

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 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 is 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
Tina Transue – Secretary

Executive Session

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that there was an Executive Session held today at 4:59 p.m. and ended at 5:55 p.m. All three Supervisors were present. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that Collective Bargaining Agreement negotiations were discussed. No decisions were made.

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Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Stein to approve the July 6, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

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

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

7/6 Work Session Agenda, Work Session, Regular Session Agenda, Regular Session Action Items/Ratify – The Work Session and Regular Business Meeting agendas for July 6, 2022, were not posted within twenty-four hours before the meetings, as required by the Sunshine Law. The agenda was posted at approximately 11:00 a.m. on July 6, 2022, for both meetings. The Board of Supervisors strictly adhered to the meeting agendas. No new items were added to the agendas or the meetings. Amended agendas were posted on July 7, 2022, with an explanation of the late posting.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to ratify the Work Session Agenda and Work Session Items on July 6, 2022.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to ratify the Regular Session Agenda as posted and ratify all actions taken at the Regular Session Action Items on July 6, 2022.

Motion carried 3-0.

Pickleball Court/Discuss/Any Action – Briglia stated that she has been researching installing Pickleball Courts at Skywood Park. The Board discussed several location options for installing a Pickleball Court. Ms. Christine Dettore, of DCNR, recommended submitting a grant in 2023, for funds to be received in 2024, for further development at Seven Pines Park.

The Little Roof Nuisance Visitors/Discuss/Any Action – Gonze stated that, in response to the complaints about nuisance visitors to the Little Roof, he reached out to the District Attorney's office for information on using Constables to patrol the Little Roof. Gonze relayed the details of potentially contracting Constables for that purpose. Gonze stated that the ordinances and park rules would need to be clarified for the Constables for enforcement purposes. Gonze also stated that it was suggested to him to contact the Pennsylvania State Police to request Troopers patrol the area of the Little Roof at regular

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intervals. Gonze stated that he would reach out, on behalf of the Supervisors, to the Pennsylvania State Police.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to authorize Solicitor Prevoznik to pull all ordinances related to the rules and regulations of the parks.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Mile-A-Minute Weed in Van Buskirk Preserve/Discuss/Any Action – Stein stated that he was told by Mader that Mile-A-Minute Weed was prevalent in the Van Buskirk Preserve again this year. Mader contacted Tom Gallucci, from Absolute Landscaping, for an estimate to spray for Mile-A-Minute Weed in the preserve. Mr. Gallucci estimated the cost of spraying to be approximately \$1,500.00. It was recommended to spray earlier in the season to better control the Mile-A-Minute Weed. Briglia suggested marking on the calendar for next year to approve the spraying in May to be done in June.

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to approve contracting Absolute Landscaping to spray for Mile-A-Minute Weed in the Van Buskirk Preserve, with a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Motion carried 3-0.

Seasonal Workers-Kyle Roth Leaving 7/29/22 – Discuss/Any Action – Gonze stated that Kyle Roth's last day with the Township would be 7/29/22. Gonze stated that he would talk with Mader to decide if additional trail work will be needed after that date.

Reports

Solicitor - Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he was working with Shawn McGlynn and Jake Schray on the M & M Realty, LP Conditional Use Hearing. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he has a meeting with Mr. McGlynn and Mr. Schray on Thursday, July 21, 2022, to further discuss M & M Realty, LP, after which, he will contact Attorney Kidwell to discuss the next steps.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he is drafting and will forward to Gonze a letter notifying Mount Airy of a violation of the Conservation Easement as a result of the Timber Harvest. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the Notice issued by the Zoning Officer was for a violation of the Zoning Permit. The letter Solicitor Prevoznik is writing is for violation of the Conservation Easement.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst reported that Jason Smith was finishing up the calculations for the quantity of materials needed to repair the washout on Browns Hill Road. Mr. Unangst visited the Tarpon Towers' site to verify that the contractor planted the remaining trees required per its Conditional Use Agreement.

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

PMREMS - Gonze stated that there was nothing new to report.

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Other Business/Public Comment

Gonze reported that there will be a Zoning Hearing Board hearing in Pocono Township regarding the Sunset Hill Shooting Range. The hearing is set to be held on August 2, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at the Pocono Township Municipal Building or interested parties can join virtually by Zoom.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and seconded by Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary