

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 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.

Gonze stated that due to administrative error, the Regular Business Meeting agenda was not posted within the twenty-four hour time period as required by the Sunshine Law. The agenda was posted at approximately 11:00 a.m. on July 6, 2022 for a Regular Business Meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m. The Board of Supervisors will strictly adhere to the meeting agenda. No new items will be added to the agenda or to the meeting. An amended agenda will be posted on July 7, 2022, with an explanation of late posting.

Roll Call

Officials Present:

Peter Gonze – Chair
Reda Briglia – Vice Chair
Michael Stein – Supervisor

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor
Charles Unangst – Engineer
Tina Transue – Secretary

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Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve the June 20, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Work Session

Gonze stated that there was a discussion with the Environmental Advisory Council regarding the timber harvesting on Mount Airy property. No decisions were made.

Other Business/Public Comment

Residents Corey Romanowski and Steve Merhige were present to discuss concerns with nuisance activity at the Little Roof. Mr. Romanowski reported that on the fourth of July weekend, he witnessed people camping out at the Little Roof overnight, visitors washing their clothes in the creek, human defecation and garbage left in the park. Mr. Romanowski stated that persons visiting in the park told him that they shoot at small woodland animals that are in the park and also the cats that live next to the park. Gonze stated that Roadmaster Mader reported that 25 bags of garbage were collected and 7 fifty-five gallon drums were full at the end of the weekend with more garbage left on the ground. Mr. Merhige reiterated what Mr. Romanowski reported. The Board discussed possible options to mitigate the issues with nuisance visitors to the Little Roof.

Unfinished Business

Pickleball Courts/Discuss/Any Action – Briglia reported that Mrs. Riley, who attended the June 20, 2022 Board meeting, did speak to PARC about putting a pickleball court at Skywood Park. Briglia asked Mader if the unused skating rink at Skywood Park could be extended so that two pickleball courts would fit on the paved area. Briglia asked Mader if he could get a cost estimate of what retrofitting the ice rink into two pickleball courts would be. The Board will discuss this further at the next meeting.

UCC Board of Appeals ICA/Discuss/Any Actions – The Board briefly discussed qualifications an individual must have to serve on the Appeals Board such as they must either be an architect, engineer, or have extensive knowledge of the construction field. Gonze suggested reaching out to Dominick DiPaolo, a current UCC Board member, to ask if he would have any recommendations for potential Board members.

New Business

Citizen of the Year/Nominations – The Township received three nominations for Citizen of the Year for 2022. The nominees were Annie Messina, Louise Troutman, and Tina Transue. The Board discussed the nomination letters received.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to award Citizen of the Year to Annie Messina.

Motion carried 3-0.

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PMREMS Regional Roundup Sponsorship/Discuss/Any Actions – Transue stated that in prior years the Township donated \$1,000.00 to the PMREMS Regional Roundup fundraiser.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve a \$1,000.00 sponsorship to PMREMS Regional Roundup fundraiser.

Motion carried 3-0.

Seven Pines NPDES Permit/Update - Transue stated she spoke with Brick Linder and he confirmed that as long as future construction stayed within the boundaries set forth in the current NPDES permit, any new field installations at Seven Pines would be covered by that permit. The current NPDES permit expires in April 2024.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to keep the current NPDES permit open for a future potential baseball/all-purpose field installation.

Motion carried 3-0.

Advertising for M & M Realty, LP's CU Hearing/Ratify – Transue stated that in order to meet the advertising requirements for a conditional use hearing, she submitted advertisement to run twice in the *Pocono Record* for the M & M Realty, LP's Conditional Use Hearing scheduled to be held on July 18, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to ratify Transue submitting advertisement to the *Pocono Record* for the M & M Realty, LP's Conditional Use Hearing to be held on July 18, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. The ad will run on July 7, 2022 and July 11, 2022.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Roadmaster – Mader summarized his report. Mader stated that Mile-A-Minute weed was reported on the Van Buskirk Open Space property again this year.

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik distributed a draft letter to go to the property owners adjacent to the proposed cul-de-sac on Peterson Hill Road. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he touched base with Attorney Williams, regarding Tarpon Towers and that work was still required to be done in order to close out the project.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that Mount Airy submitted a Trail Monitoring Report and Jason Smith would review it. Mr. Unangst stated that he sent two sample solar ordinances for the Board to review for future discussion. Mr. Unangst presented a sketch for the repairs to Browns Hill Road to stabilize the stormwater erosion that is occurring there. Mr. Unangst presented a letter dated June 30, 2022, from Hanover Engineering, with a projected cost and a sketch for the repairs on Sylvan Cascade Road. The estimated cost for this project is projected to be between \$300,000.00 and \$325,000.00. Mr. Unangst asked Mader if he received the email with the quantities of materials needed to complete the handicapped accessible trail at the Knauf Preserve. Mader stated that he had not. Mr. Unangst stated he would resend the email to Mader.

PARC – Briglia stated that she had nothing further.

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Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Executive Session

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to recess the regular meeting and go into an executive session at 7:08 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that there was an Executive Session held and all three Supervisors were present. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that two personnel matters and potential litigation was discussed.

No decisions were made.

Adjournment

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary