

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING  
JUNE 18, 2020**

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**Call to Order:** Chairman Sorgini called the Zoom Virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

- a. The following members were in attendance: Chairman Sorgini, Supervisors Eckman, Coless, MacFarland, and Neights.
- b. Also in attendance were: Don Delamater, Township Manager; John Rice, Township Solicitor; and Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director.
- c. Chairman Sorgini announced that on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup> executive sessions were held to discuss personnel matters and litigation.

**1) Consent Agenda**

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c), including moving the meeting minutes of May 21, 2020 into the record. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
  - i. Supervisor MacFarland inquired about the 30 EDU's for the Vaux Hall Properties listed on the Sewer Authority Report.
  - ii. There was no public comment
  - iii. The motion *passed* 5-0.

**2) Presentations**

- A) 2019 Audit Report
  - i. Carl Hogan of BBD, Certified Public Accountants, presented the 2019 financial audit report and noted that the Township is in a good position going into 2020 financially.
  - ii. Discussions and inquiries took place regarding the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- B) Open Space Plan Update
  - i. Peter Simone, Simone Collins Landscape Architects, presented the Open Space Plan process. The work is being 50% funded by a Community Partnership grant from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

**3) New Business**

- A) Consideration of fence waiver request to permit the installation of a six-foot, solid style fence at 705 Jode Road.
  - i. Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the fence waiver request from James Karlinsey, 705 Jode Road.
  - ii. Mr. Karlinsey was in attendance and reviewed his request. He also noted that he had notified his neighbors and there were no objections.
  - iii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve the 705 Jode Road fence waiver request. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
  - iv. There was no public comment.
  - v. The motion *passed* 5-0
- B) Consideration of Resolution 2020-12 establishing a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
  - i. Mr. Rice reviewed Resolution 2020-12 establishing a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.
  - ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-12. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
  - iii. There was no public comment.

iv. The motion *passed* 5-0.

#### **4. Announcements**

- A. Zoning Hearing Board meeting via Zoom Webinar will be held on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- B. The July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration and fireworks have been cancelled, moving the fireworks celebration to Fall Festival on October 3rd.
- C. Thank you to all the applicants who have applied for the EAC and Student Representative panels. The supervisors will be working through applications with the intent to make appointments at the July or August meetings.
- D. Will Cavallo noted that school has ended. The seniors had a modified graduation and it went well. Summer schoolwork is being distributed from teachers and there are opportunities and materials shared on Google Classroom.

#### **5. Comments and other Business**

- A. Supervisor Neights congratulated the state of PA, best COVID trends are dropping. Please be safe and wear masks when we go green.
- B. Supervisor Eckman announced that Park & Recreation postponed the July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks and will look to have them during the Fall Festival. There will be small activities, limited in size, that the Parks Department can put together for the summer for children that are home. Open Space Plan work will be picking up. Thank you to the Police Department for their help with graduation, it was a great community event.

#### **6. Courtesy of the Floor**

- A. Jenifer Maslow, 987 N. Grange Avenue, inquired about the cost to purchase fireworks. Mr. Delamater noted that the Park & Recreation Department solicit donations.
- B. Lisa Yanak, 38 Summit Avenue, noted how pleased she is that the Board of Supervisors are holding Zoom meetings and wanted to know if Zoom could be made available going forward.
- C. Jonathan Perrone, 3204 W. Mt. Kirk Avenue, commended BBD and Carl Hogan for the presentation and commended the Board of Supervisors with keeping a decent fund balance.
- D. Jenifer Maslow, 987 N. Grange Avenue, noted that last weekend there was a Black Lives Matter march that was organized by the Methacton High School Students.
  - i. Supervisor Neights took part in the March and he appreciated the professionalism of the students, staff, and police.

#### **7. Adjournment**

- i. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Next Business Meetings: July 16, 2020

August 15, 2020

No meetings the first Thursday of July and August.