

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2022**

Call to Order

Chair Gonze called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Gonze led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment Statement

Gonze read the public comment statement "*Ladies and gentlemen, before the Board of Supervisors votes on any matter, the Board will allow for public comment on that particular item. If you wish to be heard at that time, please raise your hand, and you will be recognized*".

Gonze stated that the meeting is being recorded for the limited purpose of preparing the official minutes.

Roll Call

Officials Present:

Peter Gonze – Chair

Reda Briglia – Vice Chair

Michael Stein – Supervisor

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve the January 3, 2022 Board of Supervisors organization meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve the January 3, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to accept the January 17, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Planning Commission Items

Jan. 11 Meeting Recommendations/Any Action - Mr. Unangst gave a brief review of a memorandum letter submitted by Steve Dellinger, of Hanover Engineering, dated January 13, 2022, with exhibits, detailing the recommendations from the Planning Commission on changes to the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to table the discussion on the Planning Commission recommendations until the February 7 meeting to give the Board more time to review the information.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

Laborer/Maintenance Position/Any Action – Gonze stated that the open position for a Laborer/Maintenance employee was posted internally and one letter of interest was received. Gonze stated that he and Roadmaster Mader interviewed the applicant. Mader recommended hiring the applicant. Gonze stated that Doug Leies was offered the Laborer/Maintenance position subject to all background checks being completed. Gonze stated that Leies rate of pay would be \$17.00 per hour with benefits per the Union contract. Leies would become a fulltime permanent employee on the first day of the new pay period after all background checks have been completed satisfactorily.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to make a conditional offer of employment to Doug Leies as a fulltime Bargaining Unit position of laborer/maintenance worker on the Township's Road Crew, at the rate of \$17.00 per hour, with benefits provided under the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Employment to commence on the first day of the new pay period after passing all background checks. Employment is specifically contingent upon Leies passing all background checks to the satisfaction of the Township.

Motion carried 3-0.

Red Rock Rd/Forest Hills Run Bridge/Resolution/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – Gonze stated that he did receive documentation from PennDOT that WBCM has standing for the Red Rock Road/Forest Hills Run Bridge replacement project (Bridge Replacement Project). Gonze also stated that WBCM provided the Township with a revised MOU stating that WBCM would give the Township advance notice of the start of the project. The Bridge Replacement Project is scheduled to commence in the summer of 2022 so as to minimize the interruption of bus service to the schools. Gonze stated that the request from PennDOT is to utilize Township roadways to establish a detour during the Bridge Replacement Project, specifically Red Rock Road (T-635) from Carlton Road (SR 1011) to Paradise Valley Road (PA-940).

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to sign the WBCM MOU authorizing PennDOT permission to establish a detour on roadways owned by Paradise Township. The roadways to be utilized for detour purposes are Red Rock Road (T-635) from Carlton Road (SR 1011) to Paradise Valley Road (PA-940). Also stated in the MOU is that the contractor will notify Paradise Township sixty days in advance of road closure and PennDOT will place and maintain all detour signing.

Motion carried 3-0.

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EAC/OS Designation/Discuss Removing OS – Stein stated that it is not required to have an Open Space committee in order to receive open space grant funding. It appears that the designation of the Environmental Advisory Council/Open Space Committee (EAC/OSC) came about as a result of the two committees merging. Stein further reported that the Environmental Advisory Council's charter includes Open Space functions. Stein proposed removing the OSC designation from the current EAC/OSC to simply naming the Committee as the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve removing the Open Space designation from the EAC/OS Committee to henceforth be referred to as the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC).

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Steve Saslow/STRs, Noise, Land Use – Resident Steve Saslow was present at the meeting to discuss Sunset Hill Shooting Range. Mr. Saslow complained about the noise coming from the shooting range. Mr. Saslow also expressed concerns about lead mitigation and land use of the property. Gonze recommended Mr. Saslow contact Pocono Township as Sunset Hill Shooting Range is located in that Township. Zoning Officer McGlynn stated that he is also the Pocono Township Zoning Officer and he could look into it further when he is in office at Pocono Township.

Zoning Office Change in Hours/Discuss/Approve – Mr. McGlynn explained that SFM Consulting would like to change the Zoning Officer's office hours at Paradise Township. The current office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Mr. McGlynn requested the new office hours to be Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Mr. McGlynn noted that the change would only require one additional contracted hour per week.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve the change in the Zoning Officer's office hours from Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The change in office hours is to be posted on the Township's Website, in the Township Building, and on the *Savvy Citizen*.

Motion carried 3-0.

Municipal Statistics Letter from MCCC/Discuss – The Board reviewed the statistics listed on the report for Paradise Township.

Barrett Paradise Library Board/Discuss Appointing a BOS – The Board discussed appointing Stein to the Barrett Paradise Library Board.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to appoint Stein to the Barrett Paradise Library Board.

Motion carried 2-0 (Stein abstained).

Park and Rec Board/Discuss – Transue stated that the Park and Recreation Committee only had two members left on the committee and would need additional volunteers. The

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Park and Rec Committee oversees the Easter Egg Hunt and the Halloween Party each year. Transue will advertise on the Township's Website and in the upcoming newsletter for volunteers.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that there was an Executive Session via phone conference held on January 15, 2022 that started at 10:00 a.m. and ended at 10:33 a.m. and all three Supervisors were in attendance. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he discussed with the Board a legal update on Short-Term Rentals. No decisions were made.

Public Hearing-Proposed Amended Ordinance #273

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to recess the regular meeting and reopen the public hearing for proposed Ordinance #273 as was amended to correct typographical errors. The amended Ordinance #273 was advertised for hearing at the same time and date as the continued hearing for Ordinance #273 and amendment includes changes to Chapter 160 (Schedule of Regulated Land Uses), Short-Term Rentals, Section 160-12, and Schedule of Regulated Land Uses for Short-Term Rentals.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that this was a continuation of the public hearing for Ordinance #273 which was held on December 6, 2021, commencing at 6:30 p.m., and which hearing was continued to a time and date certain, to wit: January 17, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. The Township subsequently advertised an Amended Ordinance #273 to correct typographical errors in Ordinance #273 but which substance was identical and which purpose was to enact an amendment to Chapter 160, Section 160-12, Schedule of Regulated Land Uses for Short-Term Rentals, into the Paradise Township Code of Ordinances. The continuing hearing was also advertised on December 28, 2021 and on January 6, 2022 in the *Pocono Record* for Amended Ordinance #273 as well as being posted on the Township's Website, at the Township building, and forwarded to the Monroe County Law Library, and the *Pocono Record*.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that this ordinance was amended to correct typographical errors in the original proposed ordinance regarding master development and the resort overlay districts. Solicitor Prevoznik called Paradise Township Zoning Officer, Shawn McGlynn to review the corrections made to Ordinance #273. Solicitor Prevoznik asked if any member of the public wished to discuss the Ordinance. The following members of the audience gave testimonials: Paul Houle, Steve Saslow, Rob Felicetti, and Michelle Farley. All testimony taken was recorded by a court reporter as well as the presentation of exhibits accepted.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to move Exhibits 10 – 16 into the record. No objections from the public.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to enact the Amended Ordinance #273, Chapter 160 (Schedule of Regulated Land Uses), Short-Term Rentals, as amended and advertised.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Reports

Solicitor - Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he was meeting with Mr. McGlynn on Tuesday morning, January 18, 2022, to discuss the M & M Realty matter. Solicitor Prevoznik also stated that he was working with Mr. McGlynn on the Edinger matter.

Engineer - Mr. Unangst stated that he is still working with Mr. McGlynn on the Wilkins Zoning Hearing Board request for a variance scheduled for January 25, 2022.

Mr. Unangst reviewed the information given to the Board regarding Peterson Hill Road. Resident Lou Paolina addressed the Board on December 6, 2022 and stated that Peterson Hill Road was a one way street and vehicles travel the wrong way at speeds above the speed limit to bypass slower moving traffic on Route 390 on a regular basis. The Board discussed the next steps in researching if it was a viable option to make Peterson Hill Road a cul-de-sac instead of a through street.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to table the discussion until the February 7, 2022 meeting, at which time the Board will discuss requesting appraisals for property purchase proposals in regard to Peterson Hill Road.

Motion carried 3-0.

Gonze questioned what the next step was for the emergency access roads from Wyndham Hills, Green Chapel Road, and Wood Acres Drive. The Board discussed making this project a priority for the Spring of 2022.

Zoning Officer – Mr. McGlynn summarized his report.

PMREMS – Gonze stated that the new Executive Director and the Business Manager have taken over their respective responsibilities. Gonze also stated that PMREMS had four new hires starting soon.

Other Business/Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

Gonze stated that he received a letter from the Teamsters Union to initiate contact about contract negotiations for the upcoming contract.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary