

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
MARCH 5, 2020**

Call to Order: Chairman Sorgini called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence was held for Ron Long, Code Enforcement Officer

Roll Call:

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Sorgini, Supervisors Eckman, Coless, MacFarland, and Neights.
 - b. Also in attendance were: John Rice, Township Solicitor; Don Delamater, Township Manager; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; Bill Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Geri Spotts, Assistant Township Manager; John Primus, Director of Public Works; and Michael Jackson, Chief of Police.
- Chairman Sorgini announced that prior to the meeting an executive session was held to discuss legal issues.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), including moving the meeting minutes of February 20, 2020 into the record. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) Presentations

- A) Presentation of the Police Department Distinguished Unit Citations by Chief Jackson to the following: Officers Tim Arthur, Devon Auge, Jeremy Bonner, Michael Nastasi; and Sgt. James Crawford.
- B) Presentation by Chief Jackson promoting of Corporal Ryan Singleton to the rank of Sergeant.
- C) Presentation by Chief Jackson promoting of Officer Joseph McCreary to the rank of Corporal.

3) New Business

- A) Consideration of Resolution 2020-09 supporting the submission of a multi-municipal grant applications for the Perkiomen Creek Water Trail Signage and Wayfinding Project.
 - i) Mr. Delamater reviewed the multi-municipal grant for the Perkiomen Creek Water Trail Signage, noting that there is no financial obligation for Lower Providence Township. The municipalities included are Schwenksville Borough; Marlborough Township; Upper Salford Township; Lower Frederick Township; Skippack Township; Collegeville Borough; and Montgomery County Assets & Infrastructure-Division of Parks, Trails and Historic Sites.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-09 approving the submission of the multi-municipal grant application for the Perkiomen Creek Water Trail. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - iii) There was no public comment.
 - iv) The motion *passed* 5-0.
- B) Authorization to advertise an Ordinance creating a Township Environmental Advisory Council
 - i) Solicitor Rice reviewed the Ordinance creating a Township Environmental Advisory Council.
 - ii) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to authorize the advertisement for the Township EAC Ordinance. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
 - iii) Annie Zhang – 405 Hillside Avenue thanked the Board for making the environment a priority by creating the EAC and maybe they would consider adding a Youth Representative.
 - iv) Douglas White – 709 Barrington Road, thanked the Board for considering an EAC.
 - v) Erin McCool – 5008 Coldspring Drive, thanked the Board for adding an EAC and agreed that maybe they should look at adding a Student Representative.
 - vi) The motion *passed* 5-0.

- C) Extension of the review process for Shannondell Phase III
- i) Solicitor Rice explained that the Shannondell Project Preliminary Plan Approval was given in 1999 for 2,000 Independent Living Units; 192-Assisted Living Units; and 328-Skilled Nursing Care Units to be done in phases. Extensions have been done year by year.
 - ii) Merle Ochrach, attorney for Shannondell, explained that this was planned as a phased project. Two of the phases have been fully approved and built, the Phase II units are still being sold. The developer is requesting a one-year extension for Phase III.
 - iii) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the one-year extension of the review for Shannondell Phase III. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
 - iv) No public comments.
 - v) The motion passed 5-0.
- D) Will Cavello announced that Methacton has had a few events; the theaters productions of Brigadoon, the boys Basketball D1 tournament played at Temple, March 6th the school will hold the Mr. Methacton talent show, the 31st the Warrior Performance Group production of Trojan Women, and also the Annual Film Fest.
- i) Chairman Sorgini announced that the Methacton Boys & Girls Basketball teams are in Round 1 of the state playoffs. Also, two wrestlers and one swimmer are competing at states.

4) Announcements

- A) The Sewer Authority will meet on March 9th at 6:00 p.m.
- B) The Library's 20th Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser will be held March 14th at 7:00 p.m.
- C) The Library Board of Trustees will meet March 16th at 7:00 p.m.
- D) The Parks a Recreation Board will meet on March 17th at 7:00 p.m.
- E) The Township's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 28th starting at 10:00 a.m. in Eagleville Park. Rain Date is April 4th.

5) Comments and other Business

- A) Supervisor Neights announced that he had attended his first Zoning Hearing Board Meeting.
- B) Supervisor Eckman gave an updated for Park & Rec: Open Space Committee is moving along. there are still a few spots left at camp Perkiomy; Trailblazers camp filled in one day; the 41st Annual Egg Hunt is scheduled for March 28th, Babysitting Class, AARP Driving Class, several Bus Trips, and starting to plan an Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration. Also, Indianhead Watershed Association is having their annual fishing derby on Saturday, Father's Day, June 20th.
- C) Chairman Sorgini noted that he and Supervisor Neights have met with staff as the Revenue Sub-Committee reviewing the Townships Revenues and Assets.
- D) Supervisor Coless noted that she and Supervisor MacFarland are meeting with Montgomery County Planning to review the process for a Comprehensive Plan update.
- E) Supervisor MacFarland announced that he and Mr. Delamater will meet with Dr. Zerbe to discuss the Township utilizing the Audubon School as a Community Center.
- F) Mr. Delamater announced that the Township's 2019 Board of Supervisors Open House Video won the First Place Award in the Audiovisual Communication category from PSATS.

6) Courtesy of the Floor

- A) No Public Comment

7) Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Next Business Meeting: March 19, 2020
April 2, 2020