

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 16, 2020**

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; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; and Lieutenant Bill Hopkins.
- c. Chairman Sorgini announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c), including moving the meeting minutes of June 18, 2020 into the record. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
 - i. There was no public comment.
 - ii. The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) New Business

- A) Consideration of fence waiver request - 2837 Whippoorwill Road
 - i. Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the fence waiver request for the property located at the corner of Mourning Dove and Whippoorwill roads. The fence, installed prior to a permit being issued, encroaches onto the property's second frontage. He said that there are no sight distances issues.
 - ii. Neither the homeowners nor the fence company were in attendance.
 - iii. There was discussion regarding the need for a view of the installation and feedback from neighbors.
 - iv. **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to table the request. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
 - v. There was no public comment.
 - vi. The motion to table the fence waiver request *passed* 5-0

B) Conditional Use Hearing for 3305 Ridge Pike

Court reporter Tim Kurek was present to take a complete record of testimony.

- i. **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into the conditional use hearing. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- ii. There is currently an electrical contracting business on the first floor of the property. The owner is seeking a second principal use on the property. Bella Derma and Med Spa which would offer non-invasive skin rejuvenation procedures would be located on the second floor.
- iii. Supervisor Coless made a motion to exit the hearing and return to the regular meeting. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- iv. A complete record of the hearing will be prepared by the court reporter.

C) Consideration of Resolution 2020-13 approving the Park Avenue-Eagleville Road-Crawford Road improvement project right-of-way plan

- i. McMahon Associates is completing the preliminary engineering and design phase of the project. Stephanie Butler, McMahon senior project manager, said that Resolution 2020-13 will provide approval for the right-of-way acquisition and negotiation process with property owners to begin. She said the general right-of-way plan may be adjusted before final recording.

- ii. Supervisor MacFarland clarified that the resolution is needed before discussions can begin according to state regulations.
 - iii. **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-13. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - iv. There was no public comment.
 - v. The motion to approve Resolution 2020-13 *passed* 5-0.
- D) Consideration of Resolution 2020-14 approving sewer design work
- i. Mr. Delamater said that sewer work is part of the Park Avenue-Eagleville Road-Crawford Road intersection improvement project. Because the Sewer Authority is a township entity, the cost can be included in the grant received for the project. Resolution 2020-14 accepts the Sewer Authority's plan and approves the proposal from Gannett Fleming for the work.
 - ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-14, Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
 - iii. There was no public comment.
 - iv. The motion to approve Resolution 2020-14 *passed* 5-0.
- E) "No Parking" restriction request – authorize advertisement of an ordinance
- i. Lieutenant Hopkins said that following Worcester Township's "no parking" designation on its portion of Kriebel Mill Road, student parking had moved down into the Lower Providence portion. He said there were resulting issues with sight distance for residents, and blocked mailboxes and driveway aprons. Proposed are no parking restrictions which would be in effect Monday to Friday, 7:00 am to 3:00 pm
 - ii. It was noted that Chief Jackson had been in contact with the residents and most favored the parking restrictions.
 - iii. There was a question about parking of maintenance vehicles.
 - iv. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the advertisement of an ordinance restricting parking on Kriebel Mill Road. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
 - v. Public Comment:
 - a. Kelbin Carolina, 900 Kriebel Mill Road – Mr. Carolina said the parking issue had been an ongoing concern and thanked the board for addressing it.
 - b. A resident from the Worcester portion of the road thanked the board for addressing the issue.
 - vi. The motion to advertise an ordinance restricting parking on Kriebel Mill Road *passed* 5-0.
- F) Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) Appointments
- i. Chairman Sorgini thanked Supervisor Coless and MacFarland for conducting the interviews and making recommendations for appointment.
 - ii. Supervisor Coless said 10 applications were received and it was a difficult decision to make recommendations.
 - iii. There was discussion about potential confusion with a group of a similar name that maintains a Facebook page, the possibility of that group changing its name, and whether someone could be a member of both.
 - iv. The EAC will have five members, each ultimately serving three-year terms. Some of the initial members will have shorter terms to facilitate staggered term expirations in the future One appointee will serve until 12/31/2020, two will serve until 12/21/2021, and two will serve until 12/31/22. There will be an opportunity to be considered for re-appointment.
 - v. **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to appoint Joseph Lulis, seconded by Supervisor MacFarland. The motion was rescinded in order for the board to make nominations prior to voting on appointments.
 - vi. Nominations for the one term expiring in 2020: Supervisor Eckman nominated Joseph Lulis. Supervisor Coless nominated Julia Nekheleh.

- a. **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to appoint Joseph Lulis to the term expiring 12/31/2020. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-2, with Supervisors Coless and Neights opposing.
- vii. Nominations for the two terms expiring in 2021: Supervisor Neights nominated John Zollers and Leah Baird. Supervisor Eckman nominated John Zollers and Erin McCool.
 - a. **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to appoint John Zollers to a term expiring on 12/31/2021. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
 - b. **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to appoint Leah Baird to a term expiring on 12/31/2021. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- viii. Nominations for one of the terms expiring in 2022: Supervisor Coless nominated Julia Nakheleh and Erin McCool.
 - a. **MOTION:** Supervisor Coless made a motion to appoint Julia Nakheleh to a term expiring on 12/31/2022. There was no second.
 - b. **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to appoint Erin McCool to a term expiring on 12/31/2022. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0.
- ix. Nominations for the second term expiring in 2022 with the appointee serving as council chair: Supervisor Neights nominated Julia Nakheleh, Supervisor MacFarland nominated Patrick Duffy and Supervisor Coless nominated Joseph Lulis.
 - a. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to appoint Julia Nakheleh to the term expiring 12/31/2022 and to serve as council chair. There was no second.
 - b. **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to appoint Patrick Duffy to the term expiring 12/31/2022 and to serve as council chair. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 3-2, with Supervisors Coless and Neights opposing.

4. Announcements

- A) Lt. Hopkins announced that a Distinguished Unit Citation was presented to Sergeant Mark Stead, Corporal Michael Slattery, Officer Daniel McGuffin, Officer Eric Honick, Detective Scott Dreibelbis, Officer Robert Cable, Officer Cherelle Cutting, Officer Patrick Young and Dispatcher Jordan McCourry. In March, a mandatory COVID-19 quarantine order resulted in a significant staffing shortage for the police department and the eight officers and one civilian staff member worked tirelessly to ensure that the department remained fully operational.
- B) Lt. Hopkins announced that a Life Saving Commendation was presented to Sergeant Matthew Kuhnert who, along with an officer from West Norriton Township, successfully resolved a situation with a potentially suicidal individual.

5. Comments and other Business

- A) Chairman Sorgini said the Sewer Authority is holding its regularly scheduled meetings. He said a buzzer system is now in place at the Sewer Authority office. Masks are required to enter the office.
- B) Supervisor MacFarland said that discussions regarding the use of the Audubon School as a community center are continuing.
- C) Supervisor Neights commended the police department for helping the community. He congratulated all those appointed to the Environmental Advisory Council.

6. Courtesy of the Floor

- A) Erin McCool thanked the Board for moving forward with the Environmental Advisory Council and said she is looking forward to getting started.

7. Adjournment

- i. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next Business Meetings: August 15, 2020
September 2, 2020