

**PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 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

John C. Prevoznik – Solicitor (Absent)

Charles Unangst – Engineer

Tina Transue – Secretary

Executive Session

Stein stated that an Executive Session was held at 4:01 p.m. and all three Supervisors were present. Stein stated that the Board met with Attorney Paul Bruder, of Mette, Evans, and Woodside, to discuss legal matters. Attorney Bruder left the Work Session at 4:18

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p.m., at which time the Board discussed a personnel matter and an enforcement action. The Executive Session ended at 4:43 p.m.
No decisions were made.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the September 6, 2023, Board of Supervisors regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 3-0.

Treasurer's Report

Transue read the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to accept the September 18, 2023, Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried 3-0.

Work Session

Mount Airy #1, LLC/Timber Harvest Remediation/Forestry Plan and Greenway Monitoring Report/Any Action – Gonze stated that the Board met with representatives from Mount Airy to discuss the Timber Harvest Remediation/Forestry Plan and the 2022 Greenway Monitoring Report.

Unfinished Business

PFLA Town Hall Follow-Up/Any Action – Gonze summarized a follow-up call with Senator Brown and PennDOT held on September 29, 2023, to further discuss the traffic concerns on Route 191/940. Gonze stated that there was no new plan of action to report from that meeting to address the community concerns from PennDOT or Senator Brown's office.

M & M Realty Partners, LP Time Extension – Lot Consolidation/Any Action – Transue stated that Attorney Kidwell, on behalf of M & M Realty Partners, LP, requested a time extension to finalize the Lot Consolidation Plan to November 30, 2023, to allow for sewage notes to be added to the plan at the conclusion of M & M Realty Partners, LP's BOS Sewage Appeal Hearing.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to grant the time extension to M & M Realty Partners, LP on its Lot Consolidation Plan to November 30, 2023.

Motion carried 3-0.

New Business

JSPA Realty, LLC Conditional Use Decision and Order/Ratify – The JSPA Realty, LLC Conditional Use Decision and Order was signed and sent to those with party standing by email on September 27, 2023, and a hard copy was also sent to the same parties by mail.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to ratify the signing of the JSPA Realty, LLC Conditional Use and Decision Order.

Motion carried 3-0.

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Northeast Site Contractors Time Extension/Any Action – Gonze stated that Northeast Site Contractors won the bid for the paving project on Woodland Road. As part of the project Northeast Site Contractors was also to repair damaged drainage inlet boxes. Northeast Site Contractors discovered that the inlet boxes were damaged more than what was covered in the scope of work therefore it needs more time to complete the additional repairs. The contract stated that work should be completed by September 30, 2023, and Northeast Site Contractors are requesting an extension of time to October 31, 2023.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to give an extension of time to Northeast Site Contractors to complete the Road Paving Project on Woodland Road to October 31, 2023.

Motion carried 3-0.

Budget Work Session Dates/Advertisement/Any Action – The Board scheduled the Budget Work Sessions for Tuesday, October 17, 2023; Thursday, October 19, 2023; and Monday, October 23, 2023. All Work Sessions will start at 10:00 a.m. and will be held at the Paradise Township Municipal Building. Transue is to advertise the Budget Work Session dates in the *Pocono Record*.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve Transue advertising the Budget Work Session dates in the *Pocono Record*.

Motion carried 3-0.

Training Reimbursement Agreement/Any Action – Gonze stated that a final agreement was reached with the Union regarding a Training Reimbursement Agreement for a Township employee to attend CDL Training.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to approve the Training Reimbursement Agreement.

Motion carried 3-0.

Equipment Operator/CDL Driver Applications/Any Action – Transue stated that four applications were received for the Equipment Operator/CDL Driver position. Transue is to forward copies of the applications to the Board for review.

PennDOT Project – Red Rock Road/Any Action – Transue stated that she received an email from PennDOT stating that it is replacing the bridge on Red Rock Road and is inviting Paradise Township to be a consulting party for the project. Consulting party status allows the Township to provide input into the design process as well as the treatment of affected historic properties. The Township will also be kept informed of the status of the ongoing process. Transue also stated that PennDOT is looking for one point person to act as the representative for Paradise Township.

Motion: Briglia moved and Gonze seconded to appoint Mike Stein as the Paradise Township representative for the PennDOT Red Rock Road replacement project.

Motion carried 3-0.

Paradise Twp. V. Paradise Valley Lake House, LLC/Any Action – Gonze stated that an agreement was reached with Paradise Valley Lake House, LLC in the matter of a Short-

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Term Rental Notice of Violation. Paradise Valley Lake House, LLC agreed to not operate a Short-Term Rental at the subject location of 850 Red Rock Road, Cresco, and the Township agrees to accept the payment of sums specified in the agreement as full and complete compromise of any and all disputes related to or arising out of this Action. Paradise Valley Lake House, LLC agrees to pay the fine in the amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00) to Paradise Township as part of the Settlement Agreement.

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to accept the Settlement Agreement for Paradise Valley Lake House, LLC as well as the fine amount of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000.00).

Motion carried 3-0.

Reports

Roadmaster – Mader summarized his report for the Board. The Board discussed with Mader the possibility of moving the gate at Skywood Park back and creating a larger parking lot. Gonze stated that he would meet with Mader and determine what could be done to enlarge the parking area for Skywood Park.

Engineer – Mr. Unangst stated that he had nothing further.

EAC – Stein stated that the EAC met on September 13, 2023. Stein summarized the meeting for the Board. Stein asked Transue to put the new trail maps on the Township's website.

PARC – Briglia stated that PARC was holding its second annual Haunted Woods fundraiser on October 7, 2023, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Briglia stated that PARC was doing another Bake Sale at the beginning of November. Briglia also stated that PARC was working with engineer Brick Linder on the next phase of Seven Pines Park, in the hopes of applying for a grant in the Spring of 2024.

Other Business/Public Comment

None.

Correspondence/Miscellaneous

None.

Adjournment

Motion: Briglia moved and Stein seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary