

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
August 19, 2021**

Call to Order: Chairman MacFarland called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman MacFarland, Vice Chair Eckman, and Supervisors Coless, Neights, Sorgini.
- b. Also in attendance were Peter Nelson, Township Solicitor; Gregg Schuster; Interim Township Manager; Bill Roth, Special Projects and Technology Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer, Jane Delaney, Parks and Recreation Director and Lt. Bill Hopkins.
- c. Chairman MacFarland announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), and 1(b), including moving the minutes of July 15, 2021, into the record. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion. The motion *passed 5-0*.

2) Presentation

- A) Recognition of Jeffrey Gong, outgoing Parks and Recreation Student representative
 - i) Supervisor Coless summarized Jeffrey's service
 - ii) Jane Delaney, Director of Parks and Recreation, thanked Jeffrey for his service

3) New Business

A) Adoption of Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan update

Peter Simone of Simone Collins, and Jean Akers, a member of the Open Space Plan Committee, thanked the members for their efforts.

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-23 and adopt the finalized Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan and to add the completed plan into the finalized Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
- ii) There was no public comment.
- iii) The motion *passed 5-0*.

B) Appointment of student representatives to the Parks and Recreation Board

Jane Delaney reviewed a memo from the Parks & Recreation Board with their recommendations to fill the Student Representative appointments. The recommendation is to appoint Iris Gong and Charlie Yang and to reappoint Kristin Riddell, Riley McDonald, and Parmesh Sivakumar.

- i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to appoint the student representatives as recommended. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
- ii) There was no public comments.
- iii) The motion *passed 5-0*.

C) Consideration of Library Board of Trustees appointment

- i) Supervisor Sorgini, Board liaison to the Library Board, said it is the recommendation to appoint Ben Simpkin to fill the remainder of a term that expires in 2021.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to appointment. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed 5-0*.

D) Consideration of agreement with Hough Associates for collection of recycling data

- i) Mr. Schuster discussed entering into a one-year agreement with Hough Associates for collection of recycling data and preparation of the recycling grant application. Moving forward, the collection and submission could be done in-house.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the agreement with Hough Associates for collection of recycling. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed 5-0*.

E) Consideration of agreement with Methacton Audubon Recreation Association

- i) Jane Delaney requested approval of an updated agreement with the Methacton Audubon Recreation Association for the use of the Audubon Recreation fields, reflecting the merger of Audubon Recreation Association and Methacton Baseball Association.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to update the agreement with MARA. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed 5-0*.

F) Consideration of tree planting request

- i) Jean Akers spoke to a request for funds for an ad hoc committee to formulate a tree planting plan and pursue grant funds. The plan is to be presented to the Board of Supervisors.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve expenditure for the tree planting plan the not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the current fiscal year. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
- iii) There was no public comment.
- iv) The motion *passed 5-0*.

G) Discussion of trash and recycling options

- i) Mr. Schuster made a presentation outlining options for trash and recycling collection. The current contract with JP Mascaro & Sons expires in Feb. 2022. Discussions will continue in future meetings.

H) Discussion of September meeting dates.

- i) No change to the September 2nd date. The September 16 date is changed to September 22. The Budget Workshop will be held Oct. 5 at 4:30 p.m.

4) Announcements / Meetings

- A) Irene Biju, Student Representative, provided an update from Methacton High School. The new school year will be starting on August 30th, 2021. Freshman orientation is scheduled for August 26th. There is also an Activities Fair. Health and safety information is provided on Methacton website. Sports have started.
- B) Planning Commission meeting – August 25 – Cancelled
- C) Zoning Hearing Board meeting – August 26 at 7:00pm

5) Comments and Other Business

- A) Chairman MacFarland commended the LPFD for their tireless effort the other evening with multiple calls all throughout the night.
- B) Supervisor Coless – No Parks and Recreation Board meeting for August. They are also looking for vendors for the Community Fall Festival scheduled on October 2nd.
- C) Supervisor Eckman – The Environmental Advisory Council is looking for student representatives to assist the committee. The Business Development Committee toured the Audubon Shopping Center.
- D) Supervisor Sorgini – The Library Board meeting was moved to August 23rd.

6) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) Resident – Neil Basile, 4 Pawlings Circle, commented on St. Gabriel's Hall and its future.

7) Adjournment

A) MOTION: Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Business Meetings: September 2, 2021
 September 22, 2021