



SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2026

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Karen Lynch, Chair	Present
Marian Ellis	Present
Barbara McGinnis	Present
Bob Rau	Present
Justin Glennon	Present

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Alice Eastmure, Manager	Absent
Justin Stottlar, Asst Manager	Present
Joseph Kuhls, Esq.	Present
Tim Woodrow, PE	Present
Jamie Magaziner, AICP	Present

Chair, Karen Lynch welcomed everyone to the Board of Supervisors and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Karen Lynch announced that the Board discussed litigation in Executive Session prior to the meeting.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Noah's Hope Card – Noah Marlier, Montgomery County Prothonotary** – An educational presentation on Noah's Hope Card Program, a program that gives anyone who receives a final Protection From Abuse (PFA) order from Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas a free business card sized document that lists key information from their final order. More information can be found at: montgomerycountypa.gov/departments/prothonotary/protection-abuse-pfa/hope-card-program.

III. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

- A. Skippack EMS - Barry Evans, President of SEMS** – Dispatched to 253 calls in June 2026.
- B. Skippack Fire Company – Haydn Marriott, Chief** – Dispatched to 30 calls in June 2026. Touch-A-Truck Event will be on August 29, 2026.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Kim Mayers** thanked EMS & Fire for all they do for the community. Mayers questioned past heat conditions, the process for revoking a permit, as well as why it was not altered instead of cancelled. Stated many were very disappointed in the community.

- B. Colette Penland stated that at 10 AM on the 4th of July it was only 88 degrees and at 11 AM 91 degrees. Penland questioned why it was cancelled instead of holding it earlier. Penland stated that she believes the supervisors owe an apology to the businesses that were prepared for a busy day in the village.
- C. Sharon Scotti stated that she feels the parade has grown too big and too crowded. She also inquired as to what are the plans for the TD Bank property at Routes 73 & 113. She added that a small grocery store would be a great idea and very much needed for the area.
- D. Tanya Kateusz stated that although she was disappointed the parade was cancelled since it was the 250th, she was also relieved. Additionally, she wanted to remind Supervisors of the importance to save / protect the historic barn / house at 1132 Bridge Road.
- E. Bill Bondi Thanked Fire & Ems for their service. He was very disappointed that the parade was cancelled. Stated that the supervisors should be careful about making decisions for the residents. There could've been a way to hold the event with some changes made.
- F. Harry Greco questioned if the decision was made in an official meeting. He stated he believed the wrong decision was made totally cancelling the parade. Solicitor Kuhls stated that a public meeting was not required.
- G. Paul Fox thanked the First Responders for all they do and what they mean to the community. Mr. Fox told the Board he respected them and acknowledged how difficult a situation they were in. Mr. Fox stated that he believed this was government over-reach and that it should have been a personal choice. Mr. Fox made specific suggestions for improving the permitting process to include extreme weather scenarios and options to avoid these kinds of problems going forward.
- H. Joseph Mahr said he was neutral regarding cancelling the July 4th events. Weather was predicted days prior to events. Inquired why the decision was made at the last minute? Allowing it to be a personal choice makes sense. Mahr stated it was a hard decision to make.
- I. Laura Pryor stated she was disappointed about July 4th events being cancelled. She stated that Skippack is a dying township and not catering to the younger families. Inquired what is being done to revitalize the township.
- J. Steve Schmidt stated he believes all the July 4th events should be rescheduled.
- K. Sam stated it's always hot on the 4th of July and it's been hotter. Stated it was a bad move and believes a lot of respect was lost.
- L. Marian Valevas thanked everyone for taking time to care for people in the extreme heat. Stated concern for the intersection of Cross and Mensch Roads. Saw a near miss today. Mensch is unsafe due to consistent fast driving. Questioned if a stop sign can be added in opposite direction to slow it down some.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Motion made by Barbara McGinnis, seconded by Justin Glennon, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- A. Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 2026 – Motion made by Bob Rau, seconded by Barbara McGinnis, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.
- B. Approval of Bills June 10 – July 7, 2026
 - General Fund \$ 61,667.13
 - Open Space Fund \$ 19,430.20
 - Parks & Rec Fund \$ 600.00
 - Sewer Fund \$ 365.00
 - Total All Funds \$ 82,062.33

Motion was made by Barbara McGinnis seconded by Marian Ellis, to approve the bills listing for June 10 – July 7, 2026. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. PROFESSIONAL STAFF REPORTS

A. Township Engineer

- 1. Discussion was had on the public work facility project and LSA (Local Share Account) grant opportunities for this project.
- 2. A motion was made by Bob Rau, seconded by Barbara McGinnis to approve emergency action on a Variable Frequency Driver (VFD) for the Rt 73 Pump Station in the amount of \$35,913.00. All were in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Discussion was had on the Cholet Streambank noting that a grant application has been submitted. Grant gets awarded in the fall 2026 and work would be done spring of 2027.
- 4. Discussion was held on the Church Road and Rt 73 Storm Sewer Improvement. Project is a little more in-depth than originally anticipated. Penn DOT contacted. Project could take at least 6 months.

B. Township Solicitor

- 1. Motion was made by Bob Rau, seconded by Justin Glennon to adopt Residential Property Inspection Ordinance #370. All were in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Motion was made by Marian Ellis, seconded by Bob Rau to approve Resolution #2026-23 establishing fees for the Residential Property Inspection Ordinance. All were in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Motion was made by Justin Glennon, seconded by Marian Ellis, to adopt the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) 371. All were in favor, motion carried.
- 4. Motion was made by Barbara McGinnis, seconded by Justin Glennon to adopt the Open Space Committee (OSC) Ordinance #372. All were in favor. Motion Carried.

5. Motion was made by Barbara McGinnis, seconded by Marian Ellis to approve Resolution #2026-24 authorizing the acquisition of certain real estate located at 66 Lakeside Drive within Skippack Township for the purpose of adding land to township open space. All were in favor, motion carried.

C. Township Planner

1. Motion was made by Bob Rau, seconded by Justin Glennon to authorize advertisement for Data Center Ordinance #373. All were in favor, motion carried.

D. Township Manager

1. Announced that there will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive, July 16th at the Skippack Township Building, 4089 Heckler Rd, in the Community Room, 10 AM – 3 PM to assist with the blood shortage in the area.
2. Kid Fest will be on August 14th in Palmer Park near the playground at 4 PM
3. Summer Concert on August 27th featuring Y'All or Nothin' at the FHY Complex, 1015 Bridge Rd, Collegeville at 6 PM.
4. A report was given on 2026 Township priorities:
 - A. Administration Building Repairs – Reported that Boyle Construction completed the roof assessment.
5. Motion was made by Bob Rau, seconded by Justin Glennon to approve the \$500 fee to be paid to the DJ for the 4th of July cancellation.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Motion was made by Bob Rau, seconded by Marian Ellis to deny the request for a six (6) month extension to Severus Piceno, LLC Land Development, for project located at 1132 Bridge Road. All were in favor, motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS - None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Joe Green inquired how he could be considered for the Open Space Committee. He also asked if the township had any flock surveillance cameras. Green stated they are very intrusive and that we should not have them.
- B. Kim Mayers stated that if we were paying DJ for cancellation of event what about compensating other businesses in the village. She also inquired about a crosswalk near the high school not located in the township.
- C. Tanya Kateusz stated that judgement on 1132 Bridge Road was a good decision.
- D. Steve Schmidt stated you are doing a good job. Suggested rescheduling DJ and fireworks. Also, happy that work on data center issues are being addressed.

XI. FROM THE COMMENTS BOARD

Barbara McGinnis stated she had no comment.

Bob Rau congratulated the public on their comments. They were well received, well done and very polite. Appreciated everyone being very dignified.

Karen Lynch stated she had no further comment.

Marian Ellis appreciated that everyone came out tonight. Everyone has a point of view and all are free to speak our points of view. We are also free as a Board of Supervisors to take into consideration when our Fire and EMS companies tell us: "Please do not have the parade". And while Mr. Fox, I've noted your comments that we were taking people's freedom away by cancelling the parade, I find it a ludacris statement and if you were still on this Board, you would have also made the very same decision. Also, to the young lady that made the comment "the township is dying", I appreciate the comment. We do have five 55+ communities in Skippack Township, but I would like to hear what your suggestions are to bring life back into the township. To just say we are a "dying village" doesn't help us to understand what you think is needed. Please come up with some ideas of things you would like to see happen in this township to bring it to life again.

Karen Lynch suggested bringing the ideas to the next meeting, and that the township could also do a survey. We do have an events coordinator, Danielle D'Angelo, who is here 30 hours a week. You can email your ideas to her, too.

Marian Ellis stated we would very much appreciate that.

Justin Glennon stated he is 44 years old and that there is an abysmal turnout of the young people 18-35 for voting in our township. He suggested and supported that anyone that wants to run for office should run for office. That's what you can do, participate in your government. Stated that he came in here yelling at Mr. Fox and Mr. D'Angelo when they were Chairs.

Barbara McGinnis stated you yelled at me.

Justin Glennon stated he did yell at her because that's what we are allowed to do in deliberation.

Barbara McGinnis asked "yell?"

Justin Glennon said “is that what we’re going to do? Make this a personal attack?”

Chair Karen Lynch pulled it back into order.

Justin Glennon stated what I would like to say is that I really wanted that 4th of July Parade. The hardest thing to do was to cancel. We listened to first responders. Thank you for coming tonight.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – Motion for adjournment was made by Bob Rau, seconded by Barbara McGinnis at 9:22 PM. All were in favor, meeting was adjourned.