

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2015**

Executive Session: The Executive Session was called to order at 6:34 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Eckman, seconded by Mr. Thomas. Present were Supervisors Mr. Sorgini, Mr. Duffy, Mrs. Eckman, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Zimmerman. Also present were Solicitor Mr. Rice, Township Manager Mr. Gestrich and Assistant Township Manager Mrs. Golas. The session was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. on a motion by Patrick Duffy seconded by Jill Zimmerman.

Call to Order: Chairman Sorgini called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Sorgini, Supervisors Duffy, Eckman Thomas 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; Karl Lukens, Director of Parks & Recreation, John Primus, Director of Public Works; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; Francis Carroll, Police Chief and Jeffrey Mitchell, Student Representative.

Chairman Sorgini noted that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss personnel and legal matters.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c), including moving the meeting minutes of August 6, 2015 into the record. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) Presentations

- A) Montgomery County Planning Commission presentation of the recently adopted County Comprehensive Plan and overview of planning services and resources.
 - i) Eric Jarrell, Assistant Section Chief, Montgomery County Planning Commission, reviewed the scope of the executive summary of Montgomery County Planning Commission's Montco 2040 report.
 - ii) Maggie Dobbs, Township Planner, reviewed the Township's Planning contract.
 - iii) Mr. Jarrell reviewed Comprehensive Plan, which was adopted earlier in 2015. He noted that the plan was also available online (www.montcopa.org/planning).

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of PennDOT Multimodal Fund Grant Reimbursement Agreement
 - i) Mr. Gestrich reviewed the proposal to straighten the intersection of Crawford, Eagleville and Park Roads. He described the negotiation process with the State as to the amount of the grant and how that money would be utilized.
 - (1) Chairman Supervisor reassured the public that the construction project would not begin until after the Arcola Bridge project was complete so as not to create further traffic issues in the Township
 - (2) Supervisor Eckman asked if a second request for a multimodal grant for the balance of the project would be sought. Mr. Gestrich said that it would and that the process it is already in motion.

- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve the PennDOT Multimodal Fund Grant Reimbursement Agreement and for Jason Sorgini as Chairman to sign the Agreement. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- B) Consideration of Emergency Declaration in anticipation of the Papal visit
 - i) Chief Carroll reviewed the resolution request to declare a State of Local Emergency within Lower Providence Township from September 24 through 29. He noted that a heavy influx of visitors to the Philadelphia area is anticipated which could significantly impact Montgomery County. He would like the Township to be prepared by having the resolution in place. This would also allow them to seek reimbursement through government agencies for any reimbursable costs. Chief Carroll also asked all residents to visit the Township's website where there is a PowerPoint presentation with background information regarding the Papal visit which may be specific to Lower Providence Township. He urged residents to pay attention to the "What To Do" slide. He anticipates that they will be using Blackboard Connects to communicate with residents. Chief Carroll asked residents to log on and make sure their information is current. Residents without computer access can contact the Police Department and they will take resident information as well. He asked residents to also register with ReadyMontco.org for information updates, which will be current and disseminated in real time.
 - ii) Chairman Sorgini stated the advance planning by Chief Carroll and Deputy Chief Turtle has been exceptional and the Township will continue to keep residents apprised of updates as we move closer to the date.
 - iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve the Emergency Declaration in anticipation of the Papal visit. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- C) Consideration of Rod and Gun Club, 2857 Egypt Road, Minor Land Development
 - i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the Minor Land Development plan.
 - ii) Mike Furey, representing the Rod and Gun Club, reviewed the history of the club and the particulars of the plan, which includes expanding the existing clubhouse by 4800 and to construct a pole barn of 3000 square feet.
 - iii) Mr. Furey stated that he did a review of the membership numbers spanning the 1970's until today and noted that the numbers have not increased significantly. He also noted that nearly half of the memberships are from the immediate Lower Providence area. Mr. Furey stated that plan was approved by both the Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission
 - iv) Barry Stengel, the landscape engineer for the project, stated that they have made all suggested changes and will comply with all requirements of the July 17, 2015 TCA letter.
 - v) Mr. Furey reviewed the waiver letter sent to the Board of Supervisors and explained why the waivers were being requested. He also noted that reserve parking can be reviewed with staff as the club has 47 acres available for overflow parking.
 - vi) Mr. Woodrow said he and staff have spent a considerable amount of time reviewing the issues with the club and feels confident recommending approval of the plan. He said the overall opinion of the Planning Commission and staff was that the waivers are appropriate.
 - vii) Supervisor Eckman asked if the 100 spaces designated as reserve parking are located in one of the ranges. Bill Cassidy, president of the club said that they were but that ranges would be closed for parking if necessary. He said that if the event requires the range they try to coordinate through the various disciplines so parking doesn't become an issue. Mr. Cassidy also noted that there is more than adequate acreage for overflow parking.

- viii) Chairman Eckman said that the hours of operation for Sunday shooting has been in question. She asked Mr. Furey to review the hours and if there has been any agreement on the hours. Mr. Cassidy said that, with very few exceptions, the club has posted that no shooting will take place on Sundays or certain holidays prior to 11 a.m. He said that the board does grant waivers to certain groups to shoot earlier but that is rare, he estimated seven times per year. Mr. Cassidy said that the club is committed to being sensitive to these hours. He did clarify that while there are items on the calendar scheduled prior to 11 a.m. on some Sundays, that is usually set up or classroom sessions. Supervisor Eckman stated they have been good neighbors and requested the club adhere to that policy as closely as possible. Mr. Furey said there was no specific condition passed by the Zoning Hearing Board regarding Sunday hours, rather just a caution to be a good neighbor and limit them as much as possible.
 - ix) Mr. Rice stated he had spoken with Mr. Furey about bringing the resolution back to the Board in September with waivers and conditions formalized in a written resolution. He noted this evening's discussion was a preliminary final step prior to approval. Mr. Furey agreed to return in September to request final approval.
 - x) The Board agreed to consider the approval of the written resolution at the September 3, 2015 meeting.
- D) Consideration of Valley Crest lot line revision plan, 400 and 402 N. Park Avenue
- i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the request.
 - ii) Robert Beers, of Barry Isett and Associates, appeared on behalf of the applicant. He stated this request was for the purpose of taking four lots that are not in conformance and either bringing them into conformance or closer to conformance and that no land development is planned. Mr. Woodrow said this is a lot consolidation with no construction or improvements to the property. He said the property is zoned R2 residential and he is comfortable that this would not affect non-conforming status that the business currently enjoys. He did ask for some clarification of the document's legal descriptions. Mr. Woodrow said that the Township would reserve the right to require frontage improvements should the owner decide to improve the property in any fashion in the future.
 - iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Thomas made a motion to approve the Valley Crest lot line revision plan, 400 and 402 N. Park Avenue contingent upon conditions provided by Mr. Woodrow. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion.
 - (1) Frank Jennings, a resident in proximity to Valley Crest, said that while this may not be a construction project he understood that this plan may be in anticipation of construction. He expressed concerns about flooding and other issues should construction take place. Supervisor Sorgini said that should there be further development area residents will be informed of the plans prior to approval and all issues will be taken into consideration during the land development process.

The motion *passed* 5-0.
- E) Consideration of request from Lower Providence Fire Department of waiver of permit fee for installation of a generator at the department's substation
- i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the request requesting a waiver of the fees totaling \$405 for the installation of a new backup power generator at the Department's substation at 24 Lark Road.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to waive the permit fee for installation of a generator at the Lower Providence Fire Department's substation. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion.

- (1) Supervisor Eckman asked if this was replacing an existing generator. Mr. Mrozinski was not clear on that issue. His impression was that it was an additional, back-up, generator. Motion *passed* 5-0.

F) Appointment of Student Representatives to the Parks and Recreation Board

- i) Mr. Lukens noted that at the August 11 Parks & Recreation meeting the board made five recommendations regarding Student Representatives:
- (1) Student representatives will be appointed for one-year terms – September through August.
 - (2) A third position of an Alternate Voting Student Representative Member be created. This representative would attend all meetings as a non-voting member and, in the event one of the voting student representatives be absent, would vote and count as part of the quorum.
 - (3) Ryan Beil be appointed to the voting student position from September 2015 through August 2016.
 - (4) Kelly Hallman be appointed to fill the open alternate student representative position from September 2015 through August 2016.
 - (5) Gil Price be appointed as a non-voting student representative from September 2015 through August 2016.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the recommendations made by the Parks and Recreation Board. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) Announcements

- A) Planning Commission meeting will be held on August 26 at 7 p.m.
- i) Mr. Mrozinski said that three issues will be before the Planning Commission: Village at Evansburg by WB Homes; the Dunkin' Donuts proposed for Ridge Pike and Trooper Roads; and a hearing regarding the Zoning Text to amend the Recreation Overlay.
- B) Zoning Hearing Board meeting will be held on August 27 at 7 p.m.
- i) Mr. Mrozinski said the board will hear the continued matter of LLD investments request for a use variance to allow for a contracting business on a vacant property

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Chairman Sorgini read a letter of gratitude from the family of Carl A. Langheim Sr., for the honor extended to them during his funeral that has been entered as part of the minutes.
- B) Mr. Gestrich gave an update on the paving project on Woodland as well as the preparation for the next phase of roads to be paved. Mr. Gestrich said that he believes they are on track to have the work done on Woodland prior to the start of school.
- C) Chairman Sorgini thanked Mr. Roth for his role in the installation of the new sound system.

6) Adjournment

MOTION: Supervisor Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Zimmerman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. A second executive session was called to order at 8:45 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Zimmerman, seconded by Mrs. Eckman. The session adjourned at 9:08 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Duffy.

Next Business Meeting: September 3, 2015
September 17, 2015

August 19, 2015

Mr. Jason Sorgini

Chairman

Lower Providence Township Board of Supervisors

100 Parklane Dr.

Eagleville, PA 19403

Dear Mr. Sorgini;

On behalf of myself and the entire extended Langheim family, I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to Lower Providence Township and all its departments, for the honor extended to us during the funeral services for our father Carl A Langheim Sr.

The time spent planning by Chief Carroll and his department to honor our father was humbling and very much appreciated. It is hard to find words to express our gratitude.

Our Dad was a mentor to many young firefighters and inspired family members to follow in his footsteps. It was an overwhelming experience to witness his beloved community honor his passing in such a monumental manner

Again, thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Carl A Langheim Jr

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl A Langheim Jr', is written over the printed name.