

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

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

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the January 16, 2023, Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the January 30, 2023, Board of Supervisors special meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Work Session

Steve Dellinger/Solar Ordinance (4:00 p.m.)/Any Action – Gonze stated that the Board discussed with Steve Dellinger of Hanover Engineering, possible amendments to the Township's existing Solar Energy Systems Ordinance.

Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort/Trinity Hill Road (5:00 p.m.)/Any Action – Gonze stated that the Board met with representative of the Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort to discuss the Trinity Hill Road access to the resort property. Gonze stated that there would be follow up action to be taken such as a scoping meeting with the Township engineers and Hawthorne's engineers to look at alternative options for the intersection, traffic impact on Route 611 as well as ingress and egress from the resort property.

Unfinished Business

Henderson Stream Restoration Review/Discuss/Any Action – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the stream restoration project was reviewed by Linder Engineering, on behalf of the Township. The Monroe County Conservation District, and PA DEP approved the proposed restoration. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn determined that a Flood Plain permit is not required. No further action by the Board is required.

New Business

Monroe County Conservation District/Act 167 Stormwater Mngmnt – Michael Wilk from the Monroe County Conservation District (MCCD) was in attendance to discuss the Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Wilk stated that the MCCD updated the plan and made minor changes to it to bring the plan current, as it had not been updated since 2003. Mr. Wilk stated that the plan was reviewed and approved by PA DEP and all of the municipalities that were in the Brodhead Creek Watershed must pass on ordinance to adopt the updated plan. Mr. Wilk reviewed that changes that were included in the new ordinance. Mr. Wilk will forward a sample copy of the ordinance to Transue.

EAC Appointment of Don Miller/Appoint – Stein stated that the Township was not able to contact Mr. Miller prior to the Organizational Meeting to confirm he wished to be reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC). Mr. Miller has since contacted Transue to confirm he would like to continue to serve on the EAC.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to reappoint Don Miller to the EAC for a three year term.

Motion carried 3-0.

EAC Letter of Interest/Discuss/Any Action – Stein stated that a letter of interest to serve on the EAC was received from Paul Adamo.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to appoint Paul Adamo to the EAC for a three year term.

Motion carried 3-0.

Cranberry Assoc. of Pa License Agreement/Time Extension – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that if the Browns Hill Road project has not been started, he would reach out to the

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Cranberry Assoc. of Pa to get a time extension on the License Agreement, as it expires in April.

Campbell/Fulmer Subdivision/Lot Combination/Any Action – Transue stated that Terry Martin, on behalf of his client, submitted a request for a waiver of the time requirements for the Supervisors to take action on their Final Minor Subdivision/Lot Consolidation Plan previously submitted to the Board. Mr. Martin asked for an extension of time to the May 15, 2023, Board meeting. Transue stated that Mr. Campbell did submit an application for a Zoning Hearing Board hearing for variances, as required by the Board to approve the Subdivision/Lot Consolidation Plan.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to grant the time extension to the May 15, 2023 meeting, as requested by Mr. Martin, on behalf of his client.

Motion carried 3-0.

Street Name for Cul-De-Sac off of Route 191/Discuss/Any Action – Transue explained that LTS Homes is building a home on a property located on a private cul-de-sac that was previously not named. Monroe County Readdressing asked that the Board chose a name for the cul-de-sac. The Zoning Office recommended Carter Court, as that is the name of the property owners of the first house built on that cul-de-sac, which are currently using Route 191 as their address.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to approve naming the private cul-de-sac, located off of Route 191, Carter Court. Transue will forward the new name to the Monroe County Readdressing office.

Motion carried 3-0.

Paradise Historical Society – Fee Waived Request/Discuss/Any Action – Gonze stated that the Paradise Historical Society submitted a request to the Board to waive the \$25.00 fee to rent The Roof for their annual potluck dinner.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to waive the \$25.00 fee for the rental of The Roof by the Paradise Historical Society.

Motion carried 3-0.

MC Emergency Management Course/Discuss/Any Action – Transue stated that she received an email from the Pocono Mountain Council of Government (PMCOG) regarding classes for the ICS system in support of the Emergency Management System. Briglia asked if Stein had attended Emergency Management classes and he responded that he had not. Transue will forward the information to Stein.

Verizon Wireless Tower Inquiry/Discuss/Any Action – Transue received an email from Kathryn Hennessy inquiring if the Township would be interested in installing a Verizon Wireless tower at 399 Woodland Road, which is the property that the EMS building is located. The Board discussed that the Township conditionally owned the property and at such time that the EMS no longer occupied the building, it would revert back to Mount

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Airy. Gonze stated that he would reach out to Mount Airy to see if there were any interest from them in pursuing the installation of a Verizon Wireless tower.

Martens Subdivision/Lot Consolidation-Time Extension/Discuss/Any Action – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the Martens family was given ninety days to finalize and record their Subdivision/Lot Consolidation Plan however they were having difficulty with Wells Fargo regarding a mortgage modification for one of the properties. The Martens family is requesting an extension of time for another ninety days to complete the process.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to grant the time extension to the Martens family for another ninety days to finalize and record their Subdivision/Lot Consolidation Plan.

Motion carried 3-0.

Future Open Space Development Priorities/Discuss/Any Action – Gonze stated that he created a list of suggestions for prioritizing Open Space purchases in the future based on the amount of acreage already used for Open Space in the Township and the amount of acreage enrolled in the Act 319, Clean and Green program. The Board discussed the priority list. Briglia recommended sending the priority list to the EAC for comment.

Advertising for Spring Clean Up/Approve – Transue stated that she needed to advertise in the *Pocono Record* for quotes for Spring Clean Up. The ad would run on February 27, 2023, and March 6, 2023.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve advertising for Spring Clean Up quotes in the *Pocono Record* on February 27, 2023, and March 6, 2023.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Roadmaster – Mader summarized his report.

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he had nothing further.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that Jim Milot, Hanover Engineering Traffic Specialist and David Horner, the Traffic Specialist for Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort spoke after the Work Session and they will each create a list of recommendations for the Trinity Hill Road intersection and submit them to the Board, at which time a scoping meeting can be set up with Hawthorne to discuss the options.

PARC – Briglia stated that she did not attend January's meeting and did not receive draft minutes therefore, she had nothing to report.

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Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Other Business/Public Comment

Resident Dagmara Debowska was in attendance to discuss with the Board about the entrance to the Timber Hill Community. Ms. Debowska expressed concerns about the intersection of Route 191 and Browns Hill Road and the ingress and egress into the Timber Hill Community. Ms. Debowska stated that she researched possible alternate entrances to Timber Hill. One of the options would require using Open Space property for access and the second was off of Station Hill Road. Briglia stated that she was not sure if an emergency road could be put on an Open Space property because it was purchased with grant money. Gonze stated that a letter was sent to PennDOT to request having the concrete barrier possibly removed to improve the sight distance but have not received an answer from PennDOT. The Board discussed sending letters to Senator Rosemary Brown and State Representative Maureen Madden to request help with the Route 191 and Browns Hill Road intersection.

Resident Trevor Sopko asked what the status was of the rezoning of Route 390. The Board stated that they would look into what the next step is to move the rezoning forward.

Adjournment

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary