

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 3, 2022**

Call to Order

Chair Gonze called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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 (via Zoom)

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Work Session

Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort – Mike Gable continued his presentation from the Work Session.

The Board took a short recess at 6:12 p.m.

The Board reconvened the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the September 19, 2022 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

Budget Meeting Memo/Discuss/Any Action – The Board discussed meeting dates for the Budget Work Sessions. The dates proposed for the Budget Work Sessions are Wednesday, October 19, 2022; Thursday, October 20, 2022; and Wednesday, October 26, 2022. All meetings would start at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at the Municipal Building. Transue is to advertise the Budget Work Session ad in the *Pocono Record*.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to hold the Budget Work Session on Wednesday, October 19, 2022; Thursday, October 20, 2022; and Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m., at the Paradise Township Municipal Building. Transue will advertise the meeting dates in the *Pocono Record*.

Motion carried 3-0.

MCTCC Committee Financing/Discuss/Any Action – The Monroe County Tax Collection Committee requested funding from the municipalities to cover the expenses of the committee. The Board reviewed the March 28, 2022 minutes from the Monroe County Tax Collection Committee to determine the expenses incurred by the committee. Paradise Township's share of the expenses is \$32.57.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the funding request from the Monroe County Tax Collection Committee in the amount of \$32.57.

Motion carried 3-0.

Pickleball Courts/Discuss/Any Action – Briglia stated that Jeannie Riley attended the PARC meeting to inquire about using the basketball court at The Roof for Pickleball Courts. The Board discussed having Mader contact Mrs. Riley about painting lines on the basketball court for Pickleball. The Board questioned Mader as to whether or not the Road Crew could paint the lines on the basketball court.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve Mader contacting Mrs. Riley regarding painting lines on the basketball court for Pickleball. The Road Crew is to paint the lines once the pattern and colors are determined.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort/Any Action – Solicitor Prevostnik stated that there was an oral motion made by Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort, LLC to request a continuance and waiver of time frames to set a first hearing under the Municipal Planning Code and the Paradise Township Code of Ordinances for both a Zoning Hearing Board hearing for variances and a Conditional Use Hearing until November 30, 2022.

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Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to grant a waiver of time for a Zoning Hearing Board Hearing and a Conditional Use Hearing until November 30, 2022 contingent upon the Township receiving

Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort, LLC's request in writing.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik will forward the request to Attorney Hillary Madden for the Zoning Hearing Board so that the Zoning Hearing Board can also take action on the request.

Planning Commission Vacancy/Discuss/Any Action – The Board recommended that Transue post the vacancy on the website and send out a Savvy Citizen alert.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to approve Transue posting the vacancy on the website and sending out a Savvy Citizen alert.

Motion carried 3-0.

UCC Board of Appeals Vacancy/Discuss/Any Action – Transue stated that she contacted Mike Wilk to inquire whether he would be interested in serving on Paradise Township's UCC Board of Appeals. Mr. Wilk responded that he would be interested.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to appoint Mike Wilk to the Paradise Township UCC Board of Appeals.

Motion carried 3-0.

Alarm Monitoring-EMS/Discuss/Any Action – Gonze stated that there was an incident in the EMS building which set off the fire alarm. However, when an employee called Eastern Time, the company they thought was monitoring the system to report that there was no fire, it was determined that an alert was not sent out from the fire alarm. Transue stated that she was not aware of a monitoring contract paid for by the Township for the EMS building. Transue also stated that she reviewed the lease agreement between Paradise Township and PMREMS and did not see any mention as to who is responsible for the cost of monitoring.

Motion: Gonze moved and Briglia seconded to approve Solicitor Prevoznik reviewing the contract for the fire suppression system with Eastern Time and also the agreement between Paradise Township and PMREMS to determine who would be responsible for the cost of monitoring the security system.

Motion carried 3-0.

Mount Airy #1, LLC-Dredging Report, MCCD Notice of Violation, Timber Harvesting NOV/Discuss/Any Action – Mr. Unangst stated that he was copied on an email to Dr. Lisa DeNaples from Steven Baade, of the Monroe County Conservation District, regarding a Notice of Violation for dredging of Mount Airy's lake. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he reached out to Attorney Belardi to schedule a Work Session with Mount Airy #1, LLC to discuss the Dredging Report, the MCCD Notice of Violation, and also the Timber Harvesting Notice of Violation. The Board discussed dates for a Work Session with Mount Airy #1, LLC. Solicitor Prevoznik will reach out to Attorney Belardi to schedule a Work Session for October 17, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. Gonze stated that he would reach out to David

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Johns, Mount Airy's Facilities Director, to let him know what the Board wishes to discuss in the Work Session.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve Gonze reaching out to David Johns prior to the Work Session to establish the topics the Board wants to discuss.

Motion carried 3-0.

Seven Pines Park Update/Any Action – Transue updated the Board on the status of the Seven Pines project. The Board reviewed the inspection report received from the Monroe County Conservation District for the Seven Pines Park Project.

Reports

Roadmaster – Mader summarized his report. Mader stated that he was contacted by Hunter Truck to inform him that they canceled the 2023 Peterbilt 548 order that was ordered on December 20, 2021. The representative stated that they were no longer building that year's model of Peterbilt. The Board asked Mader to get the notification in writing. Gonze stated that a new year's model could not be ordered until the Board receives written confirmation of the cancellation of the order.

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he had items for Executive Session.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst reported that Sewage Enforcement Officer, Jake Schray is continuing to work with M & M Realty Partners, LP regarding their septic system.

PARC – Briglia stated that PARC was going ahead with the Haunted Walk at Skywood Park on October 15, 2022, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

EAC – Stein summarized the September 21, 2022 meeting. Stein stated that the EAC is recommending the Board consider a property on Browns Hill Road for purchase to use as green space. Stein reported that there is also a Deer Park property that Pocono Heritage Land Trust is recommending to the Game Commission for purchase as State Game Lands. Stein reported that the EAC noted that the Paradise Township trail maps are difficult to interpret and they recommend the Board hire a graphic artist to redo the trail maps. Stein stated that the EAC members requested copies of the Mount Airy Timber Harvesting Notices of Violation. Briglia stated that Transue should put new trail maps on the list for the 2023 Budget.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Other Business/Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

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Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to recess the regular meeting and go into an executive session at 7:03 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that an Executive Session was held and all three Supervisors were present. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that two pending litigations, contract negotiations for the CBA, and contract negotiations regarding alternate services were discussed. No decisions were made.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to authorize Attorney Andrew Wolf to continue to represent the Zoning Officer in filing a complaint in response to an appeal filed by Paradise Valley Lake House, LLC regarding the fine that was levied against them by Magistrate Riley, with the Court of Common Pleas.

Motion carried 3-0.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary