

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 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 (via Zoom)

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve the April 18, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Unfinished Business

America250PA Resolution 03-2022/Any Action – Gonze stated that Resolution 03-2022 is a commemorative resolution to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States in 2026. The resolution is in response to a PSATS email requesting that Townships participate in the movement to plan, encourage, develop, and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States in 2026.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve Resolution 03-2022 to commemorate the 250th birthday of the United States in 2026.

Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

Alice Keyes/Planting Milkweed in Open Space Properties – Ms. Alice Keyes was present with her grandchildren, to request permission to plant Milkweed on Paradise Township's open space properties to attract Monarch butterflies and native bees, as both species are in a sharp decline due to the loss of habitat and increased use of pesticides. Ms. Keyes requested permission to plant Milkweed in Skywood Park. The Board discussed Ms. Keyes request. Briglia stated that Skywood Park is in fact owned by Pocono Area Recreation Commission (PARC) and Ms. Keyes would need to ask permission from the PARC Board. Briglia also stated that Ms. Keyes should also speak to the Barrett Township Board as PARC is an intermunicipal commission made up of Paradise Township and Barrett Township. Ms. Keyes stated that she would follow up with Barrett Township and PARC. Gonze asked Ms. Keyes if she had a sketch of where she wanted to plant the Milkweed. Ms. Keyes answered that she did not but she would draw sketch plans for future conversations. Briglia asked Transue to print a map of Skywood Park for Ms. Keyes.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve the initiative to plant Milkweed in Skywood Park, contingent on approval from Barrett Township and PARC. The Board also required that the planting site be approved by Paradise Township's Roadmaster.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business(continued)

Versalift Email/Any Action - The Board discussed the email received from John Kaspurn of Versalift regarding the delivery date of the bucket truck ordered on September 9, 2021. Mr. Kaspurn stated in his email that due to delays in receiving manufacturing materials that the original delivery date discussed with Roadmaster Mader, which was to be the end of April 2022, will not be met. Mader stated that he had conversations with Kaspurn and that the time frame is probably by September 2022. All the accessory parts are in; Versalift is waiting on the truck cab and chassis.

Bids

Road Materials Bid (6:15 p.m.)/Award Bid – Gonze stated that the road material bids were opened and read aloud on April 29, 2022, at 10:01 a.m., by committee as advertised in the *Pocono Record* on April 11 and April 18, 2022. Briglia read into the record the bids from a spreadsheet which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. Both bidders provided identical

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bids for the Rip Rap Stone FOB. The Board discussed how to award the tie bids. The tie was broken by the flip of a coin with the award going to Eureka Stone Quarry.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to award to the lowest bidder, Edwards Sand & Stone, as set forth on Exhibit 1 for the following road materials: i) 1BW Stone FOB; ii) 2A Modified FOB; iii) 2B Stone FOB; iv) 2RC Stone FOB; v) #4 Ballast FOB; vi) Anti-Skid(3A) FOB; vii) 1BW Stone delivered; viii) 2A Modified delivered; ix) 2B Stone delivered; x) 2RC Stone delivered; xi) #4 Ballast delivered; xii) Rip Rap Stone delivered; and xiii) Anti-Skid delivered.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to award to the lowest bidder, Eureka Stone Quarry, as set forth on Exhibit 1 for the following road materials: i) Rip Rap Stone FOB; ii) ID-2 Top 100 FOB; iii) ID-2 Binder 75 FOB.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Electric Vehicle Stations (PSATS Information)/Discuss/Any Action – Emergency Management Coordinator Kevin Transue attended two workshops at the PSATS conference regarding electric vehicle charging stations. Mr. Transue summarized for the Board, the information he received from the workshops. The Board felt that it was not feasible to install electric vehicle charging stations on Township owned properties at this time.

Hanover Letter Regarding Tarpon Towers/Discuss/Any Action – Mr. Unangst stated that he was contacted by site contractor to perform a final construction site inspection for Tarpon Towers II. Mr. Unangst reported that he visited the site to review the completed improvements. Mr. Unangst reviewed his findings for the Board. Mr. Unangst stated that he forwarded a copy of the letter to Attorney Richard Williams but has not received a response.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve Solicitor Prevoznik sending Mr. Unangst's letter to Attorney Williams.

Motion carried 3-0.

Seasonal Worker Start Date & Rate of Pay/Discuss/Any Action – The Board discussed the rate of pay for the seasonal trail workers. The Board discussed the rate of \$17.00, the same rate as last year. The Board discussed a start date of June 6, 2022 for the hired workers once the hiring process is completed. Seasonal worker applications are due on Friday, May 13, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Reports

Roadmaster – Mader summarized his report. Mader reported that the stove at The Roof park did not work when the Road Crew tested it during the opening of the pavilion for the rental season. Mader stated he would have someone look at the stove to diagnose the problem.

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Gonze stated that a resident had concerns last meeting about the repaving of Woodland Road and whether the road would be milled prior to repaving. Gonze requested Mader and Mr. Unangst meet with him on Woodland Road to look at the site. Gonze, Mader, and Mr. Unangst set a date of Tuesday, May 10, 2022, to meet to review the part of Woodland Road scheduled to be repaved this year.

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he sent a Right-to-Know Request to PennDOT for all accident reports at the intersection of Routes 191/940 and Red Rock Road. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that PennDOT requested a 30-day extension to provide the information requested. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he was tasked with writing a letter to the owner of Crescent Lodge to ask them to remove or allow the Township to remove the bushes/trees that are in the line of sight at the intersection of Routes 191/940 and Red Rock Road; however, Paradise Township does not have an ordinance to allow for the Township to remove materials for the Clear Sight Triangle at intersections. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that statute which authorizes municipalities to enforce PennDOT regulations requires that a municipality must adopt an ordinance which authorizes the township to enforce PennDOT regulations.

Solicitor Prevoznik will provide a model ordinance for the Board to review at the next Board meeting. Solicitor Prevoznik asked Transue whether M & M Realty filed a Conditional Use application. Transue stated that she did not believe a Conditional Use application has been filed yet. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he spoke with Attorney Kidwell regarding the septic system at M & M Realty's property. Attorney Kidwell stated that his clients would agree to maintain the septic system at one hundred gallons per unit and questioned the best way to accomplish that. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he suggested M & M Realty's representatives meet with Paradise Township's SEO Jake Schray and Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn to complete inspection of the property's septic systems and tie certain units to certain septic systems, at which time it can be worked out how to maintain each system at one hundred gallons per unit.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that Mr. McGlynn was working on the Short-Term Rental Ordinance Enhancements which he will finish this week and return to Steve Dellinger of Hanover Engineering for review.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that Shawn McGlynn will be issuing a certificate of non-conformity for the Edinger Property.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that he reviewed the road dedication files for Wyndham Hills development but did not find anything concerning maintenance agreements for the drainage culverts in Wyndham Hills in the file. The Board asked Mr. Unangst to research the Wyndham Hills Land Development Plans to determine whether there are notes or covenants related to stormwater management on the plans. Mr. Unangst reported on the status of Sylvan Cascade Road. He stated that he is waiting on a response from the geotechnical company which did the borings on Sylvan Cascade Road for an update.

PARC – Briglia stated that the PARC fundraising committee sent out letters to local businesses for donations. Briglia stated that the committee is planning a haunted forest walk at Skywood Park for Halloween as well as bake sales to raise money.

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EAC – Stein stated that EAC met on April 20, 2022. Stein stated that the EAC is discussing connecting the Mount Airy trail on Merry Hill Road to the Knauf Preserve. Stein reported that EAC members held a Mile-a-Minute weed recognition and eradication seminar with the Road Crew. The EAC provided Mile-a-Minute weed placards for the trail heads as well as recognition cards for the Road Crew. Stein stated that the EAC members questioned whether the MEA report regarding the Pocono Mountain School District oil spill was sent to affected neighbors of the school. The Board directed Transue to send a letter to PMSD asking them to send the residents the MEA report.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous(continued)

Planning Commission Letter of Interest – The Board requested Transue to invite the interested resident to the May 16, 2022 work session at 5:30 p.m. for an interview.

Other Business/Public Comment

Stein stated that there were many brush fires in recent weeks. The Board discussed the process for instituting a burn ban for the Township. Stein questioned whether a burn ban would prohibit the use of fireworks as well as burning refuse or firepits. The Board discussed holding a work session on burn bans.

Resident Ann Foster asked if the EAC could be tasked with looking further into electric vehicle charging stations for future consideration.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary