

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 21, 2019**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman MacFarland, Supervisors Duffy, Eckman, Neights and Sorgini.
- 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; John Primus, Director of Public Works; Lt. Michael Jackson, Lower Providence Police Department; Matthew Matour, Student Representative.

Chairman MacFarland announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss real estate, legal and personnel matters.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c), including moving the meeting minutes of March 7, 2019 into the record. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion.

- i) No public comment

The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) New Business

- A) Consideration of Resolution #2019-15 approving the land development plan for Evansburg Winery

- i) Solicitor Rice discussed the traffic impact fee issues discussed at the previous meeting and reviewed the final fee amount. He reviewed the resolution for approval.

- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-15. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion.

- (1) Supervisor Neights clarified the pipe diameter noted in Waiver C.

- (2) Cathy Maris, a resident located across from the property, expressed concerns that she had no notification of any development or that the new gas line installation would be impacting her yard. She had no issues with the winery but rather the notification process. Discussion was held as to when residents are notified of changes and work is handled by the utility companies.

The motion *passed* 5-0.

- B) Consideration of resolution #2019-16 approving the land development plan for 3829 Yerkes Road

- i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the resolution.

- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-16 approving land development for 3829 Yerkes Road. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.

- (1) No public comment

The motion *passed* 5-0.

- C) Consideration of stormwater waiver requests – Audubon Square V

- i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the waiver request.

- ii) Mr. Woodrow said that this request was a result of the completion NPDES permit application that addresses various conflicts between the ordinance and that permit process. He clarified the size of the pipes requested in the waiver and stated he is comfortable requesting approval of twin 15" pipes rather than the required one 18" pipe.
- iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-17 with the waiver to allow twin 15" pipes, Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public comment
 The motion *passed* 5-0.
- D) Review of village house ordinance request
 - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the ordinance request.
 - ii) Eric Fry, on behalf of the property owner Tony Branca, reviewed the proposed text amendment
 - (1) Supervisor Duffy clarified the proposed connection to the Eskie Park trail.
 - (2) Chairman MacFarland discussed the impact of the text amendment.
 - (3) Supervisor Sorgini asked staff if they knew how many parcels of land in the Township this could apply to. Mr. Fry said that after staff review the acreage noted in the amendment it would only apply to one other current vacant property. Supervisor Sorgini clarified the minimum open space noted in the plan. He also clarified the language concerning tracts not being on the same side of the street or adjacent to an existing use.
 - (4) Supervisor Neights asked about the requirement for open space without the zoning amendment.
 - (5) Cara Coless, Windsor Drive, clarified how the text amendment would be applied to this property. She asked if the current ordinance, and the proposed amendment, would be available to the public for reviews. Solicitor Rice said they will be public documents. She expressed concerns about the change in permeable surfaces.
 - (6) Supervisor Eckman clarified how residents would be notified about this change.
 Discussion was held regarding the time line for the proposal.
- E) Consideration of Ordinance #659 establishing an official map for the Ridge Pike West portion of Lower Providence Township.
 - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the ordinance.
 - (1) Chairman MacFarland clarified that the only changes from previous discussions was the addition of the dotted lines that are variable and based on future development.
 - (2) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Ordinance #659 establishing an official map for the Ridge Pike West portion of Lower Providence Township. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - (a) No public comment
 The motion *passed* 5-0.
- F) New meeting dates for the Parks and Recreation Board
 - i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the meeting date change request, beginning on April 16, to move the meeting from the second Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made motion to approve the new meeting dates for the Parks and Recreation Board. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public comment
 The motion *passed* 5-0.
- G) Student Representative update

- i) Matthew Matour gave an update on the Methacton High Schools MiniThon and winter sports.

3) Announcements

- A) Chairman MacFarland commended Lt. Michael Jackson for his completion of a ten-week FBI National Academy course for which he was nominated to attend by his superiors.
- B) The Library's 19th annual wine tasting fundraiser will be held Saturday, March 23. Details and tickets are available online at lowerproviencelibrary.org.
- C) The Planning Commission will meet on March 27 at 7 p.m.
- D) The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on March 28 at 7 p.m.
- E) The 40th Annual Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 6 at 10:00 a.m. in Eagleville Park. The rain date is April 13.

4) Comments and other Business

- A) Mr. Delamater announced that Parks & Recreation Director Karl Lukens has submitted his resignation and they are in the process of hiring a new director.
 - i) Supervisor Duffy and the Board of Supervisors commended Mr. Lukens on his hard work and dedication to the Township.

5) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: April 4, 2019
Wednesday, April 17, 2019