

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
MAY 4, 2017**

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**Call to Order:** Chairwoman Eckman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairwoman Eckman, Supervisors Duffy, MacFarland, Sorgini and Zimmerman.
- b. Also in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, Township Manager; William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; John Primus, Director of Public Works; and Michael Jackson, Police Lieutenant.

Chairwoman Eckman announced that prior to the meeting the Board met to discuss legal 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 April 20, 2017 into the record. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

**2) New Business**

A) Consideration of conditional use approval for 35 Evansburg Road.

- i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the proposed Order, noting the applicant had been before the Board on April 6. He noted a proposed change to Section II(8), which would state that the applicant will install sidewalks within the development as determined by the Board of Supervisors during the land development process.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to authorize the conditional use approval for 35 Evansburg Road with the amendment proposed by Solicitor Rice. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion.
  - (1) Supervisor MacFarland noted he was abstaining from the vote as he was not present at the previous meeting during which the approval was discussed but stated he was in favor of the project.
  - (2) Gary Neights, Condor Drive asked if there would still be the trail as indicated on the plan or would this amendment modify that. Solicitor Rice said the trail is still in the plan but will be finalized during the land development phase.
- iii) The motion *passed* 4-0-1

B) Consideration of student representative appointments to the Parks and Recreation Board.

- i) Don Delamater reviewed the recommendations by the Parks and Recreation Board. He stated that Reilly Smith and Dylan Pompe are recommended to fill the two open voting positions, Kendall Ozorowski is recommended to fill the open alternate position and Katherine McGrath be appointed as a non-voting member.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to appoint the student representatives as recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
  - (1) Supervisor MacFarland clarified the ages of the students and the terms of their service.

The motion *passed* 5-0

- C) Adoption of resolution recognizing the week of May 14-20, 2017 as Police Week in Lower Providence Township.
  - i) Vice-Chairman Sorgini read into the record Resolution 17-16 proclaiming the week of May 14-20, 2017 to be Police Week in Lower Providence Township.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve Resolution 17-16. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*
- D) Adoption of resolution recognizing the week of May 21-27, 2017 as Public Works Week in Lower Providence Township
  - i) Supervisor Duffy read into the record Resolution 17-15 proclaiming the week of May 21-27, 2017 to be National Public Works Week in Lower Providence Township.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 17-15. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.
- E) Consideration of the removal of a heritage tree at the Audubon Village Shopping Center
  - i) Mike Mrozinski reviewed the removal request.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the removal of a heritage tree at the Audubon Village Shopping Center. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
    - (1) Supervisor MacFarland stated that the arborist reported that the tree would not survive and said the removal of the tree is appropriate.
    - (2) Supervisor Duffy thanked Mr. Mrozinski for the follow-up on the request and consulting with a certified arborist to confirm that the tree was in danger
    - (3) Gary Neights, Condor Dr., asked if there was a process for replacing a Heritage Tree. Mr. Mrozinski said it was on a case-by-case basis. He said in this instance the applicant is undertaking extensive landscaping that is appropriate for the space which will be approved during land development.
    - (4) The motion *passed 5-0*.

### 3) Announcements

- A) Supervisor MacFarland reported on the monthly business development meeting. He noted there was a wrap-up discussion on the recent open house as well as future development in the Township. Supervisor MacFarland said that there was further interest in developing properties along Ridge Pike including the former Jiffy Lube and the bagel shop. He also announced that Lidl, a German grocery store chain, has applied for an application to open a location on Ridge Pike. Supervisor MacFarland said the property to be developed had been vacant for 20 years and thanked the Township staff for their work in developing the project. He said the project is to be completed in next 12-18 months
- B) The Parks and Recreation Department will meet May 9 at 7 p.m.
- C) The Sewer Authority will meet on May 10 at 7:30 p.m.
- D) The Library Board of Trustees will meet on May 15 at 7 p.m.

### 4) Comments and Other Business

- A) Mr. Delamater said that PECO Energy has installed a new gas line on Denise Court. Their plan was to repave the one lane of the street where the work was completed. Mr. Delamater said that since the street is older and has not been repaved, he met with PECO and asked them to consider paving the whole street. In lieu of that work, PECO said they would instead give the Township \$20,000 in lieu of paving that could be applied to repaving the entire roadway. Mr. Delamater said the cost to pave the entire road will cost \$22,000 and, as their paving contract allows them to add additional work, he requested the Township approve accepting the PECO funds and allocate

