

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2016**

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**Executive Session:** The Executive Session was called to order at 6:34 p.m. on a motion by Supervisor MacFarland, seconded by Supervisor Eckman. Present were Supervisors Mr. Sorgini, Mrs. Eckman, Mr. Duffy, Mr. MacFarland, and Mrs. Zimmerman. Also present were Solicitor Mr. Rice, Township Manager Mr. Gestrich, and Assistant Township Manager Mrs. Golas. The session adjourned at 7:32 p.m. on a motion by Supervisor MacFarland, seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman.

**Call to Order:** Chairman Sorgini called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Sorgini, Supervisors Duffy, Eckman, MacFarland and Zimmerman.
- b. Also in attendance were: Richard Gestrich, Township Manager; John Rice, Township Solicitor; William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Timothy Woodrow, Township Engineer; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; Casey Moore, Township Traffic Engineer, John Primus, Director of Public Works; Stanley Turtle, Chief of Police, and Denise Walsh, Community Relations Coordinator.

Chairman Sorgini announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss legal, personnel and real estate matters.

**1) Consent Agenda**

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a) and 1(b) including moving the meeting minutes of February 18, 2016 into the record. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

**2) Presentations**

- A) Recognition of outgoing boards and commission members:
  - i) Catherine Fennell – Library Board of Trustees
  - ii) Erik Markowitz – Finance Committee
  - iii) Robert Heil – UCC board

**3) New Business**

- A) Authorization of disposition of records: Right-to-Know files, Oaths of Municipal Office, and Statement of financial Interest Forms.
  - i) Ms. Golas discussed the scope of the disposition of records and requested authorization to proceed.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to authorize the disposition of records: Right-to-Know files, Oaths of Municipal Office, and Statement of financial Interest Forms. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

**4) Announcements**

- A) Park and Recreation Board Meeting will be held March 8, 2016 at 7 p.m.
- B) The Township's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, March 12, 2016. Details can be found on the Township website, [www.lowerprovidence.org](http://www.lowerprovidence.org).
- C) The Lower providence Community Library's wine-tasting fundraiser will be held March 9. Tickets are available online at [www.lowerprovidencelibrary.org](http://www.lowerprovidencelibrary.org).

**5) Comments and other Business**

- A) Solicitor Rice announced that after the meeting a Public Hearing will be held.

**6) Adjournment**

7) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**8) Public Hearing**

A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to enter into a Public Hearing. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

B) Conditional Use public hearing for Audubon Land Development for LD-13-10-5, Audubon Square V.

*Mr. Tim Kurek was present to take a complete record of testimony.*

C) Solicitor Rice explained the scope of the project and the procedure for the hearing. He entered the exhibits into the record.

D) Brad Macy and Frank Montgomery were sworn in on behalf of the applicant. Bernadette Kearney, attorney for the applicant, described the conditional use appeal and questioned Mr. Macy as to the details of the project. Solicitor Rice asked if the applicant would have any difficulty complying with any review letters. Mr. Macy said that there might be an issue complying with the March 1 letter from the Township's traffic engineer. Solicitor Rice discussed traffic circulation issues in the proposed plan.

i) Chairman Sorgini asked the applicant to reiterate they are willing to stipulate as to the three years for Phase II. The applicant agreed.

E) Frank Montgomery testified as to the traffic studies and plans submitted. He reviewed the details of the traffic study.

(1) Discussion was held as to various traffic options as well as the installation of a traffic light.

(2) Supervisor Eckman asked for clarification on access from the corporate buildings to the complex as well as how the hotel would be accessed, noting there would be a conflict between pedestrian and vehicular traffic. The applicant said that they would make sure that adequate pedestrian accommodations would be installed. She asked if there was a turn lane onto Norris Hall. The applicant said there was but not into the former Beef & Ale. The Norris Hall applicant said they would tie into the turning lane.

(3) Mr. Macy discussed the roundabout stating he did not feel it was currently warranted but if it is determined that it would be needed in the future they are not opposed to installing. He feels the multi-way stop would be sufficient.

F) Solicitor Rice notified the Board that they have 45 days to render a decision.

Next Business Meeting: March 17, 2016  
April 7, 2016