

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

Call to Order: Chairman MacFarland called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Peter MacFarland, Vice Chair Colleen Eckman, Supervisors Patrick Duffy, and Jason Sorgini. Also, in attendance were: Donald Delamater, Township Manager; John Rice, Township Solicitor; William Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; John Primus, Director of Public Works; and Police Lieutenant William Hopkins. Supervisor Neights was absent.

Chairman MacFarland announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss legal matters.

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 November 7, 2019 into the record. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion.
i) No public comment
The motion *passed* 4-0.

2) Presentations

- A) Chairman MacFarland read into record a proclamation recognizing the John James Audubon Center a true Township treasure.
i) Jean Bochnowski, Director of Centers and Operations at the John James Audubon Center thanked everyone for attending the meeting and visiting the center.

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of waiver for fence standards to permit fencing through a storm sewer easement and solid style fencing in the front yard at 1008 Arcola Glen Drive.
i) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to grant the waiver for the fence at 1008 Arcola Glen Drive. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion.
ii) No public comment
The motion *passed* 4-0.
- B) Consideration Resolution 2019-33, approving the preliminary/final land development plan for IROY Sports Facility, 3444 Germantown Pike.
i) Solicitor Rice reviewed Resolution 2019-33 approving the preliminary/final land development for the IROY Sports Facility noting that a 9th condition would be added for the installation of electronic charging stations.
ii) Amanda Schneider, Engineer with D.L. Howell Associates noted that the applicant is agreeable to installing the charging stations.
(1) The supervisors thanked the Engineer and Applicant for adding the charging stations.
iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-33 approving the preliminary/final land development plan for IROY Sports Facility at 3444 Germantown Pike. Supervisor Duffy seconded the motion.

iv) No public comment.

The motion *passed* 4-0.

C) Consideration of a request for “No Parking designation on portions of Van Buren & Jefferson Avenue.

i) Lieutenant Hopkins reviewed the request from PJM Interconnection for a No Parking designation.

ii) Mr. Turtle, Security Lead at PJM Interconnection presented to the Board the need to add “No Parking” signs around the control center for safety reasons

iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion authorizing the Solicitor to draft an ordinance to designate “No Parking” on portions of Van Buren and Jefferson Avenues. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.

iv) Janet Barry – 1414 Wetherhill Road inquired if this would impact the parking at the Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital. Mr. Turtle explained the overflow traffic for the Veterinary Hospital is on Adams Avenue.

The motion *passed* 4-0.

D) Discussion of proposed ordinance-residential zoning update.

i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the reason for the residential zoning update was to re-organize, correct and make the information more readable. First part is to list all the definitions in one section and the second part was taking the Residential Zoning Districts R-1 through R-5 and listing the By-Right Uses; Regulations and Conditional Uses. Additional revisions regarding Board and Staff comments and any Public comments given at this meeting. This ordinance will be re-advertised and will be available on the Township Website.

ii) Joyce Cluley – 19 Vaux Lane inquired about residents raising chickens and the sale of agricultural products, will that be addressed in the zoning update. Solicitor Rice noted that nothing has changed regarding the sale of agricultural products.

(1) Ms. Cluley also noted that she was very proud that Chairman MacFarland was at the Valley Forge Memorial on Veterans Day representing the Township.

iii) Cara Coless – 2015 Windsor Drive inquired if Ordinance 660 was incorporated in the R-2 District; Solicitor Rice noted that Ordinance 660 is still in the current zoning.

iv) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to advertise the proposed residential zoning update. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.

The motion *passed* 4-0.

E) Discussion of Ordinance No. 660.

i) Solicitor Rice reviewed Ordinance 660 providing for smaller lots for Single Family Dwellings in the R-2 Zoning District.

ii) The Board discussed modifying; repealing or leaving the Ordinance as is.

iii) The following residents provided comments and input pertaining to repealing Ordinance 660

(1) Karen Stein – 118 Church Road

(2) Erica Sabinske – 1408 Catherine Street

(3) Robert Dodd – 3037 Walker Lane

(4) Cara Coless – 2015 Windsor Drive

iv) **MOTION:** Supervisor Sorgini made a motion to rescind Ordinance 660 and authorize the Solicitor to prepare the appropriate ordinance for a future meeting. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.

The motion *passed* 3-1.

- F) Discussion and consideration of electric vehicle charging stations.
- i) Supervisor Eckman reviewed a Grant opportunity to install electric vehicle charging stations at the Township site. Mr. Delamater met with ChargePoint and they provided a proposal for a One Charging Unit-Two Stops. After reviewing the proposals; the work to be done; the lack of electric vehicles in the Township fleet; and the cost to the township the Board made a decision not to pursue the electric vehicle charging stations at this time.
 - ii) No public comment.
- G) Authorization to advertise the appointment of BBD as the Township Auditor for the 2019 at the Reorganization Meeting.
- i) Mr. Delamater said the appointment is done annually and must be advertised prior to the Board's reorganization meeting in January.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the appointment of BBD as the Township auditor for the fiscal year 2019 to take place at the reorganization meeting. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion.
 - iii) No public comment.
- The motion *passed* 4-0.
- H) Student Representative Update. Will Cavello noted that the First Quarter marking period ended, Fall Sports seasons have ended, Methacton Theater Group performed the Crucible, the Marching Band went to the championships.

4) Announcements

- A) Sewer Authority Meeting – Monday, December 9th at 5:30 p.m.
- B) 11th Annual Community Tree Lighting - Friday, Dec. 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the Township complex.
- C) The Caring & Sharing holiday food drive is underway. Items can be dropped off at the Township Building weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Coats and gloves are also being collected for "Feel the Warmth"

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Mr. Delamater announced that Mascaro-Township trash/recycling collector is moving forward with a change to recycle flexible plastics. This is an added benefit at no additional cost. Mascaro will be sending a flyer to the Township Residents.
- B) Chairman MacFarland announced that the Tru Hotel was holding their open house tonight.

6) Courtesy of Floor

- A) Lisa Yanak – 38 Summit Avenue thanked the Board for opportunity to come out to the JJ Audubon Center and she also noted that the Lower Providence Library provides free family passes to the Center.

7) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Duffy made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Sorgini seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: December 5, 2019
December 19, 2019