

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2019**

Call to Order: Chairman MacFarland called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Peter MacFarland, Vice Chair Colleen Eckman, Supervisors Patrick Duffy, Gary Neights and Jason Sorgini. Also, in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Donald Delamater, Township Manager, Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Geri Golas, Assistant Township Manager; John Primus, Director of Public Works; Jane Delaney, Parks & Recreation Director; Police Chief Michael Jackson; and Student Representative William Cavallo.

Chairman's Comments: 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 September 19, 2019 and the Budget Workshop Minutes of September 23, 2019 into the record. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
i) No public comment
The motion *passed* 5-0.

B) Presentations

Presentation was made by Chief Michael Jackson announcing the promotion of Sgt. William Hopkins to the rank of Lieutenant with the Lower Providence Township Police Department.

2) New Business

- A) Consideration of a two-lot minor subdivision plan for 3880 Yerkes Road.
i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the two-lot minor subdivision plan for 3880 Yerkes Road, making a 94,000 lot into a 40,000 square foot lot and a 50,000 square foot lot.
ii) Jennifer Venezia -3880 Yerkes Road and Thomas Smith, Engineer with Bercek & Smith reviewed the plan for the two-lot subdivision.
iii) Solicitor Rice will provide a Resolution for preliminary plan approval to be presented to the Board of Supervisors at the October 17, 2019 Meeting.
- B) Consideration of a waiver request to permit replacement fencing to installed with framing facing outward to match existing fencing at 110 Sarah Avenue.
i) Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the waiver request to install the framing fencing outward to match the existing fencing.
ii) Brian Chawaga of 110 Sarah Avenue spoke to the Board and noted that he has had no concerns from his neighbors
iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to grant the waiver of the fence requirement to allow the existing fence to be maintained. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
iv) No public comment.
The motion *passed* 5-0.

- C) Consideration of Resolution #2019-28, supporting an amendment to the Sterling Act to require that up to one percent of Philadelphia Wage Tax paid by non-residents of Philadelphia be remitted to the municipality in the which the taxpayer resides.
- i) Mr. Delamater reviewed Resolution #2019-28.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve Resolution #2019-28 supporting an amendment to the Sterling Act. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - iii) No public comment.
- The motion *passed* 5-0.
- D) Consideration of the Parks and Recreation Department's 5-year Capital Plan.
- i) Mrs. Delaney reviewed the Parks & Recreation 5-year Capital Plan.
 - ii) Supervisor Eckman inquired about possible Eagle Scout Projects.
 - iii) Chairman MacFarland inquired about an Open Space Grant.
 - iv) Supervisor Neights requested that Park & Recreation consider the possibility of incorporating exercise stations in the parks.
 - v) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Department's 5-year Capital Plan. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion.
 - vi) No public comment.
- The motion *passed* 5-0.
- E) Zoning Notification Discussion.
- i) Supervisor Neights prepared a draft ordinance to change the notification process for zoning changes, post the property with a sign; provide timely notification to the neighbors and publish the documents and associated plans on the Township website
 - ii) Solicitor Rice was asked to look into the sample ordinance and prepare a proposed ordinance to present to the Board of Supervisors for review and consideration.
- F) Student Representative Update. Will Cavallo noted that there is fundraising for the Homecoming Dance and there is ongoing building maintenance.

3) **Announcements**

- A) The Township's Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 5th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Eagleville Park. Details can be found at lptrec.com. Mrs. Delaney noted that the Business Courtyard is filled and that there are 21 non-profit and 17 crafter vendors participating.
- B) Sewer Authority meeting - October 14th at 6:00 p.m.
- C) Parks & Recreation Board meeting - October 15th at 7:00 p.m.
- D) Library Board meeting - October 21st at 7:00 p.m.

4) **Comments and other Business**

- A) Chairman MacFarland mentioned that the Board is continuing to have dialog with the Methacton School District regarding the Townships interest in using the Audubon School for expanded community activities which would include Worcester residents and add significant open land and park area.
- B) Supervisor Duffy thanked Bill Roth and the Business Development Committee for preparing and putting on the September 24th Open House.
- C) Supervisor Eckman noted that if anyone missed the Open House, they can watch the rebroadcast on the Township's website.
- D) Chairman MacFarland thanked the Methacton School District for allowing the Board to use Arcola School for the Open House.
- E) Supervisor Neights spoke about the new project IROY Gym moving into the Township.

5) Courtesy of Floor

- A) Robert Dodds – 3037 Walker Lane spoke to the Board about implementing a new policy of notifying residents of Zoning changes; a possible change to Ordinance 660; and the Church Road Project.
- B) Karen Stine – 118 Church Road spoke to the Board about the Church Road Project; and to also consider the way the public is notified for these projects.
- C) Nick Herbst – 19 Church Road spoke to the Board about revisiting the zoning of R-2.
- D) Mike Ryan – 2759 Apple Valley Lane asked the Board about taxes that are paid in protest and if the funds are being held in escrow for the Shannondell property.
- E) Kathy Eskie – 540 Highgate Road spoke to the Board about misconceptions that are being posted on-line and she also noted that she was Campaign Chairperson for Supervisor Duffy.

6) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: October 17, 2019
 November 7, 2019

Respectfully submitted:

Donald D. Delamater, Secretary