

DARBY TOWNSHIP
February 26, 2024
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

The Darby Township Trustees met for a special meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Darby Township Hall with the following township official's present: Dennis Blumenschein, James Scheiderer, and Connie Priday. Also present was Scott Smith, Brent Nickel, Soil Water Conservation District (SWCD), Aaron Smith, and Brad Bodenmiller, LUC, Mark Marsh, Mike Rausch, Jennifer Plahovinsak, David Gruenbaum, Steve Francis, Adam Boerger, Dan Blumenschein, Mike Priday, Chuck Adams, Dennis Graham, Peggy Beck, and Terry Nicol, all BZA and BZC members.

Chairman Scheiderer called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Nickel referenced the Union SWCD and Townships Memorandum of Understanding Review information that was previously distributed. The handout included specific steps that should be followed by the developer/land owner to insure proper drainage. He indicated that the development in Darby Township owned by Countrytyme, located on Scottslawn Road and St. Rt. 736 did not follow the recommendations of SWCD, which was to place a collector tile around the perimeter of the property. The goal of SWCD is to designate an appropriate outlet for the disposal of water generated by homes. Unfortunately, by not placing a collector tile on the property before the lot splits this has created drainage issues for the property owners and the township. He shared that SWCD does not have any enforcement capability.

Mr. Bodenmiller made a recommendation to add a statement to Darby Township's Zoning Permit, which would require the land owner/developer to follow SWCD drainage requirements. If the land owner/developer does not follow the requirement then Darby Township can work with the Union County Prosecutor on enforcing this requirement.

Mr. Bodenmiller will work with the Union County Prosecutor's office and SWCD on the wording needed to be added to Sections 900, 920 and 1040.

All agreed on the importance of protecting the landowners and the water flow.

A discussion was held on the Ag permits for ponds. Mr. Smith indicated that Darby Township uses the Union County Ag permit for ponds. Mr. Nickel requested that Mr. Smith refer the township residents who apply for an ag pond permit to SWCD.

Additional items briefly discussed included:

- Updating Darby Township Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Bodenmiller provided an approximate cost of \$30,000 - \$35,000.
- Darby Township's zoning requirement for a fence to be placed around swimming pools. Mr. Bodenmiller will further investigate this requirement.

The Trustees thanked all those in attendance for their participation at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.