PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORK SESSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 22, 2023 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Peter Gonze, Reda Briglia, Mike Stein, Tina Transue, Charles Unangst, Jason Smith, Josh Flad, and Solicitor Prevoznik. Also present on behalf of Mount Airy #1, LLC was Attorney Jeffrey Belardi, David Johns, and Mr. Jeff Nichols, of Deer Park Lumber.

Gonze called the work session to order at 5:02 p.m.

Mount Airy #1, LLC/Timber Harvest Remediation/Forestry Plan

The Board of Supervisors met with Mount Airy #1, LLC representatives to discuss Timber Harvesting remediation and the draft Forest Management Plan for 2023. The Facilities Director David Johns and Attorney Jeff Belardi were present on behalf of Mount Airy. Mr. Jeff Nichols, representing Deer Park Lumber, was also present. It was initially discussed that the draft Forest Management Plan did not delineate the areas on the property which were impacted by the timber harvesting specifically the primary Conservation Easement areas. It was agreed that delineating these areas was important to understand the scope of the timbering and development of a plan to move forward. There was discussion regarding whether timbering was done in the Primary Conservation district and what steps should be taken to regenerate those areas. Mr. Nichols stated that Deer Park Lumber would assess new growth in late spring and conduct a regeneration count in June of 2023. There was also a discussion on how to protect new plantings from the deer and how to eradicate the invasive plant species found in the conservation area. There was also discussion regarding a more active remediation process as being required under the Conservation Easement. Mr. Johns, Mr. Nichols, Mr. Flad, and Mr. Smith will continue to work together on the draft Forest Management Plan to incorporate the discussion points from the Work Session to include remedial efforts in areas which were affected by the timber harvesting. A future Work Session will be scheduled to review the updated draft Forest Management Plan.

Adjournment

Gonze adjourned the work session at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Transue
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Secretary