

**Upper Paxton Township Board of Supervisors  
Special Meeting Regarding Tanner's Run  
August 19, 2025**

Those in attendance: Robert Stoner, Bob Coleman, and Rich Wiest; Supervisors, Luanna Zimmerman; Secretary/Treasurer, Pete Howland; Solicitor, Rodney Lebo, Rhonda Lebo, Frank Klinger, Alan Bowman, Joe Underkoffler, Bill Specht, Vincent Paese, Steven Miner, Tanner Stroup, Nick McCarron, Dan Troutman, John Fulponi, James Whitall, Corey Rathman, Mark Gutshall, Robert Spandler, Jerry Duke, Matt Stoneroad, Joe Kerwin, Chris Dietz, Skylar Hoffman, and Keith Heigel.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stoner at 9:00 a.m. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Upper Paxton Township Chairman Robert Stoner said that Tanner's Run stormwater is an ongoing issue, and his dream today is to find workable solutions. He said he does not want Millersburg Borough and Upper Paxton Township to waste money on Band-Aid repairs. Stoner said he feels work on the southern end should be started and then work back toward the northern end. He provided information on where the watershed begins in the township.

- 1. Immediate repairs:** Robert Stoner said that Keith Heigel has the latest information. James Whitall said that Millersburg Borough has three easements circulating and they have the funding for excavation on the Klinger Property, however; they need to obtain a permit from PADEP. He said he thinks they will have the permit soon and hopefully begin excavation in a week or two.

Keith Heigel provided information on the inspection at 544 State Street, Millersburg, PA, 17061. Heigel said the back porch needs to be braced up. He also feels the issues are between the landlord and the tenants. He suggested the property owner provides the township with an inspection after each storm event. Heigel suggested that it be discussed with Pete Howland. Stoner said at this point progress is critical.

- 2. Redesign Options:** Robert Stoner reviewed the options given by FSA (Frederick, Seibert & Associates, Inc.) in the study they did for Millersburg Borough. He asked if we are looking to change pipe size, make water retention areas, or reroute the water in a different direction. Stoner said these are all issues that require major discussion.

James Whitall said that Millersburg Borough is open for suggestions, and they have looked at several options.

Nick McCarron said that creating retentions in Seal Park would make problems for the Millersburg Water Authority because of where their water lines are located.

Jerry Duke said that Seal Park was part of the investigation for the stormwater plan for the Millersburg Area School District. He said there were wetlands identified in Seal Park which would've added time and money to the school's building project.

Dan Troutman said it was the desire of the Millersburg School Board to help solve the Tanner's Run stormwater issues, but the timing didn't work out. He said ultimately, they wanted to be part of the solution. Troutman said the solution is ongoing. He said they are working with Millersburg Borough and their contractors to test the system and make sure it is working. He said Millersburg Borough is currently holding the school's stormwater fee in escrow.

Bill Specht said since the new elementary school was built it did add additional water to the North Street Extension area which was contrary to their plan. He said he believes some curbing would help to redirect the water.

Skylar Hoffman said he believes if the problem is fixed at the beginning and at the end it would relieve the pressure in the middle. Robert Stoner said that no construction can be approved on the farmland at the north end of Tanner's Run without the implementation of further stormwater control.

Bob Coleman commended Bill Specht for the visual presentation he put together on Tanner's Run. Coleman said he does not feel the problem is on the farmland. He said he thinks if an inspection is done and the water is controlled Ark Safety wouldn't have water issues. Coleman said the area below the ball field does not work properly and that is why Keith Heigel is looking at that to find a solution.

Bill Specht said the design from the borough engineer made sense to him. He also said the pipe under the Ark Safety Building is in fine repair. He said he thinks the area south of route 209 needs to be done first along with curbing and bypass of the Ark Safety Building. Specht said the stormwater system needs to be in the condition to accept the volume of stormwater all at once and he believes the design issue with the school's stormwater is due to wrong elevations by the school's engineer.

James Whitall provided photos from PennDOT of the stone archway under State Route 209. Whitall said that PennDOT feels that the archway is in good repair. Nick McCarron said that at high peak times the Authority's stormwater is increased. He said their manhole is 3' away from the culvert.

Chairman Stoner read portions of the Tanner's Run analysis from FSA including some of their recommendations for repairs. James Whitall provided maps showing the recommendations from FSA. The maps were reviewed and discussed.

- 3. Finalize Easement Concerns:** Robert Stoner spoke with the Millersburg Borough representatives regarding easements. The owner of 544 State Street said he

wants to see something in place for safety at the open ditch on his property. The possibility of a fence was discussed.

- 4. Funding Options:** Possible funding options were discussed. Mark Gutshaw provided information on Chesapeake Bay Funding. He said this is possibly something that could be tied in with the Millersburg Ferry. Jerry Duke said that Tri-County Planning could also provide information on grant funding. Steven Miner provided information on the Water Resources Development Act of 1992.

Chris Dietz spoke to Frank Klinger and Steven Miner about the temporary easement for Klinger's property.

It was decided to put Keith Heigel, representing Upper Paxton Township, in touch with the Millersburg Borough Engineer, Matt Eck with FSA to discuss solutions for the Tanner's Run Stormwater issues.

Robert Stoner said he appreciates Millersburg Borough and Upper Paxton Township working in unity to solve this issue. With no further business on the agenda Robert Stoner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Second by Bob Coleman. With all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanna Zimmerman,  
Secretary/Treasurer