

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 19, 2018**

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, Supervisor Eckman and Supervisor MacFarland. Supervisors Sorgini and Neights were absent.
- b. Also in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, Township Manager; William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; John Primus, Director of Public Works; Stanley Turtle, Chief of Police and Jen Reed, Student Representative.
- c. Chairman Duffy announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss a real estate matter.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c), including moving the meeting minutes of June 21, 2018 into the record. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0.

2) Presentations

- A) Presentation to Ofc. Charles King recognizing 10 years of service with the Lower Providence Township Police Department.
- B) Presentation to Jack Ralph recognizing his attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout.
- C) Proclamation declaring August 4, 2018 Marc Small Day.

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of Resolution 2018-26 approving the revised preliminary/final land development plan for building addition and reconstruction at 109 River Road.
 - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the resolution, noting that this had been discussed at the last Board of Supervisors meeting. He reviewed the waiver requests
 - (1) Discussion was held regarding compliance issues.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to accept Resolution 2018-26. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0.
- B) Consideration of Resolution 2018-27 approving the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.
 - i) Mr. Delamater reviewed Montgomery County's update to the Hazard Mitigation Plan. He noted that the plan has been approved by PEMA and FEMA and each municipality must approve the plan in order to receive any FEMA support in the event of a disaster.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to adopt the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - (1) Supervisor MacFarland clarified that this plan had been adopted by the County.
 - (2) The motion *passed* 3-0.
- C) Discussion of the Township's Firework regulation

- i) Solicitor Rice gave an overview of the State Regulation on Fireworks. He said the Township may need to look at the regulations that can be applied to fireworks as there have been complaints about fireworks usage in the Township.
- ii) Chief Stanley Turtle said that this has become a problem in the Township. He said the Township needs to create an ordinance that gives the police department some tools to deal with firework complaints. He said that Chiefs of Police in the area have been having group discussions on how to deal with firework issues.
- iii) Chairman Duffy discussed how ordinances can be tightened to help police firework issues. He confirmed that, under current state law, the Township cannot ban fireworks. Chairman Duffy suggested residents contact their state legislators to ask for changes in the law and requested that Solicitor Rice and Chief Turtle work together to draft an enforceable ordinance.

(1) Public Comment:

- (a) Catherine Maris, Evansburg Road expressed concerns about fireworks in her neighborhood and the danger they present to her property.
- (b) Joan Patrick, Glenwood Ave., expressed concerns about fireworks in her neighborhood that violate the 150 feet distance requirement.
- (c) A resident asked if firework sales could be restricted to certain days of the year, such as holidays. Solicitor Rice said that could be difficult, but they will be looking at time restrictions.

4) Announcements

- A) The Planning Commission will meet on July 25 at 7 p.m.
- B) The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on June 26 at 7 p.m.
- C) The Sewer Authority will meet on August 13 at 6 p.m.
- D) The Parks & Recreation Board will meet on August 14 at 7 p.m.

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor MacFarland said that the Fractured Prune is planning a Grand Opening on July 31. He also announced that a new craft brewer will have a Labor Day opening and that Lidl has purchased the Norristown Ford property and will begin construction in a few months.
- B) Supervisor Eckman announced that “Coffee with a Cop” will be held on Saturday, July 21 at the Starbucks in Audubon Square VI.
- C) Jen Reed commended the faculty advisors on the Methacton High School trips to France and Spain.

6) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: *August 2, 2018 – Cancelled*
August 16, 2018

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA**

Proclamation

“MARC SMALL DAY”

WHEREAS, Lower Providence Township resident Staff Sgt. Marc J. Small served as a Special Forces Medic with the United States Army, willingly putting himself in harm's way to defend the lives and liberty of others; and

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2009, Marc was tragically killed in action while serving in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Marc's family, seeking to continue his memory in a positive way, created the On Your Marc 5K Run/Walk, an annual event that each year brings together Marc's family, friends and the Lower Providence community; and

WHEREAS, the On Your Marc event benefits “Small Steps in Speech,” a foundation that assists children with communicative disorders started by Amanda Charney, whom Marc had planned to marry. Hundreds of families throughout the country have been helped by the foundation which remembers Marc's love of children and his ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, this year, the tenth and final On Your Marc event will be held August 4, 2018 which is Marc's birthday and Lower Providence Township wishes to honor the service, sacrifice and legacy of Marc Small.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims August 4, 2018 as **Marc Small Day** in Lower Providence Township.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 19th day of July 2018.

**Patrick Duffy, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
Lower Providence Township**