalization □ Police Management □ Fire Regionalization □ Fire Services □ Emergency Medical Services (EMS)  2. ARE YOU CURRENTLY A PART OF ANY INTERGOV □ Yes ☑ No If yes, describe briefly:  3. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: We are looking to have an evaluation done of would be beneficial. We had a similar evaluation	on the Fire Departments that	le		
Name: Caleb Torrice				
Municipal Address: 13 West Creamery Road	d, PO Box 260			
Hilltown, PA 18927		***************************************		
Signature:		Date: <u>2/14/25</u>		
CONTACT PERSON  Name: Deanna Ferry  Address: 13 West Creamery Road, PO Box  Hilltown, PA 18927	x 260		anager	
Phone: 215-453-6000, x212				
E-mail: dferry@hilltown.org				
	SIGNATURE AND VE	RIFICATION		
I hereby certify that the governing body, at a	public meeting held on		, has approved this Letter of Intent.	
Attest (Secretary)		 Date		



### PEER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Peer Assistance Program is designed to make local governments more efficient and effective in the use of their resources to serve the needs of residents and taxpayers. The purpose of the Program is to provide technical assistance to local government officials to improve operations and the municipal service delivery system.

The Peer Assistance Program provides direct, hands-on technical assistance on a one-on-one basis. Persons with practical experience and a working knowledge in the areas of municipal and financial management and administration, public works, police, fire, emergency medical services, general government, and intergovernmental cooperation, who have demonstrated superior management and administrative skills, are selected to serve as Peer Consultants.

After a review of the operation is complete, a written report is prepared and presented to the municipal officials. The peer report provides a review and evaluation of the municipal operation or a comprehensive management study of operations, including recommendations, in areas such as financial management, police, fire, emergency medical services, and public works. In addition, a study may look at the feasibility of consolidating or regionalizing police, fire, emergency medical services, and public works, or other municipal operations or the consolidation or merger of municipalities themselves, if it is requested.

A municipality requesting assistance passes a motion at a public meeting approving a "Letter of Intent" and then submits it to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services. Upon approval, a Peer Consultant is then "matched" with a municipality that has requested assistance. Consultants are selected who have a specific area of technical expertise, are far enough away from the community and have no ties to the municipal operation being studied. An initial meeting is held to develop a scope of services between the municipality, the Peer Consultant, and the Governor's Center for Local Government Services is executed. The scope of services outlines the nature and type of technical assistance provided by the Center and Peer Consultant at no cost to the municipality.

The Peer Consultant begins the assistance effort by requesting, collecting, and analyzing data, by providing hands-on technical expertise, conducting on-site interviews with officials, and reviewing operating policies and procedures, and then making recommendations to improve operations and service delivery. Also, the Peer Consultant serves as a source of advice and information while the project is ongoing and is available for follow-up assistance in the implementation process.

Once the Peer Consultant completes the technical assistance effort or management study, a report is prepared, and a meeting is held with the Peer Consultant, Governor's Center for Local Government Services, and the municipal officials to have it presented and discussed.

# NEW BUSINESS



January 28, 2025

Via Email

Hilltown Township 13 West Creamery Road P.O. Box 260 Hilltown, PA 18927



To Whom It May Concern:

This municipal notice is to inform you that on behalf of our client, Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority, Castle Valley Consultants shall submit to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) application to renew the existing NPDES Individual Permit (PA0058840) to Discharge Sewage Effluent from Minor Sewage Facilities.:

Applicant Contact:

James Groff

Project Location:

Berry Brow, Treatment Plant, 212 Township Line Road

Project Description:

The existing NPDES permit will expire August 31, 2025. This application

for renewal does not request modification to the existing permit.

Under the Commonwealth's Administrative Code (Section 1905-A5), you have 30 days to comment on the proposal. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Gary Weaver, PE

Senior Project Manager

Enclosure

cc:

James Groff, Hilltown Township w/o enclosure

# MANAGER'S REPORT

### **Deanna Ferry**

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### Hello Deanna,

I informed you previously that our organization will be applying for a Keystone Historic Preservation Construction Grant. It has a due date of March 3, 2925. Acceptance or denials will come in June, with the beginning of grant period and grant agreement to be on September 1, 2025. With quarterly reports, the project end date is September 30, 2027. Given these guidelines, our application will be for construction projects to be performed in 2026.

Our Board of Directors discussed our matching responsibility at our last Directors meeting. The smallest amount given for this grant is \$5,000, with a matching \$5,000 from us. This is a hardship, but we will still apply for funding. Thank you for the information about this grant opportunity.

Has there been any further discussion regarding my request to the Township for the cost of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary book? We had hoped a previous sale of our vacant lot along Keystone Drive would fund this, however the sale fell through (for the fourth time). We paid \$1,950 to Labelcraft Press in Perkasie.

Any help the Hilltown Historical Society might receive from the local government would be a godsend. We exist to serve, preserve local history, and educate the citizens of the township. All of our events are free to the public, as we depend heavily on the generosity of others.

Sincerely,

Bill Stahl

President, Historical Society of Hilltown Township

# LEASE AGREEMENT FOR CIVIC PARK MUNICIPAL TENNIS COURTS

Bucks County Tennis Association Inc. Langhorne, PA

**Date: February \_\_\_\_\_, 2025** 

THIS LEASE AGREEMENT is made on this day of February, 2025, by and between HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP (the "Township"), a Pennsylvania municipal corporation, and BUCKS COUNTY TENNIS ASSOCIATION, INC. ("BCTA"), a Pennsylvania non-profit corporation, which hereby agrees to lease the Township's Municipal Tennis Courts located at Civic Park, located at 1110 Baringer Ave, Perkasie, PA 18944 within the Township of Hilltown, (the "Property") for BCTA athletic use, and, intending to be legally bound, hereby agrees to the following terms and conditions.

### 1. TERM

The term of this Lease is for ten year, from February \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 to February \_\_\_\_\_, 2035, and shall automatically renew for an additional ten year period thereafter, unless terminated pursuant to paragraph 10 hereof.

### 2. RENT

BCTA agrees to pay as rent for the use of the Property the sum of Twenty Percent (20%) of all registrations, to be paid to Hilltown Township in two installments annually, once in July and once in September, along with the registration list as support for the payment.

### 3. USE

- A. During the term of the Lease, in accordance with an approved schedule for use, BCTA shall have primary use of the Property. BCTA shall submit its athletic schedule to the Township offices one month before the start of each season.
  - B. BCTA shall also have use of the parking facilities available on the Property.
- C. The Township and BCTA agree that the Property shall be used by BCTA for athletic purposes and for the incidental sale of non-alcoholic beverages, food, novelties or sundries sold on behalf of BCTA. The sale of food, beverages, or novelties by commercial vendors or other non-profit groups is prohibited without the prior written consent of the Township and a permit issued by the Bucks County Health Department, when required.

### 4. CHANGES, ALTERATIONS, OR IMPROVEMENTS

BCTA shall not make any changes, alterations or improvements to the Property for any BCTA use or otherwise. Any changes, alterations, or improvements added without prior knowledge or consent from the Township shall be immediately removed by BTCA at its own expense. Should BCTA fail to promptly remove such changes, alterations, or improvements upon notice from the Township to do so, the Township may remove all features and require BCTA to pay the Township the cost of removal plus the cost of transportation and disposition of the removed materials.

### 5. <u>MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES</u>

It shall be the sole responsibility and obligation, financial and otherwise, of the Township to provide all necessary maintenance and care of the Property, any buildings or structures, and any associated equipment to enable BCTA to utilize the Property without hazard to the health and safety of players, spectators and all Property visitors. Further, it shall be the sole responsibility and obligation, financial and otherwise, of Hilltown Township to perform all necessary maintenance, repair or replacement of equipment, alterations or changes to the existing facilities, as may be required by state or local regulations. Hilltown Township reserves the right to charge BCTA any and all expenses that are incurred due to Property damage caused by BCTA or a party thereof during their use of the Property.

### 6. <u>INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE</u>

- A. BCTA does further covenant that during the term of this Lease, it shall assume full responsibility for the care, custody and control of the Property subject to this Lease during the hours of use; and will indemnify and hold harmless the Township from any loss, cost or damage, including reasonable attorney's fees, that may arise in connection with this Lease for the use of the Property by BCTA, its agents, employees, or members of BCTA. BCTA shall have no obligation to any non-BCTA user of the Property permitted by the Township or to trespassers, and shall have no obligation to indemnify or hold harmless the Township from any loss, cost or damage to such person or persons.
- B. BCTA further agrees to deliver to the Township a certificate of liability insurance, annually; on or before the anniversary date of this Lease; providing for insurance coverage to the Township as an additional named insured in amounts acceptable to the Township.

### 7. <u>REPAIR</u>

BCTA shall repair any damage done to any property, which occurs during BCTA's intended use of the Property should the damage be caused by a party of BCTA. BCTA shall not be responsible for any damage done by any other user of the Property permitted by the Township or by trespassers.

### 8. NO SUB-LEASE

BCTA will not sub-lease the Property, or any part thereof, or permit any other person, firm or corporation to occupy it, or any part thereof, without the prior express written consent of the Township. BCTA shall not occupy the Property in any manner for any purpose other than as set forth in Paragraph 3 of this Lease without the prior express written consent of the Township.

### 9. ORDINANCE NO. 94-3 COMPLIANCE

BCTA shall comply at all times with Hilltown Township Ordinance No. 94-3 which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made a part hereof. BCTA will give notice to its members,

players and spectators of the requirements of the attached Ordinance. The Township, by this Lease, grants special permission pursuant to Section 2 of Ordinance 94-3 to BCTA's use of the Property after sunset until 9:00 P.M., prevailing time, Monday through Saturday only.

### 10. <u>TERMINATION</u>

Either party may terminate this Lease upon the end of the term by giving to the other party written notice six (6) months prior to the end of the said term. Additionally, the Township may terminate this Lease at any time if: BCTA does not comply with the provisions of this Lease; if BCTA does not occupy or use the leased property for a period of six (6) months annually; or should BCTA cease to function as a non-profit organization under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

### 11. BCTA REPRESENTATIVE

BCTA shall provide to the Township, by May 1 of each year, the name of an authorized representative to contact the Township Manager to discuss and prepare for the upcoming athletic seasons and related activities; and to obtain, if applicable, an annual use permit. The BCTA representative shall have full authority to speak on BCTA's behalf in accordance with its bylaws, subject to approval by the BCTA Board of Directors, on any issue relating to this Lease or the use of the Property.

### 12. <u>ARBITRATION</u>

It is agreed that any dispute which may arise between the parties relating to the interpretation, validity, construction or performance of this Lease shall be subject to common law arbitration pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Each party shall bear its own arbitration costs and expenses, with each party to pay fifty (50%) percent of the fee and cost of the third arbitrator. The Township, at their discretion, may alternatively seek injunctive relief if the subject Property is not being used properly and in accordance with this Agreement.

### 13. USE OF LIGHTS

BCTA shall not install and/or use any additional lighting, whether permanent or temporary, upon the Property without prior written approval of the Township to do so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Lease to be executed by their duly authorized representatives, on the date first above set forth.

### 14. INTEGRATION

This Agreement constitutes the full and complete understanding of the parties regarding the subject matter herein and shall not be modified except by subsequent written agreement signed by both parties.

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
By:
BUCKS COUNTY TENNIS ASSOCIATION INC.
By: