

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 18, 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

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Reda Briglia – Vice Chair

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Michael Stein – Supervisor

Tina Transue – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve the April 4, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

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### Work Session

Gonze stated that in the work session the Board discussed Browns Hill Road, universal accessibility and Knauf Preserve, and Mount Airy's Greenway Monitoring Report and Discharge Management Plan.

*Browns Hill Road* – Gonze stated that the washout of the banks on both sides of Browns Hill Road was discussed. Gonze, Roadmaster Mader, and Mr. Unangst met at the site of the washout to survey the area. Gonze state that Mr. Unangst gave a report of his findings. Gonze stated that the next steps in addressing the issue is to have Hanover Engineering submit a plan to repair the washout on Browns Hill Road.

**Motion:** Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to request a proposal and cost estimate from Hanover Engineering regarding the washout of the sides of the road banks and improvement of stormwater drainage of Browns Hill Road.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

*Knauf Preserve Universal Accessibility* – Gonze stated that the Board received a report from Hanover Engineering on the viability of making the upper loop of the Knauf Preserve a universally accessible trail.

**Motion:** Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to request a proposal and cost estimate from Hanover Engineering regarding developing the upper loop of the Knauf Preserve into a universally accessible trail. The Board requested that Hanover Engineering provide the cost estimate of having the Township's road crew complete the project versus having the project go out to bid to an outside contractor.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

*Mount Airy's Greenway Monitoring Report and Discharge Management Plan* – Gonze stated that Jason Smith, of Hanover Engineering, prepared a Review Comment letter, dated April 15, 2022, in response to the Mount Airy's Greenway Monitoring Report and the Discharge Management Plan in preparation for a meeting with F. X. Browne and Mount Airy's representatives.

**Motion:** Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve Jason Smith, of Hanover Engineering, to prepare a summary list of his Review Comments letter, dated April 15, 2022, to be discussed with F. X. Browne and Mount Airy's representatives at a future work session.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

**Motion:** Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve sending Jason Smith's Review Comment letter, dated April 15, 2022, to Mount Airy and its consultants for review.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

**Motion:** Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve sending Jason Smith's Review Comment letter, dated April 15, 2022, to Paradise Township's Environmental Advisory Council.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

**Motion:** Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to have Transue set up a work session with Mount Airy's representatives and F. X. Browne.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

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### Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

**Motion:** Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to accept the April 18, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

### Unfinished Business

*Wyndham Hills Stormwater Mngt Plan Review/Any Action* – Transue retrieved the road dedication files as requested at the last Board of Supervisors meeting.

**Motion:** Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to have Hanover Engineering review the road dedication files to determine whether the stormwater culverts were included in the road dedications or if the culverts are part of the Township's right-of-way.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

*STR Ordinance Amendments/Any Action* – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he met with Gonze, Shawn McGlynn, and Steve Dellinger, of Hanover Engineering, regarding the Short-Term Rental (STR) ordinance amendments. Solicitor Prevoznik suggested that Steve Dellinger and Shawn McGlynn work together to draft a comprehensive STR ordinance amendment which includes the International Building Code and may also include hotels and motels to make transient lodging more uniform.

**Motion:** Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve Shawn McGlynn and Steve Dellinger collaborating to draft a comprehensive Short-Term Rental ordinance amendment to include some or all of the suggested amendments previously discussed at a prior meeting.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

### New Business

*Seasonal Workers/Discuss/Any Action* – The Board discussed hiring seasonal workers for the Open Space trails. Transue provided an ad to be run in the *Pocono Record* for two seasonal workers.

**Motion:** Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve submitting an advertisement to *Pocono Record* for two seasonal workers for the Open Space trails.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

*Road Paving Bid Ad/Approve Advertising* – Transue presented an ad to be advertised in the *Pocono Record* on Monday, April 25, 2022, and Monday, May 2, 2022, for bids to be received for the 2022 Road Paving Project. All bids are due on Friday, May 13, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., and the bid will be awarded at the May 16, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.

**Motion:** Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve advertising in the *Pocono Record* on Monday, April 25, 2022, and Monday, May 2, 2022, for bids to be received for the 2022 Road Paving Project. All bids are due on Friday, May 13, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., and

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the bid will be awarded at the May 16, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

*MCPC Traffic Count Request (Route 191/940 & Red Rock)/Any Action* – Briglia stated that the Monroe County Planning Commission (MCPC) offers a no-cost traffic count study every year. It was further acknowledged that previous discussions were held in the past regarding the possible need for a traffic light at the intersection of Routes 191/940 and Red Rock Road. The Board of Supervisors discussed that it would be prudent to reach out to MCPC and request a traffic count that can be used as a preliminary determining factor for the need of a more in-depth traffic count which would be submitted to PennDOT in support of the installation of a traffic light.

**Motion:** Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to request a traffic count study from the Monroe County Planning Commission for the intersection of Routes 191/940 and Red Rock Road between April, 2022 and October, 2022.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

*America250PA Resolution/Discuss/Any Action* – Transue stated that she received an email from PSATS to encourage townships in Pennsylvania to approve a commemorative resolution to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United States in 2026. Transue will create the commemorative resolution for approval at the May 2, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting.

### Reports

*Solicitor* - Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he attended another meeting regarding M & M Realty with Attorney Kidwell to discuss M & M Realty applying for a Conditional Use to address the issues with the property and to come into compliance with the requirements set forth in the Township's codes to be a hotel/motel. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that M & M Realty was informed that the septic system issues were proceeding separately from a request for a conditional use. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the Edinger Zoning Hearing Board appeal has been resolved pending verification on the status of the septic system. Solicitor Prevoznik also stated that the Wilkins did not file an appeal to the ZHB hearing decision and that the Wilkins are working with Shawn McGlynn to attempt to develop a stormwater plan conducive to what they are proposing to do with their property. Solicitor Prevoznik reported that he has been working with Steve Dellinger on the Short-Term Rental ordinance amendments.

*Engineer* – Mr. Unangst stated that he had no new updates on Sylvan Cascade Road. Mr. Unangst stated that he met with Gonze and Mader at Brown Hills Road to review the washout as discussed earlier. Mr. Unangst stated that he submitted a letter, dated April 6, 2022, to the Township regarding the request to prohibit or restrict the use of Jake Brakes on certain Township roadways as was discussed at the April 4, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting.

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**Motion:** Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to accept the letter, dated April 6, 2022, from Hanover Engineering regarding the Jake Brake prohibition and to distribute a copy of the letter to the Environmental Advisory Council.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

*Zoning Officer* – The Board reviewed the Zoning Officer's report.

*PMREMS* - Gonze stated that at the last PMREMS Board meeting it was approved to raise the compensation for EMTs and Paramedics in an attempt to attract new employees and at this time PMREMS have received 11 new applications for the positions of EMT or Paramedic.

### Other Business/Public Comment

None.

### Correspondence/Miscellaneous

Resident Shawn Garber stated to the Board that he had concerns regarding the repaving of Woodland Road. Mr. Garber asked if the road would be milled prior to paving because he felt that if it was not milled first, it would create a steep drop off onto resident driveways and also create stormwater runoff issues. The Board discussed Mr. Garber's concerns. Gonze state that he would meet with Mr. Unangst and the Roadmaster to look at the issue.

### Adjournment

**Motion:** Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

***Motion carried 3-0.***

Respectfully submitted,

*Tina Transue*

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Secretary