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PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 15, 2021

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Konrath led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment Statement

Konrath 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. A public comment period will be held at the end of the regular agenda for any other business.*"

Konrath stated that the meeting is being recorded for the limited purpose of preparing the official minutes.

Roll Call

Officials Present:

Gary Konrath – Chair
Peter Gonze – Vice Chair
Reda Briglia - Supervisor

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to approve the March 1, 2021 Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to approve the March 15 Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Unfinished Business

Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that due to time sensitivity, Konrath contacted him regarding a question as to whether Attorney DeAngelo should continue serving as the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor for the Schlier Property appeal process. Prevoznik advised Konrath that since Attorney DeAngelo wrote the opinion and advised the Zoning Hearing Board on the decision, it would be a good idea to allow him to finish the Schlier matter. Solicitor Prevoznik also told Konrath that there was a thirty-day appeal period in which the Township was appealing and in which Attorney DeAngelo would decide if he wanted to respond on behalf of the Zoning Hearing Board. Konrath advised Solicitor Prevoznik to send a letter to Attorney DeAngelo confirming that he was to finish the appeal process. Konrath has requested that his actions be ratified by the Board of Supervisors.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to ratify the appointment of Attorney DeAngelo to finish the appeal of the Schlier Property Zoning Hearing Board Decision.

Motion carried 3-0.

Host Compliance Renewal/Discuss – The Board discussed the Host Compliance renewal. Gonze stated that he was able to speak with the office staff about Host Compliance. The feedback received from the office staff/zoning administrator was that the office staff would like the opportunity to monitor possible short-term rentals itself to see if that could be effectively done.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to cancel the Host Compliance contract renewal.

Motion carried 3-0.

Bid Proposals

Spring Clean Up Bids/Award Bid – Transue stated that the Spring Clean-Up advertisement for quotes was published in the Pocono Record on February 24 and March 1. Konrath stated that two quotes were received for Spring Clean Up.

J.P. Mascaro & Sons submitted a quote, as follows:

\$34.00 for trash per cubic yard and \$25.00 for metal per cubic yard.

County Waste submitted a quote, as follows:

1. \$30.00 for trash per cubic yard and \$20.00 for metal per cubic yard with White Goods separated out with the following additional rates: Day Rate - \$35.00
2. AC Evacuation - \$35.00 each
3. Refrigerator Evac - \$25.00 each
4. Water Coolers - \$25.00 each
5. Dehydrators - \$25.00 each

County Waste would consolidate final invoice based on above at the time evacuation services are completed. The final invoice would also include the following charges for hauling and disposal which includes driver, labor, all loading and unloading and truck rental expenses:

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1. Day Rate Driver and Labor - \$500.00 day rate
2. Truck Rental with Tommy lift - \$350.00 per day

The Board discussed both quotes.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to award the Spring Clean-Up quote to J. P. Mascaro & Sons for \$34.00 for trash per cubic yard and \$25.00 for metal per cubic yard.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Ford Escape/List on Municibid – The Board discussed listing the 2010 Ford Escape on Municibid to sell. The Board discussed a minimum bid of \$5,000.00 for the Ford Escape.

Motion: Briglia moved and seconded by Gonze to list the 2010 Ford Escape on Municibid with a minimum bid of \$5,000.00.

Motion carried 3-0.

COVID-19 Municipal Funds/Discuss – Konrath stated that as part of the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package, local governments are set to possibly receive relief funds. The Board discussed what the funds may or may not be able to be used for. Transue stated that she received word from PSATS that the monies may be used on capacity building and infrastructure. Transue also stated that the monies may be paid out in 2 payments with the first being in June, 2021 and the second in June, 2022.

Public Hearing

Motion: Konrath moved and seconded by Briglia to recess the regular meeting and open the Conditional Use Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated the this public hearing is a continuation of the Conditional Use Hearing held on January 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for a Conditional Use Application by Amanda & Zachary Foehr and Pocono Towing, Inc. to utilize property currently owned by Daniel W. Costanzo and Jayne R. Costanzo located in a B-1 zoning district bearing tax parcel # 11/5/1/40-2, which property is located at PA SR 191 in Paradise Township, 6183/6185 Route 191, Monroe County, PA in whole or in part as a towing/auto repair shop. The current uses on the property appear to be a daycare, retail, and storage warehouse. During the first hearing, Pocono Towing, Inc., through its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Foehrs requested that they wanted the Costanzo Land Development Plan, on which this conditional use would be based, finalized before moving forward with the conditional use hearing. Solicitor Prevoznik noted that the Costanzo Land Development Plan is still pending. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that Amanda Foehr submitted a letter requesting a waiver from the time frames in the MPC and Paradise Township Code of Ordinances to hold a hearing and render a decision. Mrs. Foehr agreed to extend the date to hold the next hearing on April 19, 2021. Solicitor Prevoznik submitted the following Exhibits:

T-8 – Sign-in Sheet.

T-9 – Waiver and Extension of Time to Conduct the Third Conditional Use Hearing.

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Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to grant the request to continue the Conditional Use Hearing until April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to move the Exhibits into record.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that at the January 4, 2021 hearing, the Foehrs were asked to show proof of standing. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he was in possession of a sales agreement between the Foehrs and Costanzos extending the agreement of sale until July 30, 2021. However, Pocono Towing, Inc. would have to submit that during the hearing as the document consisted of hearsay at the moment.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Konrath to continue the Conditional Use Hearing until April 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to reconvene the regular meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Costanzo Land Development Plan - Terry Martin was present on behalf of the Costanzos regarding Paradise Plaza. Mr. Martin stated that he sent an email requesting a waiver on the time requirements for the board to take action on their Land Development Plan. Mr. Martin requested an additional 70 days from March 9, 2021. The time extension is to allow for a reply from PA DEP on the existing sewage disposal system located on the property and also to give the Costanzos time to have the required paving done.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to grant the waiver of time to allow a response from DEP and the required paving done for the Land Development Plan until the May 17, 2021 meeting.

Motion carried 3-0.

Dogan Minor Subdivision Plan – Mr. Martin was also present on behalf of Susan Dogan a request for waiver of the time frames within which to act in regard to a Minor Subdivision Plan which came before the Paradise Township Planning Commission. Mrs. Dogan's request for a waiver is of the requirement that a decision with respect to a minor subdivision must be rendered within 90 days of submission of the plan per the Paradise Township SALDO. Mr. Martin explained that Mrs. Dogan is requesting the time extension because she needed to resolve zoning issues regarding lot size. Mrs. Dogan requested that the date for action by the Board of Supervisors be extended until June 8, 2021.

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Konrath to grant Mrs. Dogan's request for a time waiver for the Board of Supervisors to take action on her Minor Subdivision Plan until June 8, 2021.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Solicitor - Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he had nothing further.

Engineer - Mr. Unangst was not present.

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

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PMREMS – Gonze reported that PMREMS has engaged Hanover Engineering for the site development work for the proposed renovations at the 11-1 Station.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

Konrath asked when the Township Newsletter would be going in the mail. Transue stated she expected the Newsletters to be mailed the next day.

Konrath stated that Mike Mader asked about the purchase of the Komatsu Loader. At this time the Komatsu dealer is not a CoStars vendor. Solicitor Prevoznik explained that the Co-op in which this Komatsu dealer participates is a Co-op run by the State of Minnesota. Minnesota has different buying and purchasing requirements from those in Pennsylvania. Solicitor Prevoznik explained that CoStars works for Townships because it is Pa. State run and it meets Pa. State procurement laws. In order to use the Minnesota program, the dealer should provide something that indicates that Pennsylvania has accepted the Minnesota Co-op as complying with Pennsylvania law.

Konrath stated that one of the Road Crew employees suggested putting Frisbee Golf in one of the open space parks such as Skywood Park.

The Board discussed using open space properties for mountain biking as suggested by the EAC/Open Space committee. The Board discussed whether mountain biking on the open space properties was an active or passive recreational sport. It was further asked that if it was active, how would it impact the use of open space for the project.

Adjournment

Motion: Gonze moved and seconded by Briglia to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Tina Transue
Secretary