

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Minutes of the Board meeting held July 13, 2021

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A workshop meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Henry on the above date at the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center located at 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Board members present in addition to Mr. Henry were Robin Lindsey, Chris Judd, Norman Zoumas and Paul W. Navarro. Also in attendance were Bradley N. Gotshall, Township Manager, and Steve Stine, Township Solicitor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Judd led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Patricia Chila, 6316 Maiden Creek Drive, announced that she and Tom Steele her spouse, and some of her neighbors were not aware the Supervisors were considering Ordinance 21-03, which permits residents to keep chickens and bees. Ms. Chila indicated that her neighborhood is a residential community, and it should remain that way, it should not be used for farming, etc. She sent correspondence to Mr. Gotshall and Supervisors expressing her concerns about the enforcement and permit requirements for Ordinance 21-03: "Chickens 101" demonstrates more than .20 acres of land is needed to care for at least four to six chickens. She asked the Supervisors if they had considered the impact of this Ordinance and how it might affect the value of properties in the Township. Mr. Henry explained that the Supervisors had discussed the Ordinance for over four months; there were two public hearings on the proposed Ordinance and the second hearing was advertised after changes were proposed at the first hearing.

Mr. Henry noted that the process demonstrated how responsive local government should be, if someone had an issue they would like to address. The Ordinance has been passed and the goal is to monitor it closely; if there's an issue or it gets out of hand, then the Supervisors may revisit the Ordinance. He suggested that Ms. Chila report any issues to the Township's Codes Enforcement Officer.

Mrs. Lindsey noted that she does not support Ordinance 21-03; last week she voted against it, and she would like to see the petition.

Tom Steele, 6316 Maiden Creek Drive, commented about the Change.org petition; he offered to start a door-to-door petition in the Township to find out what people think about the Ordinance. He commended the Supervisors for being responsive to a resident inquiry and it does demonstrate a great representation of the local government.

Mr. Judd noted that the quality of life for residents is more important than people being able to have fresh eggs. The process to revise the Ordinance was deliberative, and the Supervisors had some of the same concerns and they inquired about the same issues. He encouraged residents to report violations to the Township, because if the Township doesn't know about it, then the law cannot be enforced.

Sharon Hicks, 6311 Maiden Creek Dr., inquired about the Ordinance and how the Supervisors came up with .20 acres. Mr. Henry explained that the Supervisors reviewed the various lot sizes in the Township, and they also considered that people should be able to do what they want on their own properties. The Supervisors will reevaluate the Ordinance when or if, it starts to affect the quality of life of the people who live next door.

Mrs. Lindsey noted that the Ordinance was revised to accommodate the two individuals who advocated for the changes.

Mr. Navarro noted that he voted yes for the revisions to the Ordinance and the process was a deliberative process. The old Ordinance did not include any details, other than requiring residents to have an acre of land, but the revised Ordinance is more strict.

Mr. Zoumas noted that the Township pays to broadcast the board meetings live on Verizon and Comcast, and then a recording of this meeting is placed on YouTube for residents to view anytime.

Mr. Henry encouraged residents to sign up on the Township's website to receive the board meeting agendas and mass notifications via email or text messages.

Ceremony for the Swearing in of Richard Poorman as
a Linglestown Fire Company Police Member

Richard Poorman was sworn in as a Fire Police Member for the Linglestown Fire Company by Chairman Henry.

Presentations of Proposed Dauphin County Local Share Grant Applications

Mr. Henry announced that the Supervisors would provide a recommendation to the Dauphin County Economic Development Office for each application and then rank each project in order of priority after all the presentations.

Koons Memorial Park Swim Club

George Kunkle, President of the Koons Memorial Park Swim Club, is submitting a grant requested \$65,000.00 to replace the pool's diving board.

Central Dauphin School District Panther Ram Foundation Nutripaks Program

Pam Jones, Director of the Central Dauphin School District Panther Ram Foundation Nutripaks Program, presented a grant application requesting \$50,000.00 to fund the Nutripaks Program, and Stacey Cherny, PhD, Education Consultant of PaTTAN, was present to support the program.

Penn Colonial Swim Club

Patrice A. Ametrano, Vice President, Penn Colonial Swim Club, was not present. She submitted a grant application requesting \$18,000.00 for the repairs or replacement of a wastewater disposal system.

The Campus of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, Inc.

Allen Geckle, CEO of the Campus of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, presented a grant application requesting \$75,000.00 for a new van, renovations, and upgrades to the therapy gym, and two bathing facilities.

Colonial Park Fire Company

Timothy Pramik, President of the Colonial Park Fire Company presented a grant application requesting \$40,000.00 to upgrade the existing sign to an electronic sign, to provide public safety messages to the public.

Lower Paxton Township Parks and Recreation Department

Rachelle Scott, Manager of Lower Paxton Township's Parks & Recreation Department, presented a grant application requesting \$85,000.00 for the Township's Parks & Recreation Master Plan and \$154,000.00 for upgrades to Brightbill Park.

Partnership for Hope

Dave Seaman, Executive Director of the Partnership for Hope, presented a grant application requesting \$ 35,000.00 to purchase two support vehicles needed for the expansion of Workforce-Workplace Development initiatives.

Mr. Gotshall explained that the Supervisors will be provided with a ranking sheet to rank each project in order of priority. At the next meeting the projects will be presented in that ranked order and the Supervisors will approve a Resolution for each project to be submitted to the County along with a letter of support from the Township.

Subdivision and Land Development

Improvement Guarantees

Mrs. Lindsey made a motion to approve the Improvement Guarantees for the Estates of Union Deposit, Amber Fields VIIIA, Amber Fields VIIIB & VIIC, Hoffman Ford, and 298 Mindy Drive. Mr. Navarro seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and there was a unanimous vote of approval.

Announcements

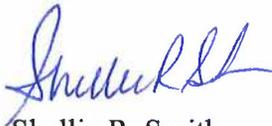
Mr. Henry announced the next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2021, beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Center.

Mrs. Lindsey announced the 5K Race is scheduled for Saturday, July 17, 2021, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Friendship YMCA, and it's not too late to register for this program.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Zoumas motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Shellie R. Smith
Recording Secretary

Approved by,



Chris Judd
Secretary