

PARADISE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2022
5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Peter Gonze, Reda Briglia, Michael Stein, Tina Transue, Charles Unangst, Jason Smith, of Hanover Engineering, Solicitor Prevoznik. EAC members also in attendance: Joel Shilling, Cheryl Phillips, Edie Stevens (via Zoom), and Don Miller (via Zoom).

Gonze called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Gonze announced that to meet the requirements established by the Office of Open Records for virtual meetings, this meeting was 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.

Stein asked participants joining the meeting via Zoom to raise their virtual hands to be recognized if they wished to participate in a discussion.

Browns Hill Road Drainage – Mr. Unangst stated that he met Supervisors Gonze and Roadmaster Mader on Browns Hill Road to survey the area, as a follow up to a letter submitted to the Township, by a resident concerned that the banks on both sides of Browns Hill Road were washing away. Mr. Unangst submitted photos of the area in question and stated that Jason Smith, of Hanover Engineering, also determined that work performed at the site would require a permit through DEP as the waterway that flows under Browns Hill Road is classified as a stream. Mr. Unangst discussed options to stabilize the banks on both sides of Browns Hill Road.

Knauf Preserve – Mr. Unangst stated the Pam Kemecsy, of Hanover Engineering, visited the Knauf Preserve to assess the existing trail for accessibility beginning at the southeast corner of the parking lot and looping through the upper portion of the preserve to determine if the trail could be developed into a handicap accessible trail. Mr. Unangst relayed to the Board Ms. Kemecsy's recommendations, as sent to him via email on April 10, 2022.

Mount Airy Greenway Monitoring Plan/Discharge Management Plan – Mr. Smith summarized his comments from his Review Comment letter, dated April 15, 2022, with

the Board. Mr. Smith also submitted a draft matrix of the Greenways Operation and Maintenance Plan – 2021 Annual Monitoring Study. Mr. Smith stated that Mount Airy's NPDES permit has not been reissued for the wastewater treatment plant and no further actions have been taken to revise the existing dam permit. Accordingly, the report indicates that the lake and the treatment plant continue to operate under existing permits as they have done in the past. Mr. Smith stated that it was his understanding that, in 2022, the outlet and pipe between Pond 16 and Pond 14 would be repaired/replaced. Mr. Smith discussed whether Mount Airy would be able to meet the water temperatures requirements of DEP and the reasons why it may or may not be able to meet DEP requirements. There was discussion regarding the temperature of the lake and potential ways to cool the lake. Mr. Smith stated that he spoke with Mount Airy's treatment provider, who handles treating the invasive exotic species, and it was reported that the number of acres being treated has come down considerably in the past years. In the last year, only six and a half acres were treated for invasive exotic species. It was also reported that previous treatments worked well in that the return of the invasive species for which treatment was rendered has been less over time. Mr. Smith stated that it is believed that revegetation of native vegetation will help keep the invasive species from returning along with continuing of treatments to target the invasive species. Mr. Smith stated that he believed that Mount Airy was scheduled to revegetate twenty-two acres this year.

Additional comments provided by Mr. Smith were that i) Mount Airy reported that it had the required boundary signs made, has posted some of the signs, and would finish posting the remainder in 2022; ii) staff educational workshops which were supposed to be held in previous years were not been completed and the workshops have been continuously postponed; and iii) there an Environmental Maintenance Systems plan for the site has not yet been developed despite past discussions with Mount Airy. However, Mount Airy reports that the plan will be developed in 2022. Finally, the Board discussed adding dredging the lake as a line item of subjects to discuss with Mount Airy during the scheduled work session. A discussion ensued about the potential of dredging the lake and what that would entail. The Board discussed drafting a summary list of items to be discussed with Mount Airy and F. X. Browne at the future work session.

Adjournment

Gonze adjourned the work session at 5:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Transue

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Secretary