

Wyoming County Commissioners Meeting

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August 1, 2023

In Attendance: Rick Wilbur, Tom Henry, Ernie King (via phone), Commissioners, Atty. Paul Litwin, Solicitor, Amber Franko, Chief Clerk

Press: Kevin McConlogue, New Age Examiner; Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier (via Zoom)

Visitors: John Alunni, Director of Human Services, Mike Marabell, Bailey Slocktish, Lori Bennett, Chris Hill, Jenny Grimes, Howard Frisiold, George Yuhas

Rick Wilbur, Chairman opened the Meeting at 10:02 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Tom Henry asked for any Public Comment before making the motion to approve the July 18, 2023 regular Meeting minutes. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made the motion to add to the agenda the discussion and vote of a name change to Seneca Trail Park. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur discussed changing the name of Seneca Trail Park to Wyoming County Seneca Park by the recommendation of the Park Board. The name Seneca Park is in reference to the Seneca Nation which is separate from the Seneca Trail also in Wyoming County. Rick Wilbur made the motion of the name change. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made the motion to approve the proposal from Triguard Security Systems to upgrade the security system in the AG building in the amount of \$7,213. Total is under the bidding threshold and funds will come out of a building fund from refinancing for additions to the building. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

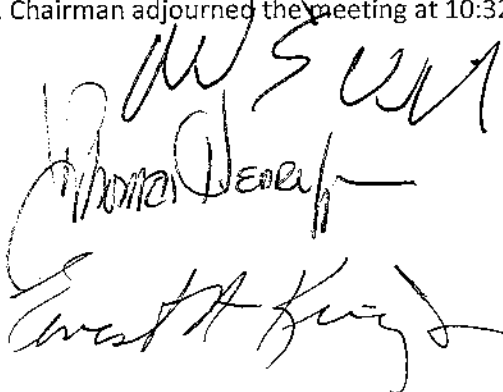
Chris Hill and Jenny Grimes discussed the ongoing issue of feral cats in the Mehoopany area. Chris stated he has contacted the township as well as Representative Tina Pickett's office on the matter. They wanted to bring the matter to the attention of the county as it is growing larger.

John Alunni let everyone know there will be a HOPE Coalition event September 30th, 2023 on Courthouse Square from 10-1 with multiple vendors and activities. More information to follow.

Goerge Yuhas requested that going forward the Sunshine Law must be in print on the table for anyone to use during the meetings. He also requested a copy of the policy on running meetings as well as the policy on public comment before any motion is made.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time. Tom Henry made the Motion to adjourn. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

The image shows three handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is 'Rick Wilbur', the middle one is 'Tom Henry', and the bottom one is 'Ernie King'. The signatures are written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Wyoming County Commissioners Work Session Meeting

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August 10, 2023

In Attendance: Rick Wilbur, Tom Henry, Ernie King, Commissioners, Atty. Paul Litwin, Solicitor (Via Zoom), Amber Franko, Chief Clerk

Press: Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier (Via Zoom)

Visitors: Bob Roberts, Sheriff

Rick Wilbur, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Commissioners discussed with Atty. Paul Litwin the Public Meeting Policy. Tom Henry made a motion to adopt the policy for Wyoming County. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried. Rick Wilbur also stated the County follows Robert's Rules of Order.

Atty. Paul Litwin called for an Executive Session at 10:11 a.m. No Action Taken following the Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time, Ernie King made the Motion to adjourn. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

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August 15, 2023

In Attendance: Rick Wilbur (via Zoom), Tom Henry, Ernie King, Commissioners, Atty. Paul Litwin, Solicitor, Amber Franko, Chief Clerk

Press: Kevin McConlogue, New Age Examiner; Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier (via Zoom)

Visitors: Mike Rogers, Director Recycling, Lynelle Farber, Director Planning, Robert Roberts, Sheriff, Lori Bennett (via Zoom), Howard Frisold, George Yuhas, Sheila Donnely, Joe Farber (via Zoom)

Rick Wilbur, Chairman opened the Meeting at 10:05 a.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Rick Wilbur made the motion to amend the agenda to include the Election Integrity Grant, the resignation of Kelly Heatherman and the August 10, 2023 work session minutes. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Attorney Paul Litwin asked for an Executive Session following the meeting regarding a Tax Assessment issue. No action will be taken following the Executive Session.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

Mr. Yuhas asked for copies of the meeting minutes to be provided for public review before making a motion to approve. Copies were made and handed out everyone present.

Mr. Yuhas asked if copies of contracts and grants were available for review before approving. Atty. Paul Litwin advised that all documents are available 24 hours in advance for public to review. If copies are needed, the Right to Know law applies and the county can charge \$.25 per page. Any sensitive information will be redacted before making the document public.

Old Business:

Ernie King made the motion to approve the August 1, 2023 regular meeting minutes and the August 10, 2023 work session meeting minutes. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

Discussed and approved the proposal from Triguard Security Systems to upgrade the security system in the AG building in the amount of \$7,213. Funds will come from the building fund from refinancing for the additional to building. Ms. Donnely asked for a copy of the proposal. Sheriff Roberts redacted any security information before supplying the proposal to Ms. Donnely.

Discussed and approved the name change for Seneca Trail Park. Recommendation from the Park Board: Wyoming County Seneca Park was approved.

New Business:

Mike Rogers discussed the upcoming Electronic Recycling Event. This is to be held September 16, 2023 from 9:00am-12:00pm and will be pre-registration only to control the traffic flow. Forms can be found on the county website: www.wycopa.org under Recycling Center.

Commissioner Henry discussed the PComp Worker's Comp Grant application which is \$35,000. Mr. Henry made the motion to approve the application. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

There are no Children and Youth contracts to approve at this time.

Ernie King made the motion to give \$7,500 from Act 13 Marcellus funds to Interfaith Friends Back to School Shoe Program. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried.

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Tom Henry made the motion to approve the annual fire alarm and panic button inspections in all county buildings by Triguard for \$3,392. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried. Ms. Donnelly asked for a copy of the proposal. Sheriff Roberts redacted all security information before making it public.

Tom Henry discussed the need for more youth sports facilities within the county. The Tunkhannock Youth Soccer Association would like to use the fields behind the AG building and in lieu of charging a fee, the Commissioners agreed to let them mow the fields at their cost. Tom Henry made the motion to approve the agreement with TYSA. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur made the motion to approve the application for the Election Integrity Grant which would award the county \$92,164.66 if approved. This would help with Election expenses for the November 2023 and May 2024 elections. Tom Henry second the Motion. Motion carried. Ms. Donnelly requested a copy of this application which was granted.

Tom Henry made the motion to accept the resignation of Kelly Heatherman from Children & Youth. Kelly's last day will be August 29, 2023. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Lori Bennett asked the Commissioners to support the Bill for additional funding for preschools/pre-K. She requested they reach out to Governor Shapiro to show their support. All three Commissioners commented they would and asked if Ms. Bennett would send them the form or letter they needed to sign.

Ms. Bennett also inquired on the property that is for sale on Harding's Flats and asked whether the county would be interested in purchasing the land for low-income housing. Ernie King stated the issue they will run in to will be the lack of public sewer and water.

George Yuhas brought up the concern of the sand plant facility on route 92 across from Dunkin Donuts. He asked if the county has any authority to do something regarding the dust that is blowing on the roadway and surrounding properties. Tom Henry assured Mr. Yuhas that there has been air quality testing done but it falls under DEP, not the county.

Lynelle Farber commented on the lack of youth practice facilities in the area with the loss of the fields on West Street in Tunkhannock. She said the addition of the fields behind the AG building will be a great help and the start to a larger plan moving forward.

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time. Tom Henry made the Motion to adjourn. Ernie King second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Handwritten signatures of three commissioners: Rick Wilbur, Ernie King, and Thomas Henry.

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August 17, 2023

In Attendance: Rick Wilbur, Ernie King, Commissioners; Linda Stacknick, Administrative Assistant

Press: Warren Howeler, Rocket Courier (via Zoom)

Visitors: Robert Roberts, Sheriff

Rick Wilbur, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Rick Wilbur asked if there was anything to come before the Commissioners at this time. Ernie King stated there was nothing further to discuss.

Public Comment (Agenda Items Only):

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

None

There being no further business to come before the Commissioners at this time, Ernie King made the Motion to adjourn. Rick Wilbur second the Motion. Motion carried.

Rick Wilbur, Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

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