

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 3, 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

Executive Session

Stein stated that an Executive Session was held on June 29, 2023, at 1:03 p.m. Supervisors Briglia, Stein, and Attorney McManus were present. Stein stated that legal matters were discussed. The Executive Session ended at 1:18 p.m.
No decisions were made.

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Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the June 19, 2023, Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Work Session

Route 390 Rezoning/Any Action – Gonze stated that the Board met with Steve Dellinger from Hanover Engineering to continue the discussion of rezoning Route 390, as it pertained to the definitions of auto body and auto repair and also the consideration of rezoning a part of the Route 390 area as part of a proposed B-3 Limited Business District.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to approve Solicitor Prevoznik to work with Steve Dellinger on definitions as it pertains to the proposed B-3 Zoning District to be forwarded to the Board by August 1, 2023.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to schedule a follow-up Work Session on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to invite Mount Airy to a Work Session on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. to discuss its Forest Management Plan progress.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

eCodes 360 Recodification/Any Action – The Board briefly discussed the status of the recodification process. The Board asked Transue to forward a link to the eCodes website to the Board members and Solicitor Prevoznik to review comments from General Code and Shawn McGlynn.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to set a date of August 21, 2023, as a deadline to review and approve/change the comments from General Code and Shawn McGlynn.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

Community Day/Any Action – Transue stated that the Road Crew suggested having Paradise Township road equipment available for Community Day for residents as a “Touch A Truck” display. Transue also stated that the face painter would not be back this year, instead, Winterberry Farms has been invited to participate in Community Day. Winterberry Farms will bring small farm animals such as goats, bunnies, and a variety of fowl.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the necessary overtime for Community Day.

Motion carried 3-0.

PMREMS Roundup Donation/Approve – Transue stated that each year the Township has

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done a sponsorship for PMREMS's Pocono Mountain Regional Roundup in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the sponsorship for PMREMS' Pocono Mountain Regional Roundup in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Motion carried 3-0.

Friendly Community Center Yearly Appropriation/Approve – Transue stated that The Friendly Community Center submitted the necessary paperwork for its yearly appropriation.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve releasing the 2023 budgeted appropriation to The Friendly Community Center in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Motion carried 3-0.

Citizen of The Year/Any Action – Transue stated that no nominations were received this year. Briglia nominated Dave and Keri Buchter. Briglia stated that as a long-time business owner in the Township, the Buchters have been generous with many organizations in the Township. The Buchters have recently become Paradise Township residents again.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to name Dave and Keri Buchter as the 2023 Citizens of the Year.

Motion carried 3-0.

Maple Lawn Subdivision (Nothstein)/Any Action – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the matter has been turned over to Attorney McManus and Attorney McManus would be reaching out to William and Jodi Spies' attorney regarding the letter sent to the Township pertaining to the Maple Lawn Subdivision.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to authorize Attorney McManus to reach out to William and Jodi Spies' attorney regarding the letter sent to the Township pertaining to the Maple Lawn Subdivision.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Roadmaster – The Board reviewed the Roadmaster's report. Stein stated that he was concerned that the Road Crew would be working outside during days that are considered air quality "Red Flag" days by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

Motion: Gonze moved and Briglia seconded to approve not allowing the Road Crew to work outside on days that have been deemed "Red Flag" days by the DEP contingent upon Gonze reaching out to the Union Rep to confirm that the policy does not violate any Union rules.

Motion carried 3-0.

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he had Executive Session items to discuss.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that Jake Schray, Paradise Township SEO, inspected 158 Burton Road and found no septic malfunction issues as reported to him. Mr. Unangst

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stated that M & M Realty, LP did submit a Lot Consolidation Plan that has been reviewed, however, it did not meet the necessary requirements of the ordinance. Mr. Unangst also stated that Jason Smith would have comments to the Board regarding Mount Airy's Greenway Monitoring Report by the next meeting.

EAC– Stein summarized the June 21, 2023 EAC meeting.

PARC – Briglia summarized the June 20, 2023, PARC meeting. The Board discussed the possibility of moving the gate to Skywood Park back further from the road. Gonze will touch base with Mader to discuss this.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Other Business/Public Comment

None.

Executive Session

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to recess the regular meeting and go into an Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that an Executive Session was held and all three Supervisors were present. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that litigation involving Notices of Violation and pending complaints was discussed, as well as personnel matters.

No decisions were made.

Adjournment

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary