

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2023**

Call to Order

Chair Gonze called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 an Executive Session was held at 5:15 p.m. and all three Supervisors were present. Solicitor Prevoznik advised the Board regarding the next legal steps to be taken with regard to the Hawthorne Conditional Use Hearing. Also discussed were personnel matters.

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The Executive Session ended at 5:59 p.m. No decisions were made.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the June 5, 2023, 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 Briglia seconded to accept the June 19, 2023, Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 3-0.

Unfinished Business

M&M Realty, LP BOS Hearing – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that a continuation of the M&M Realty, LP BOS Hearing was held at 5:00 p.m. today. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the hearing was continued at the request of both parties. The hearing has been continued to a date and time certain of July 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Both parties will be notified of the continuation date.

DEND Properties Conditional Use Hearing – Gonze stated that the Board discussed scheduling the Conditional Use Hearing for DEND Properties for July 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. instead of July 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. due to a scheduling conflict.

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to schedule the DEND Properties Conditional Use Hearing for July 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. instead of July 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Transue is to amend the advertisement for the *Pocono Record* to reflect the change.

Motion carried 2-0. (Stein abstained due to anticipated absence)

New Business

Municibid – Award Bid for the 2012 John Deere Tractor/Award – Transue stated that a high bid of \$30,400.00 was received through the Municibid site for the 2012 John Deere Tractor from Hartley Township.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to accept the highest bid of \$30,400.00 from Hartley Township on Municibid for the 2012 John Deere Tractor.

Motion carried 3-0.

Road Crew Projects/Any Action – Gonze stated that he met with Mike Mader and Chad Nauman to discuss open projects in the Township. Gonze stated that they discussed the Wyndham Hills Emergency Access project, the ADA trail at the Knauf Preserve, and converting the baseball field at The Roof to a softball field. Gonze stated that price, materials, and labor were discussed for each project. The Board discussed in what order they wanted the projects completed and the budget allocations for each. The Board prioritized the Wyndham Hills Emergency Access project to be completed first, the ADA trail at the Knauf Preserve, and then the softball field at The Roof. The Board discussed

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notifying the adjacent property owners of the Wyndham Hills Emergency Access project. Transue will draft a letter for Gonze's signature.

Browns Hill Road/Further Stabilization/Any Action – The Board discussed further stabilization work on Browns Hill Road. Gonze will reach out to Jason Smith to discuss what is needed to complete the project. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that it will be necessary to obtain easements from property owners to access the site for stabilization.

Quote to Paint the Roof Pavilion/Any Action – The Board discussed the quote received from Lee Decorating, Inc. for painting The Roof pavilion and two bathrooms. The quote was in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to accept the quote from Lee Decorating, Inc. in the amount of \$9,000.00 to paint The Roof pavilion and two bathrooms contingent on the contractor submitting all insurance information.

Motion carried 3-0.

SFM Consulting Hour Adjustment/Any Action – The Board discussed the letter received from SFM Consulting to request a change of hours. SFM Consulting is proposing to have a Zoning Officer or Administrator in the office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a total amount of twenty hours per week.

Motion: Stein moved and Briglia seconded to approve the increase in hours for SFM Consulting to have a Zoning Officer in the office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a total amount of twenty hours per week at the current rate of \$65.00 per hour.

Motion carried 3-0.

Other Business/Public Comment

The Board discussed lifting the burn ban. Gonze stated that he spoke with the Fire Chief about the burn ban and he was in agreement that the ban should be lifted.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to lift the burn ban. Transue will post on the website and send a Savvy Citizen notice out.

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik had nothing further.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst reported that he spoke to the Roadmaster about a property located at 152 and 158 Burton Road regarding water running from the property onto the Township Road. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that a letter was sent to the two property owners.

Stein asked Mr. Unangst to touch base with Jason Smith regarding the Mount Airy Greenway report. The Board discussed the matrix Mount Airy was to submit for the Timbering report. Solicitor Prevoznik will reach out to Attorney Belardi to determine who the point of contact is currently for the reports that are due to the Township.

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

Other Business/Public Comment

The Board discussed a date for the follow-up Conditional Use Hearing for Hawthorne.

Motion: Stein moved and Gonze seconded to schedule a continuation of the June 22, 2023, Conditional Use Hearing for the Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort to August 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. Additionally, all briefs including those from all Parties with Standing including the Applicant should be submitted to the Township Office no later than July 28, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. to be considered by the Board for review. No new facts will be accepted in the briefs. All briefs should follow the proposed finding of facts, proposed conclusions of law, discussions, and any conditions that one would seek to impose or not impose.

Motion carried 3-0.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary