

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
MAY 3, 2018**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Duffy, Supervisors Sorgini, Eckman, MacFarland and Neights.
- b. Also in attendance were: Peter Nelson, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, Township Manager; William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Ken O'Brien, Traffic Engineer; John Primus, Director of Public Works; and Stanley Turtle, Chief of Police;

**Chairman's Comments** - Chairman Duffy announced that prior to the meeting the Board met in executive session to discuss real estate and personnel 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 April 19, 2018 into the record. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion to pass the consent agenda *passed* 5-0. The motion to pass the minutes passed 4-0 with Supervisor Eckman abstaining.

**2) Presentations**

- A) Recognition of Lower Providence Township Recreation Superintendent Karen Hegedus, recipient of the PA Recreation and Park Society's Robert D. Griffith Distinguished Member Award.
- B) Introduction of Office Patrick J. Young, new member of the Lower Providence Township Police Department.
- C) Ridge Pike West Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) study update, Ken O'Brien, McMahon Associates.
  - i) Ken O'Brien presented the study update which takes into account the Board's comments.
  - ii) Nathan Parish gave an update on the PennDOT project.
    - (1) Discussion was held regarding the connecting road and timeline for construction.
  - iii) Supervisor Sorgini asked if any property owners were in attendance that would be affected by this study.
    - (1) Jim Kenny expressed concern as to how this project would affect the value of his property but felt it would help traffic flow in this area.
    - (2) Steve Roberto, owner of Jim & Ralph's Produce, asked how this road would affect his property. Mr. O'Brien said that PennDOT would work with all property owners to determine fair market value.
    - (3) Katherine Kernan, Collegeville Borough, asked for more detail on where the connector road will be located. Discussion was held regarding the plan's implementation and impact on Collegeville.
    - (4) Michael Spicer, Pechins Mill Road, asked for clarification of a potential second bridge's location. Discussion was held regarding open space requirements for the Providence Place development.

- iv) Mr. O'Brien said that prior to the first meeting in June they will submit a report to be approved at that meeting.

D) Financial Update

- i) Don Delamater gave the review of the first quarter finances.
- ii) In response to Supervisor Neights, Mr. Delamater explained that a third-party conducts the inspections thus incurring inspection fees.
- iii) Supervisor MacFarland asked for clarification of the revenue items.

3) New Business

A) Consideration of Resolution 2018-16, approval of the preliminary land development plan for St. James Episcopal Church outreach center.

- i) Solicitor Nelson reviewed the resolution.
- ii) Discussion was held regarding sidewalks and pedestrian connectivity in Section 8 of the Resolution.
- iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-16, approval of the preliminary land development plan for St James Episcopal Church outreach center. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

B) Consideration of Resolution 2018-17, approval of the final land development plan for 35 Evansburg Road.

- i) Solicitor Nelson reviewed the resolution
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the resolution with an amendment to require the sidewalks be 5 feet on Evansburg Road
  - (1) Supervisor MacFarland said that explicit discussion has been held regarding the width and it was determined that four feet was sufficient. Solicitor Nelson said this was in response to waiver request that had been initially missed and added as housekeeping item and noted that the plans have always shown a four-foot sidewalk. Mr. Grof said the existing sidewalk on Evansburg was four feet and they intended to continue the new sidewalk using the existing sidewalk's dimensions but if the Board wished a five-foot sidewalk they would comply. Discussion was held regarding the various widths of sidewalks.
- iii) The motion was not seconded.
- iv) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the final land development plan for 35 Evansburg Road as written. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-1 with Supervisor Neights opposing.

C) Consideration of Resolution 2018-18, authorizing the Township Manager to sign PennDOT traffic signal documents.

- i) Mr. O'Brien reviewed the resolution, which would allow the Township Manager to submit the application for Traffic Signal Approval at Pawlings Road/Station Avenue. Mr. Delamater said the police department and traffic safety unit initiated this request as they identified this intersection as problematic. Discussion was held regarding the details of the changes.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to submit the application conditioned upon receiving the signed agreement from Audubon Land Develop before executing with PennDOT. Chairman Duffy seconded the motion.
  - (1) Discussion was held regarding the order of events appropriate for the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

D) Adoption of Resolution 2018-19 recognizing the week of May 13-19, 2018 as Police Week in Lower Providence Township

- i) Supervisor Eckman reviewed the resolution. Chief Turtle thanked the Board for their support. Chairman Duffy thanked the Chief and the department for the great work that they do in the Township and appreciated their hard work and dedication.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-19 recognizing the week of May 13-19 as Police Week in Lower Providence Township. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- E) Adoption of Resolution 2018-20 recognizing the week of May 20-26, 2018 as Public Works Week in Lower Providence Township.
  - i) Supervisor Sorgini reviewed the resolution. The Board thanked Mr. Primus and his department for their efforts on behalf of Township residents.
  - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-20 recognizing the week of May 20-26, 2018 as Public Works Week in Lower Providence Township. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

#### 4) Announcements

- A) Parks and Recreation will meet on May 8 at 7 p.m.
- B) Sewer Authority will meet on May 14 at 6 p.m.
- C) Primary Election Day is May 15 (Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)
- D) Finance Committee meeting will be held May 21 at 7 p.m.
- E) The Board of Supervisors will hold an Open House on Wednesday, May 9 at 5 p.m. The event will be held at 2621 Van Buren Avenue in the park Pointe at Lower Providence Business Park. The Supervisors will provide information on current projects and goals for 2018. More than a dozen exhibitors will be on hand to answer questions. Information can be found at [lowerprovidence.org](http://lowerprovidence.org) and residents who wish to attend are encouraged to RSVP to Mr. Roth at 610-635-3519.
- F) Volunteer are needed for Eagleville Park Restoration Days, an effort to remove invasive plant species, restore eroded streams and replant native species in Eagleville Park. The restoration days will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month through October. The volunteer project leader is John Zollers. For more information residents may call the Parks and Recreation Department at 610-635-3543 or email [parks@lowerprovidence.org](mailto:parks@lowerprovidence.org).

#### 5) Comments and Other Business

- A) Mr. Neights said that he attended the PSATS conference and, at that conference, attended a redevelopment session that discussed the livability of communities and how to attract millennials. He stressed his commitment to creating a more interconnected, walking community.
- B) Cara Coless, Windsor Drive, attended the April Eagleville Restoration Day and said that it is a worthwhile project and hoped to see more residents participate.

#### 6) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Next Business Meeting:** May 17, 2018  
June 7, 2018