

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2015**

Executive Session: The Executive Session was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Zimmerman, seconded by Mrs. Eckman. Present were Supervisors Mr. Sorgini, Mr. Duffy, Mrs. Eckman, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Zimmerman. Also present were Solicitor Mr. Rice and Township Manager Mr. Gestrich. The session was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Zimmerman, seconded by Mrs. Eckman.

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; John Primus, Director of Public Works; Francis Carroll, Police Chief, Denise Walsh, Community Relations Coordinator; and Jeffrey Mitchell, Student Representative.

Chairman Sorgini noted that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss legal and real estate matters and that an executive session had been held after the August 20 Board of Supervisor meeting. He also announced that item 3(c) has been removed from the agenda, stating that the YMCA has withdrawn its request for a zoning text amendment to the Recreation Overlay. The YMCA has informed the township that a third party has entered into an agreement of sale to purchase the property in question so the item is no longer on the agenda.

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 August 20, 2015 into the record. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) Presentations

- A) Presentation to Detective Charles A. DeFrancesco in recognition of 30 years of service with the Lower Providence Township Police Department.
- B) Presentation to Sgt. William Hopkins recognizing 15 years of service with the Lower Providence Township Police Department.
- C) Presentation to the members of the Audubon Recreation Association 10 & Under Softball Team recognizing their participation in the Babe Ruth 10U World Series.

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of a waiver for of the \$75 temporary sign permit fee from the Freedom Valley YMCA for the "Mustache Dash Run" in September 2015.
 - i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the request
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Thomas made a motion to waive the \$75 temporary sign permit fee from the Freedom Valley YMCA for the "Mustache Dash Run" in September 2015. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

B) Consideration of supplemental budget appropriation from the Capital Projects Fund for sidewalk repairs.

- i) Mr. Primus reviewed the need for sidewalk repair on Appledale Road at a cost of \$2,500 and Sweetgum Lane at a cost of \$6,750. He stated that an additional \$300 would be required for the disposal of old sidewalk materials. The funds would be allocated from the old in lieu of fees.
- ii) Supervisor Eckman asked, if authorized, when the project would start. Mr. Primus said they would begin as soon as possible as the sidewalks are in poor condition.
- iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the supplemental budget appropriation from the Capital Projects Fund for sidewalk repairs. Supervisor Thomas seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) **Old Business**

A) Consideration of a resolution approving the minor land development project of the Lower Providence Road and Gun Club 2857 Egypt Road.

- i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the preliminary final plan. He noted that it had been reviewed and recommended by both the County and the Township's Planning Commissions. Mr. Furey, on behalf of the applicant, had no additional comments to add.
- ii) Supervisor Duffy raised concerns regarding the hours of operation. He stated he would like to see stipulation added to ordinance to restrict shooting on Sunday prior to 11 a.m. Mr. Furey stated that the Zoning Hearing Board recognized that there are limited times during the year when the board of the Rod and Gun Club will permit shooting between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Bill Cassidy, president of the Rod and Gun Club said that there have never been more than five instances but could, potentially, go to seven events per year. He also noted that events may begin at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Furey said that this had been recognized by the Zoning Hearing Board and requested the Board of Supervisors not impose a hard and fast rule as there are some youth events which draw from the entire country and last all weekend that may require an earlier start time. Mr. Cassidy said the club is very conscious of the neighbors and turn down events throughout the year so as to not overwhelm the neighborhood.
- iii) Discussion was held as to how the neighbors are aware of the shooting times of the club and the complaints received by Mr. Duffy. Mr. Furey said that since the events are set at the beginning of the year the club could post them on the website as well as make the Township and neighbors aware of these exceptions.
- iv) Discussion was held as to the possibility of limiting hours on Sunday events and how it would affect events at the rod and gun club.
- v) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to add a stipulation to the Ordinance to not permit shooting before 11 a.m. on Sundays. The motion did not receive a second.
- vi) **MOTION:** Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minor land development project of the Lower Providence Gun Club, 2857 Egypt Road. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - (1) Chairman Sorgini noted that the applicant has heard the concerns of the Board and while there are no resolutions they would like to see the Rod and Gun club continue to be a good neighbor and communicate this information to the residents. Mr. Cassidy agreed.
 - (2) Marie Altieri, Deerfield Dr., had questions regarding where the posting of hours of operations are located. Mr. Cassidy said that since this is a private club the postings

are in the club itself. She was not sure where the residents were seeing the hours of operation and, if they had been posted outside the club, would have suggested they be removed.

The motion *passed* 4-1 with Supervisor Duffy in opposition.

5) Announcements

- A) Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held on September 8 at 7 p.m.
- B) Sewer Authority meeting will be held on September 9 at 7:30 p.m.
- C) Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held on September 21 at 7 p.m.
- D) Planning Commission meeting will be held on September 23 at 7 p.m.
- E) Zoning Hearing Board meeting will be held on September 24 at 7 p.m.
- F) The Township's Fall festival will be held Saturday, October 3 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Eagleville Park. More information can be found on the Events and Happenings page of the Township website, lowerprovidence.org.

6) Comments and other Business

- A) Chairman Sorgini reminded residents to pay attention to preparations for the Papal visit. He said there was information on the Township website and urged residents to continue to treat this event seriously and prepare accordingly.
- B) Supervisor Eckman passed along a resident's compliment to John Primus for the job his department does with snow removal.
- C) Jeffery Mitchell reported that Methacton High School Homecoming will be held October 24. A new Homecoming event being planned by student council is a parade from Eagleville to the high school. They are looking to expand participation to include the elementary schools, residents and local businesses.
- D) Chairman Sorgini noted that school is back in session and reminded residents to look out for students in the Township.

7) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) Mike Comroe, Pine Town, asked if the YMCA project was dead. Supervisor Sorgini said that the project was no longer viable on the parcel of land proposed by the YMCA. Mr. Comroe said he was very sorry to see the project fall through.
- B) Ann Marie Spone, Dorchester Road, brought her concerns regarding a problem property and its lack of maintenance to the Board of Supervisors' attention. She said she has been working with Mr. Mrozinski but the property is not improving. Chairman Sorgini invited her to stay after the meeting to discuss options.

8) 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 8:12 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: September 17, 2015
October 1, 2015

