

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING
October 1, 2020**

Call to Order: Chairman Sorgini called the hybrid live/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; Bill Roth, Director of Special Projects and Technology; Mike Mrozinski, Community Development Director; Chief Michael Jackson; Tim Woodrow, Township Engineer; and Jane Delaney, Parks and Recreation Director.
- c. Chairman Sorgini announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

1) Consent Agenda

- A) **Minutes:** The minutes of the September 17, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting were not approved. Supervisor Neights mentioned two of his statements were not included in the minutes. The minutes will be amended and reviewed at the next meeting.
- B) **Fiscal Matters:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the consent agenda items 1(b) only. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
 - i. There was no public comment.
 - ii. The motion *passed* 5-0.

2) New Business

- A) Consideration of waiver of land development request – 2830 Ridge Pike
 - i. Mr. Mrozinski reviewed the waiver of land development request for the property located at 2830 Ridge Pike to construct a 2100sq. ft. pole barn attached to the existing office and apartment building subject to conditions including stormwater management, lighting and buffering.
 - ii. The applicant's attorney, Eric Frey, presented the plan and answered various questions and concerns from the Supervisors. Discussions included height of the building, stormwater management, sidewalks along Ridge Pike, aesthetics, and the overall reasoning for a waiver of land development.
 - iii. **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve the waiver request for 2830 Ridge Pike subject to conditions of stormwater management and lighting requirements outlined in the Township Engineer's review letter. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
 - iv. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to add sidewalks to the original motion made by Supervisor MacFarland. Supervisor Coless seconded the motion.
 - v. Public Comment: Aziza Henning of 2833 First Street commented that she lives behind this property and expressed concerns about the size of the structure and stormwater problems. Mr. Frey reviewed how the plans will protect the adjacent property with regards to buffering and stormwater controls. Rebecca Murphy of 2830 Second Street expressed concerns about stormwater problems in this area. Mr. Frey also agreed to meet with the property owners to discuss their concerns.
 - vi. Chairman Sorgini asked for a vote on Supervisor Neights' motion to add sidewalks which *failed* to receive a majority vote.
 - vii. Chairman Sorgini asked for a vote on Supervisor MacFarland's original motion to approve the waiver of land development subject to conditions outlined in the Township Engineer's review letter which *passed* 3-2 with Supervisor Neights and Coless opposing.

B) Consideration of Resolution of 2020-17 approving the de minimis land development plan for Eagleville School

- i. Solicitor Rice reviewed Resolution 2020-17 approving the de minimis land development plan for Eagleville School for a two-story expansion to the front entrance of the school for office space, classrooms, and security functions.
- ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve the Resolution 2020-17 for the de minimis land development plan for Eagleville School. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
- iii. There was no public comment
- iv. The motion to approve *passed* 5-0.

C) Consideration of Resolution of 2020-18 approving the land development plan for Moscariello at Crosskeys

- i. Solicitor Rice reviewed Resolution 2020-18 approving the land development plan for Moscariello at Crosskeys to develop vacant property at Crosskeys Road and Ridge Pike to include construction of 30 townhomes and three mixed-use building adjacent to Ridge Pike.
- ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Neights made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-18 approving the land development plan for Moscariello at Crosskeys. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
- iii. There was no public comment.
- iv. The motion to approve *passed* 5-0.

D) Consideration of Parks and Recreation Department's 5-Year Capital Plan

- i. Mrs. Delaney reviewed the Parks & Recreation 5-year Capital Plan.
- ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Coless made a motion to approve the Parks & Recreation Department's 5-year Capital Plan. Supervisor Eckman seconded the motion.
- iii. There was no public comment.
- iv. The motion *passed* 5-0

E) Consideration of Resolution 2020-19 requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the PA Department of Transportation for the Park Avenue/Eagleville Road/Crawford Road intersection realignment project

- i. Mr. Delamater reviewed Resolution No. 2020-19 authorizing the submission of a PennDOT MTF grant application.
- ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-19 requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant from the PA Department of Transportation for the Park Avenue/Eagleville Road/Crawford Road intersection realignment project. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
- iii. There was no public comment
- iv. The motion *passed* 5-0

F) Authorization of bid advertisement for mowing contract

- i. Mr. Delamater reviewed that the mowing contract is coming to an end in 2020 and the Township must go out to bid for subsequent years. The bid documents are currently being reviewed by the solicitor's office.
- ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to authorization of bid advertisement for mowing contract. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion.
- iii. There was no public comment.
- iv. The motion *passed* 5-0.

G) Waiver of Special Events hours – Lower Providence Fire Company

- i. Mr. Delamater reviewed the request to extend the hours for a fundraising event being held by the Fire Company as outlined in the Fire Marshal's memo dated September 23, 2020.
- ii. **MOTION:** Supervisor Eckman made a motion to approve the waiver of Special Events hours for the Lower Providence Fire Company. Supervisor MacFarland seconded the motion.
- iii. There was no public comment
- iv. The motion *passed* 5-0.

3. Announcements

- A) Sewer Authority meeting - Oct 12 at 4:30 pm
- B) Parks and Recreation meeting - Oct 20 at 7:00 pm
- C) It was noted that there are opportunities to serve on Township boards
- D) The Township is seeking nominations for the annual community awards.
- E) The Planning Commission will not be meeting in October and the Zoning Hearing Board will be meeting twice, on October 22nd and on October 29th, 2020.

4. Comments and other Business

- A) Vijay Ramakrishnan attends Malvern Prep currently hybrid and next week will be in person. They are keeping masks on all the time and one-way hallways.
- B) Supervisor Coless spoke about the advertised vacancies on the boards in the township. She also made an appeal to the residents regarding election yard signs, we will all be neighbors after this election, please do not steal signs. We do not have to agree on candidates but can treat each other with respect.
- C) Supervisor Neights wanted to say he condemns white supremacy and white supremacy groups. Second voter intimidation is illegal and is a federal and state crime and he is anticipating that we will have a civil and peaceful election on November 3, 2020. After speaking with Police Chief and Montgomery County Sheriff makes him feel confident that any such illegal tactics will be appropriate and promptly.

5. Courtesy of the Floor

- A) No Comments

6. Adjournment

- A) **MOTION:** Supervisor MacFarland made a motion to adjourn. Supervisor Neights seconded the motion. The motion *passed* 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Next Business Meetings: October 15, 2020
November 5, 2020