

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**

Call to Order: Chairman MacFarland called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman MacFarland, Vice Chair Eckman, Supervisors Duffy, Neights and Sorgini. Also, in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Donald 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; Police Chief Michael Jackson; and Will Cavallo, Student Representative.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c) including moving the meeting minutes of August 15, 2019 into the record. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
i) No public comment
The motion *passed* 3-0-2 with Chairman MacFarland and Supervisor Neights abstaining due to their absence on August 15.

2) Presentations

- A) Presentation by Chairman MacFarland to Matthew Matour, outgoing Student Representative, recognizing his service to the Lower Providence Board of Supervisors.
B) Presentation by Supervisor Neights to Erin Donovan, the 2019 Soap Box Derby World Champion.

3) New Business

- A) Conditional Use Decision - 9 S. Park Avenue
i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the Conditional Use for 9 S. Park Avenue.
ii) **MOTION:** Mr. Duffy made a motion to grant the Conditional Use Application for 9 S. Park Avenue. Mr. Sorgini seconded the motion.
(1) No public comment
The motion *passed* 3-0, with Chairman MacFarland and Supervisor Gary Neights not voting because they did not attend the hearing.
- B) Conditional Use Decision – 420, 426, and 428 Church Road and Parcel #43-00-2308-00-7 Church Road
i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the Conditional Use for 420, 426 and 428 Church Road and Parcel 43-00-2308-00-7. Solicitor Rice noted that the Board has 45 days to render a decision, he stated that today he had received a request from the counsel for the applicant to continue this deliberation or decision until the Board's next meeting on September 19th. The Board will not vote on this evening, no official action. It will be brought up again at the September 19th Board of Supervisors meeting. Anyone that would like to make public comment regarding this application can make comments at the end of the meeting under Public Comment.
- C) Consideration of Ordinance #661 authorizing renewal of the cable franchise agreement with Comcast.

- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed Ordinance #661 – renewal of the Comcast cable franchise agreement.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Ordinance #661 authorizing the renewal of the cable franchise agreement with Comcast. Mr. Sorgini seconded the motion.
(1) Joe Ferraro of 12 Pinetree Drive asked if the Board could get a shorter contract; was this put out to bid; and if it could be made a public utility for the Township. Mr. Delamater explained that these agreements pertain to Comcast using the Townships ROW's.

The motion *passed* 5-0.

D) Consideration of Resolution 2019-27 for submission of TE-160 application for traffic signal at Germantown Pike and Evansburg Road.

- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed Resolution 2019-27.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-27 to submit Application TE-160 to PennDOT. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.

(1) No public comment

The motion *passed* 5-0.

E) Consideration of student representative appointments to the Park and Recreation Board.

- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the Park and Recreation's recommendations for student representative appointments. The recommendations are as follows: Katherine McGrath & Ashmitha Sivakumar as the two voting student representative positions from September 2019 – August 2020; Lauren McDonald as the alternate student representative position from September 2019 – August 2020; and Jeffrey Gong as a non-voting student representative from September 2019 – August 2020.
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to approve the Park and Recreation Board Student representatives as noted. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.

(1) No public comment

The motion *passed* 5-0.

F) Consideration of Accreditation services agreement with law Enforcement Accreditation Service LLC.

- i) Chief Jackson reviewed the Accreditation Services Agreement
- ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the Accreditation Services Agreement with Law Enforcement Accreditation Services. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.

(1) No public comment.

The motion *passed* 5-0.

G) Student Representative Update

- i) Will Cavallo gave an update on the beginning of the new school year.

4) Announcements

- A) Sewer Authority meeting – September 9th at 6:00 p.m.
- B) Library Board meeting – September 16th at 7:00 p.m.
- C) Parks and Recreation Board meeting – September 17th at 7:00 p.m.
- D) The Board of Supervisors will hold an Open House on Tuesday, September 24th at Arcola Intermediate School. The Supervisors will provide information current on projects and activity in the Township. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.
- E) The Township's annual Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 5th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Eagleville Park. Details at lptrec.com.
- F) The Library will be holding a fall fundraiser, "Midnight in the Garden of Beer and Books" on October 19th, tickets are available at the library.

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor Neights announced that the Board will be holding a Budget meeting on Monday September 23rd.
- B) Supervisor Duffy announced that several businesses are opening this month: Lidl; Providence Place; and Certa Pro.
- C) Chairman MacFarland announced that the St. James Episcopal Church will be having a Grand Opening of their Outreach House.

6) Courtesy of Floor

- A) Cara Coless 2015 Windsor Drive spoke to the Board regarding the rezoning of the Church Road properties from R2 to Village Housing.
 - i) Mr. Rice said that the property was not rezoned, he explained that it was a zoning amendment to add an additional use of Village House.
- B) Robert Dodds 3037 Walker Lane spoke to the Board about the opposition of this project from the Church Road neighbors.
- C) Ed Campbell 3006 Walker Lane felt that the neighbors should be notified.
- D) Joe Ferraro 12 Pinetree Drive inquired about the maximum traffic density for Church Road.
- E) Tony Branca Church Road Project Developer stated that he did request to cancel the vote for this project due to the out lash from the neighbors. Mr. Branca stated that he would meet with the Church Road residents to discuss their concerns for this project.

7) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: September 19, 2019
October 3, 2019

Budget Workshop: September 23, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.