

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 17, 2023**

Call to Order

Chair Gonze called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 (Absent)

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to approve the July 3, 2023, Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 2-0.

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Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to accept the July 17, 2023, Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 2-0.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Rental Fees for The Roof for 2024/Any Action – The Board discussed increasing the fees to rent The Roof as the current rental fees do not cover the cost of Township employee wages and other expenses associated with renting The Roof such as electricity and supplies. The Board discussed increasing The Roof's rental and security deposit fees in 2024 for residents from \$50.00 to \$100.00, the fees for non-residents from \$100.00 to \$200.00, and the fees for qualifying non-profit organizations from \$25.00 to \$50.00 with matching security deposit fees for each. The Board will discuss the increases further when setting the 2024 Fee Schedule to be adopted at the Organizational Meeting.

Other Business/Public Comment

Kaleem Mohammed was in attendance to discuss with the Board issues he is having with the Zoning Office in reference to receiving a permit for the development of a ninety-six-acre parcel of property off of Devils Hole Road. Gonze stated that he would reach out to Zoning Officer Shawn McGlynn and set up a meeting between Gonze, Zoning Officer McGlynn, and Mr. Mohammed to discuss the issues.

Reports

Solicitor – Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he received a proposed settlement agreement from Paradise Valley Lakehouse. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he spoke with Attorney Wolf and they discussed several comments regarding the agreement and expect to have an executed agreement by the next Board meeting.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that the continuation of the M & M BOS Hearing will be held on July 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., as scheduled, since a mediation decision has not been received from DEP on the matter.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that he worked with Steve Dellinger on the Route 390 Rezoning and they have a rough draft to be discussed at a Work Session on August 7, 2023.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated he forwarded an escrow agreement to Transue for Pocono Sand & Stone.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst distributed and reviewed a report and matrix from Jason Smith on the 2022 Greenways Operation and Maintenance Report from Mount Airy. Mr. Smith asked that the Board review the Matrix and note any comments that they may want to discuss at a future Work Session. Mr. Unangst reported that Mr. Smith spoke with Deer

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Park regarding the Forestry Management Plan for Mount Airy and Deer Park is currently conducting surveys and will update Mr. Smith in a few weeks. Mr. Smith will be meeting with Melvin Fish to discuss further repairs to Browns Hill Road.

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

Other Business/Public Comment

Russell Horn was present to discuss the fatal accident that occurred on Route 191 on Paradise Falls Lutheran Association's property. The Board discussed with Mr. Horn possible pathways to reduce speeding and reckless driving on Route 191. Gonze stated that he would reach out to Senator Brown's office to discuss the issue.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Executive Session

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to recess the regular meeting and go into an Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to reconvene the regular meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Solicitor Prevoznik stated that an Executive Session was held and all three Supervisors, Mr. Unangst, and Solicitor Prevoznik were present. Solicitor Prevoznik stated that potential litigation and legal strategy towards a possible resolution were discussed from 6:31 p.m. to 6:52 p.m., at which time Mr. Unangst left the Executive Session. The Board and Solicitor Prevoznik discussed a personnel matter from 6:52 p.m. to 7:02 p.m.

No decisions were made.

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to authorize Solicitor Prevoznik to work with Gonze, Mr. Unangst, and Attorney McManus on the potential litigation and a possible resolution.

Motion carried 2-0.

Adjournment

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Motion carried 2-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary