

PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

John E. Schroeder • J. Pepper Goslin • Lori L. Crossen

Monday through Thursday, closed Friday | Hours: 6:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Meeting: First Monday, 7:00 p.m.



ZONING WORKSHOP **June 22, 2020**

The Providence Township Board of Supervisors held a zoning workshop in the township municipal office on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman John Schroeder, Vice Chairman J. Pepper Goslin, Member Lori Crossen, Manager Vicki Eldridge, Zoning Officer Heidi Martinez and two (2) observers. Mark Deimler, Township Engineer joined the meeting through a speaker phone.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schroeder at 7:00 P.M followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

NEW BUSINESS

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the paint failure on the pedestrian bridge, the supervisors agreed to the repair procedure presented at the onsite meeting with the following three (3) conditions: 1) An 18 month warranty on the repairs so we are able to view paint adhesion beyond a freeze/thaw period; 2) an inspector on site during all repairs and applications; and 3) a pull adhesion test upon completion.

ZONING BUSINESS

- Following discussion regarding a rental property ordinance, the supervisors directed the zoning officer to track all complaints involving landlord/tenant issues. If necessary, we will revisit this ordinance discussion in the future.
- Following discussions regarding the ACRE request review from the PA Attorney General, the supervisors agreed to make the changes to Section 432 of the zoning ordinance as recommended by the township solicitor. These changes are as follows:
 1. Remove Section 432.2 if the solicitor agrees to this change;
 2. Remove Section 432.13, "No Timber Harvesting Buffer Zones";
 3. Section 432.11, add the words "unless physically impossible"; and
 4. Section 432.12, change the word "live" to "perennial".
- Following discussion regarding topics for the next workshop and moving forward with the zoning ordinance amendments, Mr. Goslin said he feels there is still work to be done in all of the ordinances. He is shocked at how slow these processes move. Mr. Goslin would like to see the workshops continue. Mr. Schroeder is fine with continuing the workshops if they can be productive. David Beiler and Henry Esch would like to see the workshops continue. The supervisors asked the zoning officer to review the information she has on file for future workshops. At this time, it was decided to wait until closer to the July workshop date to see if discussion topics arise that would merit holding a workshop.

At this time, Mr. Goslin asked the supervisors to authorize the zoning officer to issue his zoning and building permits for replacing his barn that was destroyed by the fire. Mr. Goslin is not able to obtain a sewer permit at this time because his planning module has not been completed. His request is due to time limitations involved with his insurance settlement. The zoning officer is required to have a sewage permit issued by the township zoning officer prior to issuing any building permits. Mr. Goslin explained he had this same issue in Strasburg Township and the zoning officer placed conditions on the permit prior to issuance. Mr. Goslin feels these same conditions could be placed on the permits issued in Providence Township. Following a brief discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to authorize the zoning officer to issue zoning and building permits to Mr. Goslin to rebuild his barn with the township engineer's requirements and/or comments added to the permits prior to issuance. The motion carried with two favorable votes. Mr. Goslin recused himself.

Mrs. Eldridge asked if the supervisors are in agreement to award our charitable contributions. These have been on hold since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Following discussions, the supervisors agreed to award all contributions at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: _____
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

John E. Schroeder, Chairman

J. Pepper Goslin, Vice Chairman

Lori L. Crossen, Member