

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 17, 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 and Neights. Supervisor Sorgini was 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; and Police Chief Stan Turtle.
Chairman MacFarland announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss real estate, legal matters and personnel matters.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c), including moving the meeting minutes of April 4, 2019 into the record. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - i) No public commentThe motion *passed* 4-0.

2) Presentations

- A) First quarter financial update
 - i) Township Manager Don Delamater presented the first quarter financial update.

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of a waiver request to permit the replacement of a solid-style fence in the front yard at 3126 Providence Road.
 - i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the waiver request.
 - ii) Mr. Neights asked if there had been a permit when the fence was installed. Mr. Mrozinski said that the existing fence was in place before the current ordinance was enacted. He explained that when these replacement cases come before the Board it's because they are considered non-compliant under current zoning ordinances.
 - iii) Mr. Grudzinski, the property owner, explained why the fence needed replacement and said that the neighbors were not in opposition.
 - iv) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to grant the waiver request to permit the replacement of a solid-style fence in the front yard at 3126 Providence Road. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - (1) No public commentThe motion *passed* 4-0.
- B) Consideration of Resolution 2019-20 approving the land development plan for St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.
 - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the resolution.
 - (1) Discussion was held regarding if SLDO should apply to this request and if a waiver to Section 123-33 should be waived. Discussion also was held about possibly waiving the traffic impact fee since they are not adding any new trips during peak hours.

(2) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-20, the land development plans for St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, including a waiver of the traffic impact fee. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.

(a) Supervisor Neights expressed his displeasure that this was now considered a SLDO issue when, at the last meeting, he believed that it would not be a SLDO issue. He stated he will support the project but is not happy with the lack of information.

Discussion was held regarding the process of preparing the Resolution.

The motion *passed* 4-0

C) Sustainability resolution discussion

i) Supervisor Duffy opened discussion regarding this ongoing issue within the Township. He stated he drafted a resolution for review after researching local resolutions and resolutions in other states.

(1) Supervisor Neights thanked Supervisor Duffy for working on the resolution and reiterated the importance of this issue. He feels that a panel of experts should be involved in reviewing the resolution prior to adoption. Supervisor Neights reviewed what changes he would make to the resolution. Discussion was held regarding the language in the resolution.

(2) Chairman MacFarland discussed the procedure for creating the resolution.

(3) Discussion was held regarding the possibility of paying for experts to review the resolution.

(4) Discussion was held regarding how much power the Township had in enacting these measures. Supervisor Eckman expressed concerns about enacting measures that would be out of their realm of enforcement. Supervisor Neights agreed but would like to review the resolution and bring it back before the Board for additional discussion.

(5) Chairman MacFarland said the item will be on agenda for next meeting

4) Announcements

A) The Planning Commission will meet on April 24 at 7 p.m. - Cancelled

B) The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on April 25 at 7 p.m.

C) Volunteers are needed for Eagleville Park Restoration Day, an effort to remove exotic-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 from April through October starting April 20. The volunteer project leader is John Zollers. Call the Parks and Recreation office at 610-635-3543 or email parks@lowerprovidence.org for more information.

5) Comments and other Business

A) Don Delamater reported that the Park/Eagleville/Crawford intersection design field view report has been prepared and submitted to PennDOT for approval. Once approved McMahon and Associates can proceed into final design phase. He reviewed the time frame for getting the project to construction and said they are also trying to get funding for the construction phase. He reviewed the grants received and money allocated for the project as well as grant money still needed.

B) Don Delamater announced that Deborah Stanish will be leaving as minutes secretary and said the position is advertised on the Township website.

C) Supervisor Neights reported that he met with Casey Moore to get an overview of traffic issues within the Township and, after meeting with Chief Turtle and Mr. Delamater, will have a presentation for the Board in either June or July.

- D) Supervisor Duffy announced that the annual Donut Sale will be held at the Firehouse from 8 to 10 a.m. on April 20. He said that members of the police department will be on hand to meet with the public.
- E) Chairman MacFarland reported that he had just returned from the state-wide township supervisor conference where the issues for discussion included MS4, the lack of volunteers for fire and EMS service and the taxation related to State Police services in area where no local police department exists. He said they also discussed the ongoing opioid crisis and reminded residents that the Township will be holding a prescription drug collection day and encouraged residents to participate.

6) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: May 2, 2019
May 16, 2019