

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 6, 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; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; John Primus, Director of Public Works; and Chief Stanley Turtle. Chairman MacFarland announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held 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 meeting minutes of May 16, 2019 into the record. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.

- i) No public comment

The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) Presentations

- i) Recognition of Deborah Stanish – outgoing minutes secretary.
- ii) 2018 Financial Audit Report
 - (1) Auditor Carl Hogan presented the Financial Audit Report.
 - (2) Discussions and inquiries took place regarding clarification of the pension contribution figures, the fund balance, and police pension fund service costs.

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of a request from Redner's Market for waiver of land development

- i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the request.
 - ii) Erik Britz of Boehler Engineering appeared on behalf of the applicant. He gave further detail on the proposed gas pumps replacing the existing bank building. He said he will comply with the landscaping, sewer and traffic review letters.
 - iii) Mr. Britz reviewed the McMahon letter. Discussion was held regarding the trip generation evaluation.
 - iv) Mr. Britz asked for a waiver from installing sidewalks as they are a tenant in a multi-tenant shopping center. Clarification was made as to why a waiver of land development may apply, including similar use, and the applicant being a tenant and not the owner of the entire center.
 - v) Clarification was made about the location of the gas storage tank based on the letter from Montgomery County Planning Commission. Discussion also was held about the County's suggestion that sidewalks being installed and clarification was made that the landlord is not undertaking the improvements. Discussion was held regarding the access onto Surrey Lane.
 - vi) Discussion was held about the slopes at the roadway and the entry into the gas facility possibly being posted one-way. Mr. Britz did not feel this was necessary but would be

evaluated after the facility has been open. Discussion was held regarding the fuel shut-off location.

vii) Discussion was held regarding the ultimate right-of-way, building setbacks and subsurface utility lines.

viii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the waiver of land development with the condition that the owner install sidewalks along the Egypt Road frontage within 3 years.

(1) Discussion was held regarding waiving other costs in lieu of installing the sidewalks. The owner of the property said that they have gone to great efforts to reinvigorate the shopping center and feels it has provided pedestrian accesses.

(2) Chairman MacFarland called for a second to the motion

(a) Clarification was asked for where Supervisor Neights would like the sidewalk to run. Discussion was held regarding the sidewalk installation.

The motion did not receive a second.

(3) **MOTION:** Chairman MacFarland made a motion to approve the waiver of land development subject to compliance with review letters. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.

(a) Discussion was held regarding future development of the property and the ability to have sidewalks installed at that time.

(b) Supervisor Neights explained why he requested the amendment.

(c) Cara Coless, Windsor Drive, inquired about the location of the SEPTA stop near the property, the reason for waiving land development that requires sidewalks, proximity of a gas station to a school or day care, and excess fuel running into the street or groundwater.

The motion passed 4-1 with Supervisor Duffy in opposition.

B) Consideration of acceptance of a Montco 2040 Grant award and execution of agreement

i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the grant award of \$65,445 for the Creating Connections in Park Pointe project.

ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to accept the Montco grant award and execute the agreement. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.

(1) No public comment

The motion *passed* 5-0.

C) Authorization to execute Memorandum of Agreement with Montgomery County Department of Public Safety.

i) Mr. Delamater explained the difficulties encountered during the Salter's Fire of refueling the emergency vehicles on the scene and how that precipitated this Memorandum.

ii) It was inquired if this would apply to responders from mutual aid coming into the Township. Chief Turtle said that it would.

iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to execute the Memorandum of Agreement with Montgomery County Department of Public Safety. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.

(1) No public comment

The motion *passed* 5-0.

D) Authorization for Township Manager to execute DCED grant documents.

i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the \$45,000 grant received with the assistance of Representative Webster's office for safety improvements to the municipal building and a \$50,000 grant

received with the assistance of Sen. Rafferty's office to be used to upgrade all of the emergency lighting on the police vehicles.

- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to execute the DCED grant documents. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.

(1) No public comment

The motion *passed* 5-0.

4) Announcements

- A) Chairman MacFarland said there would be no Student Representative Report as both Student Representatives have been excused from attending the meeting due to studying for finals.
- B) Sewer Authority meeting will be held June 10 at 6 p.m.
- C) Library Board of Trustees will meet on June 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.
- D) Parks and Recreation meeting will be held June 18 at 7 p.m.
- E) Volunteers are needed for Restoration Days, an ecological restoration effort in Eagleville Park. The restorations days are held 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of each month through October. Volunteers meet at the pavilion. Please note that this month's work day has been moved to June 22nd.
- F) Chairman MacFarland announced that the Board of Supervisors attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new John James Audubon Visitor Center at Mill Grove and that the facility is a great asset to the community.
- G) Chairman MacFarland recognized the 75th anniversary of D-Day
- H) Supervisor Sorgini announced that the Lower Providence Township Fire Company Fair has begun and encouraged residents to support this event.
- I) Supervisor Duffy commended the recent Rolling Thunder Day with Veterans.
- J) Supervisor Eckman recounted the Supervisors tour of CertaPro Painters headquarters. She said they are a great corporate partner in the Township
- K) Supervisor Neights discussed grant money available through Montgomery County to assist private property owners to facilitate riparian buffers on private property.

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Mr. Delamater announced that the Lower Providence Township fire marshal announced his resignation and will be replaced by Mike Rohlfing who will also be the code enforcement officer and Emergency Management Coordinator for the Township. Mr. Delamater said that the Emergency Management Coordinator designation must be approved by the state once it is recommended by the Board of Supervisors.
 - i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to recommend Mike Rohlfing as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Lower Providence Township. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- B) Mr. Delamater reviewed the traffic projects currently underway. Chairman MacFarland asked Mr. Primus to remind the public at the next meeting what roads will be part of the repaving project.

6) Courtesy of Floor

- A) A Mt. Kirk Ave. resident expressed concern about the speed of cars on his street, recounting accidents that have occurred and his issues with safety for his family. Discussion was held regarding measures previously taken. Chief Turtle explained the difficulties of traffic slowing measures requested for that street. He said he will have a discussion with the Traffic Sergeant to see if there are any other effective measures that can be taken.

- B) A Condor Drive resident and professor at Temple University, commended the Township on their recent Sustainability resolution saying he feels it is beneficial to residents and businesses in the Township. He said that if there is a way to share this document with High School students, he feels it would be of benefit to them as well. Supervisor MacFarland said there is discussion on this in progress.

7) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: June 20, 2019

July 18, 2019

No meeting the first Thursday of July and August