

**Butler Township Planning Meeting
Monday, May 7, 2018**

Members Present: Rick Funt, Gail Sweezey, John Adamik, Dave Ryman
Danielle Helwig, Butler Township Secretary, and Jon Holmes, Engineer

Rick Funt, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Funt made the motion to approve the February minutes. Ryman seconded the motion and all approved with a 4-0 vote.

There were two visitors present and no public comments.

Act 537 Review

- Chris Toms from C.S. Davidson presented the public sewage assessment plan. The assessment began ten years ago and was updated with more recent site visits and well samples. Yellow Hill and Guernsey Road are above the DEP threshold of nitrate levels of 5mg/liter. There are three structural options and one non-structural option to consider in order to correct the problem:

Structural

- Install 23,800 feet of piping and require houses to use grinder pumps to eliminate sewage.
- Install a gravity line on Yellow Hill. This would not be an option for Guernsey Road.
- Consider public water instead of public sewer on Yellow Hill

Non-structural

- Adopt an ordinance that requires residents to pump septic systems every three years. C.S Davidson recommends that we go through two three year cycles to determine the effectiveness of this approach.

After much discussion of the pros and cons of each suggestion the Township Planning Board recommends the following to the supervisors:

Motion: Adamik made the motion that we recommend to the supervisors that the supervisors adopt an ordinance that requires residents to pump their septic tanks every three years. Fund seconded the motion and all were in favor with a 4-0 vote.

Next steps: Once DEP reviews the sewage planning document, public comments are scheduled for July.

Zoning Review Discussion

- Discussed that the comprehensive plan done five years ago is the basis for township zoning. Adams County is also using a template that mirrors other townships.
- The Zoning Committee is recommending that multi-use exist on rte. 34 south.

- The group is 75% finished with the process. They asked for the township planners to review the documents and submit questions as soon as possible.

Funt adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted

Gail Sweezey
Secretary