

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Minutes of Board Meeting held on August 11, 2020

A workshop meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairman Lowman S. Henry, on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township, Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Henry were Robin Lindsey, Chris Judd, and Norman Zoumas. Also in attendance was Bradley Gotshall, Township Manager, and Steve Stine, Township Solicitor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Zoumas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

Mr. Henry announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session before the meeting and they'll meet afterward to receive information from the staff.

Public Comment

There was none.

Action to accept the resignation of Gary A. Crissman from the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Henry announced that Gary Crissman had presented his letter of resignation to the Board of Supervisors. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Henry extended appreciation for Mr. Crissman's service to the community. Mr. Crissman has diligently served on the Board of Supervisors for twenty years.

Ms. Lindsey motioned to accept Gary A. Crissman's resignation from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Zoumas seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Mr. Henry announced that the Board has thirty days to appoint a Supervisor to fill the remainder of Mr. Crissman's unexpired term which is December 31, 2021. The Board will vote to make this appointment at the first meeting in September. In the meantime, the Township Manager is accepting letters of interest or resumes from any person in the Township who is interested in being appointed.

Mr. Henry directed Mr. Gotshall to advertise the vacancy on the Township's website and the Supervisors will begin accepting resumes immediately.

Election of the Township Vice Chair

Mr. Crissman served as Vice-Chairman on the Board of Supervisors and his resignation has left a vacancy. Mr. Henry opened the nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Zoumas nominated Robin Lindsey to fill the position of Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Election of the Township Treasurer

Ms. Lindsey served as Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors and by accepting the Vice-Chairperson position she vacates the Treasurer position. Mr. Henry opened the nominations for Treasurer of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Lindsey nominated Norman Zoumas to fill the position of Treasurer of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Presentation on Proposed Advanced Refunding of 2014 & 2016 Bonds

Jay Wenger of Susquehanna Advisors Group, Inc., (SGA) presented a proposal to the Board of Supervisors for an advanced refunding of a portion of both the 2014 and 2016 Bonds. The taxable interest rates have declined significantly since the last refinancing done by the Township. The total refunding amount would be \$29,000,000, and the aggregate debt service savings as of this week is 7.2 million dollars, and the present value is 5 300,000 dollars. The Township has always taken the savings equally overtime for the Township's Sewer Authority projects and would save approximately 275,000 dollars a year from 2021 until 2046. If there is a budget need, they can frontload the money into 2021 and 2022, which would be about 2.1 million dollars in those two years. This Ordinance would authorize SGA to move forward but does not obligate the Board or Township. Mr. Wenger asked the Supervisors to consider this refunding option now; if approved, he would move forward with the parameters Ordinance to act on the refunding. The Bonds could be sold quickly by September 2020, and the refinancing can be done before the upcoming election. Most of the economic benefit of this proposed refinancing would go to the Township Authority; a small component would be allocated to the General Fund, which is about \$300,000.

Lou Verdelli, Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), was present to answer questions.

The Supervisors agreed to move forward, and Mr. Henry gave Mr. Wenger the approval to advertise the parameter Ordinance required for refunding the 2014 and 2016 Bonds.

Greeting and a general presentation from the LPT Parks and Recreation Board

Terry Bauknight, Parks & Recreation Manager, and the following members of the Parks & Recreation Board were present: Robert McIntyre, Stanley Smith, James Seidler.

Mr. McIntyre led the discussion about the Township's P&R Board and their commitment to improving the Township's parks and keeping an open line of communication with the Board of Supervisors.

Stanley Smith continued the discussion by presenting the P&R Board's recent accomplishments, expectations, and action steps they would like to evaluate along with the Board members. Such as the development plans for Wolfersberger Park, developing the Naming Rights Policy for park facilities, working with P&R staff to adjust and implement fees for the use township park facilities, and regular meetings with existing and new community groups to discuss their needs. The P&R Board has worked with Township staff to develop a five-year plan to repair, upgrade and develop the parks and facilities in the Township. This presentation demonstrates that the P&R Board has consistently provided advice and counsel and input to community groups in the Township. He asked the Supervisors to clarify how the P&R Board can best serve the Board and residents of the Township. He suggested that the P&R board conduct a community survey as it relates to the P&R facilities in the Township. He proposed to meet with the Supervisors to discuss the five-year plan.

Mr. Henry directed Mr. Gotshall to schedule a meeting for the Supervisors and member of the P&R Board. He noted that a large part of the Parks & Recreation department is integrated within the Friendship Center and with the potential of the YMCA taking over the Friendship Center, there are many questions relevant to how the P&R Department will be structured.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors Mr. Judd expressed appreciation to the P&R Board members for their commitment and hard work.

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Bill Thomas, CASA, presented a grant request for \$25,000 for specific improvements and upgrades to fields located toward the Nyes Road entrance of George Park. The improvements will allow CASA to utilize open space more efficiently at George Park by enhancing the safety and playability of fields currently under CASA's maintenance. Additionally, they will do seeding to the additional areas at George Park to provide additional games and competitions. The primary reason is to provide safer playing surfaces for our players and be more efficient in using public park space.

Linda Dallago, 7771 Manada Creek Drive, and Karen Withrow, 1311 Albany Rd, Panther Ram Foundation, CDS, presented a grant request for \$80,000 to provide healthy food for 36 weeks during the school year to families in need of support over weekends without the help of free and reduced lunches they might receive during the school day. This program provides direct food distribution through a backpack program, and the food is purchased through the Central PA Food Bank. The Central Dauphin School District Supports this 501c3 non-profit organization.

Allen Geckle, CEO, The Campus of the Jewish Home of Greater Harrisburg, presented a grant request for \$75,000 to fund a new van and expand and renovate the therapy gym and bathing facilities. All the projects will support or enhance the quality of life for the residents.

Adam Kosheba, Director of Public Safety of the Lower Paxton Township Police Department, presented a grant request for \$346,946.75 or six annual payments of \$64,193.58 to

purchase Body Worn Cameras and Mobile Video/Audio Recording devices for all sworn personnel. The Dauphin County police departments currently utilizing body-worn cameras in correlation with mobile vehicle recording/audio equipment have expressed positive outcomes related to strengthening accountability and transparency. By funding the project outright, the Police Department agrees to abstain from submitting any other applications to the Board for grant funds for the next three years should the grant be awarded in full.

Mike Gillespie, Devon Manor Pool Swim Club, presented a grant request for \$49,000 to repair and restore the main bathhouse building's mechanical elements, including plumbing, electrical, and modernizing the bathrooms and sanitary systems.

Colonial Park Fire Company submitted a presentation for a grant request for \$40,000 to replace the sign at the Colonial Park Fire Company No. 1.

Mr. Henry announced that the Board would review the grant applications and complete a ranking of the requests at the Board meeting next week.

Action on Resolution 20-20 accepting the dedication of
additional Right of Way along the east side of Fairmont Drive

Mr. Stine presented Resolution 20-20, accepting the dedication of additional Right of Way (ROW) along the east side of Fairmont Drive. This Resolution will help the Township obtain the necessary ROW to install a traffic signal at Locust Lane and Fairmont Drive intersection.

Mr. Judd motioned to approve Resolution 20-20, accepting the dedication of additional Right of Way along the east side of Fairmont Drive. Mr. Zoumas seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Subdivision and Land Development

Improvement Guarantees

Ms. Lindsey motioned to accept the Improvement Guarantee for Dauphin County Technical School. Mr. Zoumas seconded the motion. Mr. Henry called for a voice vote, and a unanimous vote of approval followed.

Announcements

Mr. Henry announced that there would be a program tomorrow, Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at Heroes Grove to support the local police. He encouraged residents to participate in the event.

Mr. Henry announced that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2020, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Lindsey motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Judd seconded the motion. Mr. Henry adjourned the meeting for the Lower Paxton Township at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Shellie R. Smith
Recording Secretary

Approved by,



Chris Judd,
Secretary