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**November 20th, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Chuck Dennie, P.E Chairman  
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William Addison, Township Manager  
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**ABSENT:** Michael J. Davey, Esq., Supervisor  
Matthew Houtmann, P.E., Township Engineer

**OBSERVERS:** Approximately 40 citizens were in attendance.

**The November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors convened at 6:34 PM.**

Chairman Dennie welcomed residents and called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chairman Dennie requested everyone to please silence all electronic equipment and announced the presence of a recording device for the purpose of minute-taking. The recording will be deleted once the minutes are approved at the following meeting. Chairman Dennie mentioned that the Township is livestreaming this meeting on its official YouTube channel. An executive session took place immediately prior to the meeting to discuss legal, real estate, and personnel matters.

Chairman Dennie gave some history and facts about Shaffer Preserve before Chester Valley gave their presentation.

## **CHESTER VALLEY ENGINEERS: SHAFFER PRESERVE**

Al Gryga and Bob Barnett from Chester Valley Engineers (CVE) provided an update on the Shaffer Preserve plans. It was mentioned that plans draft has been previously submitted to North American Land Trust (NALT) but this recent set has not yet been submitted.

### **Public Comment:**

John Nevy, 3313 Sarum Farm Lane, expressed support for the plan and appreciation for Chester Valley's responsiveness to resident feedback. He suggested relocating the parking lot away from residents' homes, using natural materials appropriate for a preserve, and noted that the berm may not be acceptable to the North American Land Trust (NALT).

Dave Tustin, 1159 Naamans Creek Road, expressed that it looks great, he expressed his concerns with Shaffer Preserve. He mentioned that this project should have two phases and be deferred so the budget can be cut back.

John Hutchinson, 3199 Stillwood Lane, expressed support for the plans, noting how happy he is that no sidewalks are included. He also raised concerns about the bend near Shaffer Preserve, stating that increased traffic in the area could pose a potential safety risk to his family.

Kathleen Layton, 3707 Pimlico Place, expressed mixed feelings about the park. She stated that while the design is appealing, she is concerned about the long-term maintenance of the facility.

Ron Brignac, 1440 Naamans Creek Road, read a letter from Dr. Summers, 87 Robins Road, who was unable to attend the meeting, expressing her support for the preserve.

Dianne Smith, 1602 Wendy Way, expressed concerns regarding the online survey, the potential for grants, and the implications if the grants are not received. She stated that the Board appears to be proceeding without pause and emphasized the need for greater transparency.

Dorina McHale, 2112 Shadyside Lane, stated that the Board should provide greater transparency.

David Sherry, 3672 Marian Drive, expressed concerns about the total cost of the Shaffer property and inquired whether it might become a gathering place for high school students or if a curfew would be implemented.

Deb Desandro, 1654 Hance Lane, stated that she enjoys walking and believes Shaffer Preserve will provide a nice space for residents. She also noted that the survey was advertised online and that residents had several months to provide feedback.

Dan Gillen, 1663 Wisteria Way, stated that he walked the preserve and found it beautiful as it is. He questioned the number of ash trees and whether the Board plans to allow them to die or what the plan is.

Michael Dunn, 3236 Goodley Road, requested clarification on the budget. He emphasized the need to minimize the deficit, highlighted that grants are being pursued for Shaffer Preserve, and suggested that the project could be completed in stages.

Scott Ristine, 3016 Foulk Road, stated that other parks in Bethel Township are available for use and expressed concern that Shaffer Preserve would be an expensive walking area.

Erica Brignac, 1440 Naamans Creek Road, expressed support for Shaffer Preserve, stating that it would be a valuable addition to the Township.

Michael Delio, 3155 William Road, expressed that a preserve is intended to maintain its current state and stated that the proposed plan reflects the opposite approach.

James McDaniel, 1415 Zebley Road, suggested that the survey be redone to gauge current resident support for the Preserve.

Jenna Keeley, 3640 Garnet Mine Road, expressed concerns about maintaining a natural trail while ensuring accessibility. She noted that cost is a primary concern and suggested exploring ways to keep expenses reasonable.

Nicholas Trizonis, 3216 Garnet Mine Road, stated that the Township already has four parks available for use and expressed that, from a financial standpoint, it would be most practical to leave Shaffer Preserve undeveloped. He also noted that grants may come with stipulations and inquired about the Township's liability if someone were to slip and fall on ice at the park.

Robert Cinquina, 1268 Brookstone Drive, complimented Chester Valley and the Board, stating that residents elect the Board in hopes of making the best decisions. He noted that taxes are high and acknowledged that it is not possible to satisfy everyone.

Tina Picciotti, 3246 Goodley Road, expressed support for preserving the land but raised concerns about liability if someone enters her property. She also mentioned pursuing grants to address the bridge and the frequently overflowing road.

Scott Vance, 1612 Wendy Way, expressed that the board needs to resend the surveys.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Chairman Dennie, seconded by Supervisor Iacono, and carried unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

The next Regular Board of Supervisors' meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:30PM.