

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.



SUPERVISORS MEETING **March 1, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Providence Township Board of Supervisors was held in the Township Municipal Office on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Present were Chairman J. Pepper Goslin, Vice Chairman John Schroeder, Member Lori Crossen, Manager Vicki Eldridge, Solicitor Melvin Newcomer and thirteen (13) observers.

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

Mr. Goslin announced that the board of supervisors held an executive session on Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

PRESENTATION

- Ms. Jennifer CruverKibi, CPA with Maher Duessel presented the results of the 2020 Audit.

Mr. Goslin explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the February 1, 2021 board of supervisors meeting as presented. Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Goslin explained that each Supervisor received a copy of the written minutes from the February 22, 2021 zoning workshop as presented. Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to approve the minutes. The motion was carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- Vicki Eldridge read the financial report.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to ratify the payment of February bills in the amount of \$149,906.96 from the general fund and \$12,684.89 from the state account. The motion was carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF BUDGET

- Mrs. Crossen asked if we heard whether we would be receiving funding from the CARES Act. Mrs. Eldridge confirmed that we applied for \$45,000 which was the amount of the donations we made to the fire companies serving the township. Mr. Schroeder asked if there was any interest among the supervisors to give these funds to the fire companies as they are suffering through the loss of fundraising during the pandemic. The supervisors decided they would wait until the funds are received to decide on disbursements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lori Walter had questions regarding horseback riding on the trail. She asked if the solicitor had contacted Quarryville Borough about any zoning restrictions that would limit horse usage. Mr. Goslin stated that this would be discussed in the parks/recreation committee report.
- Jerry Bruckhart shared information regarding the second amendment. He feels we need a plan to defend ourselves. He feels the country is not following the notions of our founding fathers.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Vicki Eldridge, Township Manager, reported the following for the roadmaster:

In February the road crew worked on the following projects:

- Salted and (or) Plowed 17 different days;
- Spent a lot of days doing winter clean up on the trucks to help prevent rusting and keeping the shop area clean;
- The township received a new F-250 replacing the old F-150;
- Repaired several signs damaged from winter weather; and
- Held a safety meeting on 2/25, topic was "How to be Safe and Precise in Tree Removal".

In March the road crew will work on the following projects:

- Tree trimming and (or) removal of dead trees, (will be our main focus).
- Skin patch to repair road edges;
- Place pipe across our access road to the trail at Sawmill;
- Be ready for more winter weather if needed.

PARKS/RECREATION REPORT

- Mr. Goslin announced that the parks/recreation committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Following discussion regarding the marking of our property lines along the trail between Sawmill Road and Truce Road, Mr. Goslin was asked to follow up with Menno Esch and report back at the April supervisors meeting.
- Following discussion regarding the pedestrian bridge paint issues, the township manager was directed to ask that payment be withheld until such time as the repairs are completed on the bridge and ask that the warranty period begin once the repairs are complete.
- Mr. Goslin announced that two events have been scheduled for the trail. Swift and Smith PTO will host a 5K on May 1, 2021 and Solid Rock Youth Ministries will host a 5K on August 7, 2021.
- Mr. Goslin followed up with some items that were discussed at the last supervisors meeting. He asked Mr. Newcomer to explain why placing referendum on the ballot to allow the voters to determine if horses should be allowed on the trail is not allowed by law. Mr. Newcomer stated that this would be considered advisory and not statutory, therefore it would not be considered as a legal referendum. Mr. Newcomer also checked on any zoning issues in Quarryville Borough that may impact horse use on the trail. He found there are no zoning issues. Mr. Goslin explained that the issue raised from our insurance carrier is how the waste would be handled. Mr. Goslin directed the township manager to touch base with the parks/recreation committee chairman to see if he is still serving in this capacity.
- Chris Harnish stated that there is no longer a parks/recreation committee since it appears all the members have resigned.
- Lori Siegrist stated the horses will ruin the trail.

- Ron Munro stated that you need more than eighteen inches of area for horses. The width of the horse at the girth along with the rider's legs is about 48 inches. He stated there is no way horses can pass each other and remain off the trail.
- Dan Siegrist stated there is not enough room on the trail for horses to remain off the surface when passing each other. He stated the trail will be ruined.
- Sis Conrad asked the board why they can't vote on this subject. She feels it has drag on long enough. She told the supervisors to vote tonight.
- Mrs. Crossen made a motion to keep the existing ordinance in place and not allow horses on the trail. The motion was not seconded; therefore it died.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to ask the Quarryville Borough to allow the Quarryville Fire Police to provide patrols during the above-mentioned events. The crossing at Oak Bottom and Fairview Roads as well as the East State Street Trailhead will be impacted during these events. The motion was carried unanimously.

SOUTHERN LANCASTER COUNTY INTERMUNICIPAL COUNCIL REPORT

- Mr. Goslin stated that the next meeting scheduled for March 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Drumore Township Office.
- Mr. Goslin stated he virtually attended the LCPC Places 2040 meeting at East Drumore Township. The topics of discussion were commercial and industrial zoning districts as well as farm support businesses. Mr. Goslin stated he is reticent to jump onto the county's idea of a regional comprehensive plan because we may lose some of our autonomy. Mrs. Crossen asked the township manager to get pricing for updating the township's comprehensive plan.

OLD BUSINESS

- Mrs. Eldridge gave a brief update on the Radcliff Road Bridge. She stated that CS Davidson is still trying to get answers from PennDOT about the need for guiderails and the "pedestrian use" only issue. She stated that Pequea Township has no interest in repairing the bridge if the guide rails are required and the bridge is not reopened for all users.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Goslin announced that a zoning workshop will be held on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Goslin announced that LG Health will hold a blood drive at the township office on Tuesday, April 13th from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to advertise for bids on various quantities of stone, road oil and asphalt (pick-up). Bids will be opened on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Bids will be awarded at the April 5, 2021 meeting.
- Mr. Goslin announced that the township will hold woody yard waste collection days for township residents on Saturday, April 17 and Saturday, May 8 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Only woody yard waste will be accepted. No hardscaping materials, grasses or leaves will be accepted.
- Mr. Goslin stated that he has received many favorable comments about the road crew from the public. He would like to emphasize that employees are expected to treat residents with the utmost respect and consideration. He wants residents to feel like they are receiving help from the staff in a respectable manner.
- Following a brief discussion regarding connecting virtually with residents, Mr. Goslin feels the virtual trend is the wave of the future. He would like to increase accessibility to our meetings.

- Following a brief discussion regarding our annual National Night Out Celebration, Mrs. Eldridge stated the national organization has the date scheduled as August 3. It would depend on any gathering restrictions in place in August as to whether we would be able to have our local celebration. The supervisors are in favor of having this event if at all possible.

SEWAGE OFFICER

- Marvin Stoner did not complete any perc and probe tests or issue any sewage permits in February.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Secretary:

- Receipts totaling \$58,817.34 were recorded in the month of February.
- The PA Auditor General has completed the 2019 liquid fuels audit with no findings to date.

ZONING REPORT

- **Ross Land Development Plan, PT-274FP-19, 2328 Beaver Valley Pike:** Request for extension of time to complete compliance with the conditions of the approval of the plan for another 60 days. This would give until May 30, 2021 to complete the conditions and record the plan. Following discussion, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant an extension of time for another 60 days for the completion of the compliance of all conditions for the Ross Land Development Plan, PT-274FP-19, 2328 Beaver Valley Pike. This would give until May 30, 2021 to record the plan. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Frank Leed Final Subdivision Plan, PT-298FP-20, 642 Sawmill Road:** Request for extension of time to complete compliance with the conditions of the approval of the plan for another 120 days. This would give until June 29, 2021 to complete the conditions and record the plan. Following discussion, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to grant an extension of time for another 120 days for the completion of the compliance of all conditions for the Frank Leed Subdivision Plan, PT-298FP-20, 642 Sawmill Road. This would give until June 29, 2021 to record the plan. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Benuel K King Final Land Development Plan, PT-299FP-20, Tax Parcel #520-10312-0-0000 Lancaster Pike:** The plan proposes to construct a building to manufacture and sell sheds. Mr. Craig Williams of Strausser Surveying was in attendance to discuss this plan. Mr. Schroeder had questions regarding some of the Lancaster County Planning Commission comments about signs and lighting plans. Following discussion, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder to grant a waiver of Section 305, Preliminary Plan requirements of the Providence Township SALDO. The motion was carried unanimously. Following discussion, Mrs. Crossen made a motion, seconded by Mr. Goslin to conditionally approve the final land development plan for Benuel K King subject to the review comments contained within the January 26, 2021 Solanco Engineering Associates review letter any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **J. Pepper Goslin Lot Add-On Plan, PT-302LAO-21, 47 Snyder Hollow Road:** The plan proposes to change lot lines to add acreage for the vacation rentals. Mr. Goslin recused himself from this discussion due to a conflict of interest and/or personal benefit from said action. Mr. Craig Williams was in attendance to discuss this plan. Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to grant a waiver of Section 402.A.1, Plan Scale requirements of the Providence Township SALDO. The motion was carried unanimously. Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs.

Crossen to conditionally approve the lot add-on plan for J. Pepper Goslin subject to the review comments contained within the February 2, 2021 Solanco Engineering Associates review letter and any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried with two favorable votes.

- **J. Pepper Goslin, Planning Module, 47 Snyder Hollow Road:** The module for J. Pepper Goslin has been reviewed by the township engineer and may be adopted. Mr. Goslin recused himself from this discussion due to a conflict of interest and/or personal benefit from said action. Mr. Craig Williams was in attendance to discuss this planning module. Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to authorize the completion of the planning module, adopt the module with Resolution No. 21-03 and forward the module on to DEP for final approval. The motion was carried with two favorable votes.
- **John Glick Subdivision Plan, PT-304FP-21, 161 Buck Heights Road:** The plan proposes to subdivide a lot from the farm. Mr. Brian Masterson of Regester Associates was in attendance to discuss this plan. Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to grant a waiver of Section 402.A.1, Plan Scale requirements of the Providence Township SALDO. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **John Glick, Planning Module, 161 Buck Heights Road:** The module for John Glick has been reviewed by the township engineer and may be adopted. Mr. Brian Masterson of Regester Associates was in attendance to discuss the planning module. Following discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to authorize the completion of the planning module, adopt the module with Resolution No. 21-04 and forward the module on to DEP for final approval. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Mount Airy Holdings, LLC Lot Add-On Plan, PT-303LAO-21, 209 Mount Airy Road:** The plan proposes to change lot lines. Mr. Brian Masterson of Regester Associates was in attendance to discuss this plan. Following discussion, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to grant a waiver Section 402.A.1, Plan Scale requirements of the Providence Township SALDO. The motion was carried unanimously. Following discussion, Mr. Schroeder made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to conditionally approve the lot add-on plan for Mount Airy Holdings, LLC subject to the review comments contained within the February 2, 2021 Solanco Engineering Associates review letter and any subsequent review letters. The motion was carried unanimously.
- **Annie Esch, Planning Module, 366 Cinder Road:** The module for Annie Esch has been reviewed by the township engineer and may be adopted. Mr. Kevin Witmier of Impact Engineering was in attendance to discuss the planning module. Mr. Schroeder asked why this was not ECHO housing. Mr. Witmier stated the addition will remain and will not be removed upon the death of Mrs. Esch. Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Crossen to authorize the completion of the planning module, adopt the module with Resolution No. 21-05 and forward the module on to DEP for final approval. The motion was carried unanimously.

- **Enforcement Notice, Steven and Tabetha Voss, 405 Dogwood Lane:** An enforcement notice was issued on April 7, 2020 for the addition on the manufactured home. A civil judgment was awarded and township solicitor, Mel Newcomer sent a letter on January 25, 2021. There has been no contact from Mr. and Mrs. Voss since the letter. Following discussion, the supervisors directed the township solicitor to record the judgment at the Lancaster County Prothonotary's Office.
- Mr. Schroeder asked if cleanup is occurring at 748 Lancaster Pike. This property is owned by Lancaster Pike Properties LLC. Mrs. Eldridge stated she would have the zoning officer email an update on this property to the supervisors.

ADJOURNMENT

- With no further business, Mr. Goslin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schroeder, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

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ATTEST: _____
Vicki L. Eldridge, Secretary

J. Pepper Goslin, Chairman

John E. Schroeder, Vice Chairman

Lori L. Crossen, Member