

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 20, 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 June 6, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

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 June 20, 2022 Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 3-0.

Work Session

No Work Session.

Unfinished Business

DEP Report for Artesian Well – Discuss/Any Action - The Board reviewed the Water Supply Inspection Report from PA DEP regarding the artesian well located at The Roof.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to accept the Water Supply Inspection Report from PA DEP with no further action at this time.

Motion carried 3-0.

Baseball Field/All Purpose Field at Seven Pines Park – Discuss/Any Action – Kevin Transue was in attendance to discuss installing a 60/90 baseball/all-purpose field at Seven Pines Park as there is no similar type of field in the Township. Mr. Transue stated that he did some research into estimated costs to put in a 60/90 baseball/all-purpose field.

Mr. Transue stated that installing a turf field would significantly improve the utilization of a field because the field could be used all year round regardless of the weather except when it is snow covered. Mr. Transue discussed the different options for a field such as: installing a natural grass field vs a turf field, the size of the field to be installed and the different amenities that could be added to the field. Mr. Transue stated an estimated cost for a natural grass field installed by the Township road crew would be approximately \$100,000.00. Mr. Transue also stated that he researched different companies that do field installations, completed from start to finish. Mr. Transue stated that the prices to have an outside contractor install a natural grass field would be approximately \$400,000.00 to \$800,00.00 and to install a turf field would be approximately \$400,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 dependent upon the size of the field and the amenities included for each type of field. Mr. Transue stated that he thought that there were federal grants that could be applied for to help fund the project. A discussion ensued about the project Mr. Transue was proposing. Mr. Transue stated that he would continue to look into options to install a field and grant opportunities to fund the project. Briglia stated that she advises Mr. Transue to speak to PARC and Barrett Township about the proposed project to determine whether they would support such a project. Briglia also recommended the Township ask Engineer Brick Linder about the current NPDES permit to see what is covered under that permit.

New Business

UCC Board Replacement for Donna Alker – Discuss/Any Action – Transue stated that with Donna Alker's move from the area, the UCC Appeals Board only has one person currently on the Board. There was a discussion on what the Intergovernmental Agreement

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governing the UCC Appeal Board stated as to how many members were required on the Board. Transue will research the current Intergovernmental Agreement for the qualifications of applicants and how many members are required.

Hunter Farm Rd Paving/Pocono Twp. Reimbursement – Discuss/Any Action – Gonze explained that Hunters Farm Road extends into both Paradise Township and Pocono Township. Gonze stated that Paradise Township is paving Hunters Farm Road this year and will continue the paving onto the Pocono Township portion of the road. Pocono Township Board of Commissioners voted at their June 6, 2022 meeting, to reimburse Paradise Township for the additional paving costs, in the amount of \$22,597.50. The reimbursement amount was provided to the Township per calculations from H & K Group, the contractor who was awarded the bid by Paradise Township Board of Supervisors.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to authorize the expansion of the road paving project to also pave the portion on Hunters Farm Road that extends into Pocono Township, not to exceed \$22,597.50, subject to reimbursement from Pocono Township as approved at the June 6, 2022 Pocono Township Board of Commissioners meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Ordinance to Address Solar Farms – Discuss/Any Action – Gonze stated that it was his understanding that one of the challenges which arose in Pocono Township in regard to the newly approved solar farm to be installed in Pocono Township was that there was nothing specific in its ordinances which regulates solar farms. The Board discussed having Hanover Engineering review other municipalities solar farm ordinances for future discussion.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to authorize Hanover Engineering to review other municipalities solar farm ordinances for future discussion.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Solicitor - Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he had nothing further.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst reported that he provided information to Roadmaster Mader regarding the quantity of materials required to install a universally accessible trail on the Knauf Preserve. Mr. Unangst stated he has not heard back from Mader regarding the estimated cost of materials and would follow up.

Mr. Unangst distributed the geotechnical engineering report and recommendations on the Sylvan Cascade Road repair prepared by Kleinfelder. Mr. Unangst also distributed a concept sketch for possible improvements to Sylvan Cascade Road. Mr. Unangst reviewed possible methods to repair Sylvan Cascade Road. After discussion, Mr. Unangst was asked to obtain estimated costs for the repairs.

Mr. Unangst summarized the Planning Commission meeting, as it pertained to M & M Realty Partners, LP. Attorney Kidwell, on behalf of M & M Realty Partners, LP, and Zoning Officer, Shawn McGlynn attended the Planning Commission meeting and discussed the Conditional Use Application filed by M & M Realty Partners, LP to amend its current

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Conditional Use Permit dated October 23, 2007. The Board discussed holding the hearing on July 18, 2022, if all parties agree.

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

PMREMS - Gonze stated that at this time PMREMS has eight new applicants in the hiring process.

EAC – Stein stated that the EAC met on June 15, 2022. The EAC requested to be added to the agenda for the July 6, 2022 Board meeting to discuss Mount Airy Timber Harvest. The Board discussed holding a work session with the EAC to discuss the Mount Airy Timber Harvest.

Other Business/Public Comment

Resident Jeannie Riley asked the Board if a pickleball court could be painted on the basketball court at The Roof. Mrs. Riley stated that she would buy her own net to use on court if the road crew could paint the necessary court lines on the paved surface of the basketball court. The Board discussed the best options available to install a pickleball court within the Township. Briglia stated that PARC was also exploring the possibility of installing pickleball courts on PARC property. Briglia questioned whether the area used for an ice skating rink at Skywood Park would be large enough for a pickleball court. The Board will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary