

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
June 2, 2022**

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Neights called the hybrid live/virtual meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Protocol for Hybrid Meetings:** Chairman Neights provided an overview of the protocols for public participation for members of the public attending the meeting virtually over Zoom.

**Roll Call:**

- a. The following Board members were in attendance: Chairman Neights, Vice-Chair Coless, Supervisors Darby, and Sorgini. Supervisor MacFarland was absent.
- b. Also, in attendance were: E.J. Mentry, Township Manager; Lauren Gallagher, Township Solicitor; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development; and Michael Jackson, Chief of Police.

**Chairman's Comments**

Chairman Neights announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting on June 2, 2022 to discuss land acquisition, legal and personnel matters.

Chairman Neights gave an update on the progress of the strategic and action planning initiative, explaining that the Board of Supervisors has held two public workshops so far and that they are making great progress. A third public workshop is scheduled for June 17 at 2:30 PM.

**Proclamations** - Chairman Neights read the Pride Month Proclamation, proclaiming June 2022 as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQ+ community.

**1) Presentations**

- A) Perkiomen Creek Stormwater Initiative given by Crystal Gilchrist.
  - i) Ms. Gilchrist gave a presentation on the increasing frequency and severity of extreme weather events negatively impacting communities in the Perkiomen Creek Watershed. She provided an overview of the entire watershed and explained the need for a watershed-wide Act 167 plan, instead of each individual municipality trying to address the issues on their own. She is spearheading this effort as a volunteer and is seeking letters of support from every municipality and interested entity or individual. The letter of support is to be sent to all of the counties within the watershed and requests county funding and action to address the issues. Ms. Gilchrist also stated that she met with State Representative Joe Webster earlier in the week and he is in support of the initiative.
  - ii) Chairman Neights thanked Ms. Gilchrist for the very thorough presentation and explained that he would discuss with the rest of the Board, and they would consider voting on the letter of support at the next meeting.
  - iii) Ron Jobson, Alexandra Drive, spoke in support of the initiative and thanked Ms. Gilchrist for her efforts.
  - iv) Len Bradley, engineering consultant, spoke in support of Ms. Gilchrist's effort.

- B) Chairman Neights invited Lily Webber, Township resident from Circle Drive, to address the Board. Ms. Webber thanked the Board for the Pride Month Proclamation and asked them to consider passing a non-discrimination ordinance, similar to twenty-two other municipalities in Montgomery County. The Supervisors thanked Ms. Webber for her comments and commended her efforts.
- C) Student Representative report from Sameeksha Panda
  - i) Ms. Panda provided an update on academics, athletics, and activities in the Methacton School District. She also stated this was her last meeting as a student representative and thanked the Board for allowing her to serve.
  - ii) Chairman Neights thanked Ms. Panda for her service to the Township.

## 2) Consent Agenda

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Darby made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a) and 1(b), including moving the meeting minutes of the May 5, 2022 business meeting and the May 10, 2022 workshop, into the record. Vice Chair Coless seconded the motion.
- ii) There was no public comment.
- iii) The motion *passed* 4-0.

## 3) Old Business

- A) Conditional Use Decision, 2619 Ridge Pike
  - i) Laura Gallagher spoke regarding the Conditional Use Decision for 2619 Ridge Pike.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the Conditional Use for 2619 Ridge Pike subject to the conditions which will be enumerated in the approval resolution at the June 16, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Darby seconded the motion.
  - iii) There was no public comment.
  - iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.

## 4) New Business

- A) Review of minor subdivision and sketch plan for Brightview, 400 N. Park Avenue
  - i) Mike Mrozinski introduced the group from Brightview for their presentation.
  - ii) Todd Chambers, Executive Vice President for Brightview, gave a brief overview of the Brightview company and the proposed vision for their facility on North Park Ave. He explained that Brightview's goal is to be carbon neutral by 2035 and the N. Park Ave. project is their "Branch of the Future" pilot.
  - iii) Len Bradley, design engineer, presented the sketch plan for Phase 1 of the proposed renovations to the facility on N. Park Ave. He explained that they would be seeking waivers or deferrals for right-of-way improvements, sidewalks, curbing, stormwater management, and a request to submit preliminary/final plans simultaneously for the first phase.
  - iv) The Board thanked the Brightview representatives for their presentation.
  - v) Ron Jobson, Alexandra Drive, expressed concerns about the stormwater management.
  - vi) Jay Hellman, Alexandra Drive, expressed concerns about the stormwater management.
  - vii) Brian Jennings, Alexandra Drive, expressed concerns about the stormwater management.
- B) Consideration of McMahon Associates proposal for Green Light-Go project
  - i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager introduced Matt Kozsuch from McMahon Associates who provided an overview of the traffic signal improvements on Egypt Road.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the proposal for engineering design services for the Egypt Road Green Light-Go project. Vice Chair Coless seconded the motion.

- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.

C) Consideration of Resolution 2022-18 establishing conditions and thresholds for waiving building/zoning permit fees.

- i) E.J. Mentry, Township Manager, explained the purpose of the resolution and recommended the permit waiver threshold be set at \$250.00.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Darby made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-18 establishing conditions and a \$250.00 threshold for the Township Manager to waive building/zoning permit fees. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed* 4-0.

**5) Announcements/Meetings**

- A) Retirement recognition – Officer Reggie Nealy
  - i) Chief Jackson announced that Officer Reggie Nealy has retired after 31 years of service to Lower Providence Township and thanked Reggie for all of his hard work and dedicated service.
- B) Residents are invited to join Township staff and first responders for a “Meet, Greet and Eat” in Eagleville Park on Saturday, June 11 from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Details on the Township website, [lowerprovidence.org](http://lowerprovidence.org)
- C) Sewer Authority – June 13 at 4:30 p.m.
- D) Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee – June 15 at 7:00 p.m.
- E) Environmental Advisory Council – June 20 at 6:00 p.m.
- F) Library Board meeting – June 20 at 7:00 p.m.
- G) Parks & Recreation Board - June 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- H) Planning Commission meeting – June 22 at 7:00 p.m.
- I) Zoning Hearing Board meeting – June 23 at 7:00 p.m.

**6) Comments and other Business**

- A) Supervisor Sorgini – come out and support the Fireman’s Fair.
- B) Vice-Chair Coless - Comprehensive Plan Process is winding down and some of the displays will be available at the June 11<sup>th</sup> Meet, Greet & Eat Event and we will collect additional public input and feedback on the plan.

**7) Courtesy of the Floor**

- A) There was no public comment.

**8) Adjournment**

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Darby made a motion to adjourn. Vice Chair Coless seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Next Business Meetings: June 16, 2022

July 21, 2022

*No meeting the first Thursday of July and August*