

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2022**

Call to Order

Chair Gonze called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.

Special Note

Gonze announced that to meet the requirements established by the Office of Open Records for virtual meetings, this meeting was being audio and video recorded via Zoom from the initial announcement of the meeting until its end. The meeting Zoom link was posted on the Township's website where the public may join the Zoom meeting, interact, and ask questions in real time.

Roll Call

Officials Present:

Peter Gonze – Chair

Reda Briglia – Vice Chair

Michael Stein – Supervisor

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Ingrid DeWitt – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve the March 21, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Work Session

Gonze stated that there was a work session held at 5:00 p.m. to discuss Township Wide Trash Collection. Gonze stated that the Board's discussions in the work session also included a letter received by the Township inviting a representative from the Township to attend a meeting regarding dam rehabilitation plans for the Brodhead Tributaries PA-463 and PA-464 (the Leavitt Branch and Goose Pond Dams), located in Barrett Township. Since both tributaries were in Barrett Township, a Paradise Township representative will not attend. Gonze stated that the Board also discussed the Route 191 and Red Rock Road Intersection, Jake Brake Restrictions on Route 940/191, Barrett Township Stocking Ice Lake with Trout for Opening Day of Trout Season, and Wyndham Hills Stormwater Management Plan Review. No Decisions were made.

Unfinished Business

Peterson Hill Road/Any Action – Mr. Unangst reviewed the sketch plan he submitted to put a cul-de-sac on Peterson Hill Road at the intersection of Lloyd Lane and Peterson Hill Road that was tabled at the last meeting. The Board discussed which property owners would be affected by the installation of a cul-de-sac. The Board discussed holding a work session with adjoining property owners to decide whether or not to go forward with the project.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to have Transue contact the adjoining property owners to schedule a work session to discuss the cul-de-sac at a mutually convenient time on a date to be determined.

Motion carried 3-0.

Wyndham Hills Stormwater Mngt Plan Review/Any Action – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the Township is trying to determine if it has any authority to enforce the Wyndham Hills covenant which require residents to maintain drainage facilities and swales on their property free and clear of debris and/or to enforce maintenance of stormwater facilities for the roads which are Township roads. The Board discussed asking Transue to retrieve the road dedication files for Wyndham Hills as well as research the Land Development Plan which may contain notes or covenants related to stormwater management. Transue is to research whether a Stormwater Management Agreement was signed for the Wyndham Hills development.

Versalift/Authorize Letter to Confirm No Change in Price/Any Action – Solicitor Prevoznik reported that John Kaspern, from Versalift, responded verbally to Roadmaster Mader that Versalift would honor the original agreed upon purchase price for the bucket truck and would not implement the additional cost surcharge as previously stated. Solicitor Prevoznik recommended sending a follow up letter to confirm and to clarify the delivery date of the bucket truck. The Board will direct Transue to write a letter to John Kaspern confirming that the surcharges are being waived and the availability of delivery of the bucket truck by the end of April 2022. Transue will send the letter to Solicitor Prevoznik for review prior to mailing.

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Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to have Transue write a letter, subject to Solicitor Prevoznik's review, to John Kaspern confirming the purchase price for the bucket truck is the same as was approved by the Board in the Purchase Order, dated 9/9/21, that no surcharges are being charged, and that the bucket truck will be delivered by the end of April 2022.

Motion carried 3-0.

Jake Brake Restrictions on Route 940-191/Discuss/Any Action – Gonze stated that the Board discussed Jake Brake restriction for Routes 940, 191, and 390. It was noted that this issue was previously addressed by a prior Board of Supervisors. It was previously researched that the downhill grades of these roads exceed PennDOT's maximum limit of four percent; therefore, the roads are not eligible for Jake Brake restrictions as stated in PennDOT's Brake Retarder Prohibition Policy.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to authorize Mr. Unangst to write a letter to the EAC informing them that the issue of a Jake Brake prohibition on Routes 940, 191, and 390 has been studied and are not eligible per PennDOT's requirements for a Jake Brake prohibition.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Route 191 and Red Rock Rd Intersection/Discuss/Any Action – The Board discussed the number of accidents at the intersection.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to authorize Solicitor Prevoznik to write a letter to the Pennsylvania State Police and submit a Right-To-Know request for a report of all accidents which occurred at the Route 191/940 and Red Rock Road intersection over the past three years.

Motion carried 3-0.

The Board directed Roadmaster Mader to remove the bushes on the Township property at the corner of Route 191/940 and Red Rock Road intersection, in order to improve line of sight.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to authorize Solicitor Prevoznik to write a letter to Crescent Lodge and the property owners on the corners of Red Rock Road requesting permission to remove trees and shrubs which are blocking the line of sight. Roadmaster Mader is to take pictures of what the Township wants removed and forward them to Solicitor Prevoznik.

Motion carried 3-0.

Road Material Paving Bid/Approve Advertising – Briglia asked Mader if he reviewed the tonnage and he responded that he did. The Road Materials bid ad is to be advertised in the *Pocono Record* on Monday, April 11, 2022 and Monday, April 18, 2022.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve placing the ad for the Road Material Paving Bid in the *Pocono Record* on Monday, April 11, 2022 and Monday, April 18, 2022.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Paradise Historical Society Roof Fee Waiver Request/Any Action – Gonze stated that the Paradise Historical Society requested that the \$25.00 fee for rental of The Roof park be waived as in years past.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Gonze to waive the \$25.00 fee for the rental of The Roof as in years past.

Motion carried 3-0.

PMSD Oil Release Clean Up Progress Report/Discuss/Any Action – The Board discussed the report received from MEA regarding the Pocono Mountain School District oil release clean up progress.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to accept the report received from MEA regarding the Pocono Mountain School District oil release cleanup progress.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Roadmaster – Mader summarized his report. The Board discussed the upcoming Road Paving Project.

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he spoke with Shawn McGlynn and Attorney Kidwell regarding the Edinger Zoning Hearing Board matter, and the Edingers were going to submit a septic report to Shawn McGlynn for his review and that should close out the matter. Solicitor Prevoznik also stated that he would be meeting with Gonze, Attorney Kidwell, and Mr. McGlynn at the Township building at 9:00 a.m., on April 5, 2022, to discuss the M & M Realty matter. The scheduled meeting is to discuss a potential conditional use amendment. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the Wilkins did not file an appeal to their Zoning Hearing Board Decision. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he reached out to Steve Dellinger, from Hanover Engineering, regarding Short-Term Rental Ordinance Enhancements.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that Pam Kemecsy, from Hanover Engineering, would be going to Knauf Preserve to access the viability of making that preserve handicap accessible. Mr. Unangst also stated he spoke with a representative of Kleinfelder regarding the Sylvan Cascade Road boring report. Mr. Unangst stated that Kleinfelder would be submitting a report soon with recommendations to repair the road.

PARC – Briglia stated that Barrett Township stocked Ice Lake with trout for the opening day of trout season and neither Paradise Township nor PARC were consulted. Briglia stated that she will have PARC send a letter to Barrett Township stating that Paradise Township and PARC should be consulted in the future with matters concerning Ice Lake.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

Gonze stated that the Township received a letter from a resident concerning that banks on both sides of Browns Hill Road were washing away. Gonze will reach out to the resident

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to set up a meeting time with the resident, Mader, Mr. Unangst, and himself to survey the area.

Other Business/Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary