

MINUTES
Cecil Township Board of Supervisors Meeting
March 1, 2021

Call to Order:

The Monday, March 1, 2021 Board of Supervisors' Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Board Chairperson Supervisor Cindy Fisher.

Members in attendance included:

- Supervisor Cindy Fisher
- Supervisor Frank Egizio
- Supervisor Tom Casciola
- Supervisor Eric Sivavec
- Supervisor Ron Fleeher

In addition:

- Donald A. Gennuso, Township Manager
- Jacque King, Planning Director/Assistant Township Manager
- Chief of Police Shawn Bukovinsky
- Engineer Dan Deiseroth of The Gateway Engineers
- Attorney Gretchen Moore, Township Solicitor
- 20 Residents

Citizens' Comments:

Comments will be taken at this time for any item to be voted on by the Board that appears on the agenda. General Township comments or questions will be addressed after Board of Supervisors Discussion of Old Business. **PLEASE STEP TO THE MICROPHONE AND STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD.**

Resident Linda Cronin of 117 Cancilla Drive (Rosewood Park Plan) addressed the Board regarding Item #62-2021 and spoke on a petition she had regarding the gate at Rose Avenue. There was discussion regarding the gate being open for three months. Chairman Fisher addressed her comment and by a general consensus of the Board authorization was given to the Solicitor and Dan Deiseroth to contact the homeowner to keep the gate closed.

Resident Tom Cronin of 117 Cancilla Drive addressed the Board regarding information from the Washington County website and offered proposed solutions regarding the gate.

Madam Chairperson Fisher noted the Board will be tabling item #62-2021.

At this time, Madam Chairpeson Fisher read through the Announcements.

TO CECIL TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS:

The Cecil Township Board of Supervisors will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021. **The Meeting Agenda will be available on our website www.ceciltownship-pa.gov prior to the meeting. This meeting is open to the public. A touchless thermometer will provide your temperature when entering the building and remind everyone that masks must be worn at all times. Seating is preset to social distancing requirements and should not be moved by attendees for any reason.**

If you are uncomfortable attending the meeting in person, we will stream the meeting live at 7:00 pm on our YouTube Channel: Cecil Township PA. The meeting agenda will be available prior to the meeting and comments about agenda items can be made via email: comments@ceciltownship.com

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pavilion Rental for Cecil Township RESIDENTS ONLY will be this Friday, March 5, 2021, beginning at 6:00 am. Rental for NON-RESIDENTS is the second Friday in March, March 12, 2021, beginning at 8:00 am. Pavilion rental is on a first come, first serve basis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (continued)

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE SEE THE PINK SIGNS WITH NEW PROCEDURES FOR PAVILION RENTALS POSTED ON THE FRONT DOOR OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING AND ON OUR WEBSITE AT: [Pavilion Rentals for Residents Only Starts March 5 @ 6 am](#)

Jordan Tax Service will be at the Cecil Township Municipal Building to collect property taxes on the following dates and times:

- **Thursday, March 4, from 9:00 am to Noon**
- **Friday, March 5, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**
- **Wednesday, May 19, from 9:00 am to Noon**
- **Monday, May 24, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**
- **Friday, May 28, from 9:00 am to Noon**

Parks and Recreation will sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27, 2021, at 10:00 am. Registration information will be posted to our website and on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

At this time Madam Chairperson Fisher noted the Board held an Executive Session this evening at 6:30 pm to discuss pending litigation and attorney/client privileged information.

RESOLUTIONS:

#51-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXTENSION CLAUSE FOR THE TRADITIONS OF AMERICA PHASE 3 SUBDIVISION PLAN, ALLOWING FOR THE PLAN TO BE RECORDED AFTER THE NINETY (90) DAY PERIOD HAS LAPSED. THIS PLAN RECEIVED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVAL ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2020.

Dan Deiseroth addressed this item noting the reapproval is necessary for the Plan to be recorded.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#52-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE CECIL TOWNSHIP PLANNING AND ZONING 2020 ANNUAL REPORT. THE REPORT RECEIVED PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL ON FEBRUARY 18, 2021.

Dan Deiseroth addressed this item noting a copy was given to each Board Member and is on file at the municipal building. There was discussion regarding the estimated construction cost.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

RESOLUTIONS: (continued)

#53-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE 5TH RELEASE OF FINANCIAL SECURITY POSTED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR TRADITIONS OF AMERICA PHASE 1 FROM \$1,433,179.56 to \$838,131.09, A TOTAL REDUCTION OF \$595,048.47, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.

Dan Deiseroth addressed this item.

Supervisor Casciola questioned if private improvements were involved and Engineer Deiseroth clarified they were not and he indicated that he would change the wording in future recommendation letters.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#54-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE 1ST RELEASE OF FINANCIAL SECURITY POSTED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE TRADITIONS OF AMERICA PHASE 2 FROM \$1,853,892.70 TO \$781,999.40, A TOTAL REDUCTION OF \$1,071,893.30, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER.

Dan Deiseroth addressed this item and noted he recommends it for approval.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#55-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 1 FOR THE WORK COMPLETED TO DATE FOR THE CECIL TOWNSHIP BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$132,857.50 BY KUKURIN CONTRACTING, INC.

Madam Chairperson Fisher noted that there is damage in the park and she inquired about the restoration being part of the contract. There was discussion regarding the restoration and Dan Deiseroth noted he was advised the township forces will make the repairs. Chairperson Fisher requested this be clarified in writing.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#56-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. 1 FOR THE WORK COMPLETED TO DATE FOR THE ANGERER ROAD CULVERT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$148,100.25 BY JET JACK, INC.

FOUR (4) OF THE FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

SUPERVISOR EGIZIO ABSTAINED

MOTION PASSED WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS VOTING AYE.

#57-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF AUMA TO VACATE A PORTION OF SOUTHPOINTE BOULEVARD ASSOCIATED WITH THEIR PURCHASE OF THE AREA TO ATTACH TO THEIR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 SOUTHPOINTE BOULEVARD.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

BY A GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD, A PUBLIC HEARING DATE WAS SET FOR MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021, AT 6:30 PM, TO VACATE A RIGHT-A-WAY PORTION ADJACENT TO SOUTHPOINTE BOULEVARD.

RESOLUTIONS: (continued)

#58-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REPAIRS TO THE CREEDMORE ROAD BRIDGE.

Structural Engineer Kevin Nadalin, P.E. of Gateway Engineers gave a presentation for their repairs and proposed scope of work to the Creedmore Bridge.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

Included in the presentation were four (4) options for a fix to the Ridgewood Bridge. This item will be on the April agenda.

#59-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH CHERRYBROOK HOA FOR BUFFER TREES PROVIDED BY THE PA TURNPIKE COMMISSION.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#60-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF A POLICY REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR FILLING VACANT SEATS ON TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Madam Chairperson Fisher noted this is a policy that the solicitor wrote and it was previously emailed to all the Board Members.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#61-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE REQUEST OF THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD TO HOLD A FISHING DERBY THIS SPRING.

There was discussion that a letter of support is needed from the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Fleeher noted it should be cleared with the Fish Commission. Don Gennuso was directed to get a letter of support to Dan Ewig.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#62-2021 DISCUSS THE GATE AT ROSE AVENUE.

MOTION AND A SECOND TO TABLE THIS ITEM.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#63-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FROM THE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021, REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

#64-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE GENERAL FUND INVOICES FROM FEBRUARY 1 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2021.

ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Madam Chairperson Fisher addressed the Board regarding the Washington County Chamber requesting the Board's support of a 5K Race in Southpointe, Tunnel to Towers, on Saturday, September 11. There was discussion regarding support of this race and also putting a policy in place to permit races in Southpointe (1 race per year).

Additionally, Supervisor Fisher noted she is still actively working with Jacque King and Dan Deiseroth and the Washington County Chamber on grants for Klinger Park. Supervisor Sivavec inquired if he could work on applying for grants for Cecil Township. Chairperson Fisher acknowledged that he could proceed and bring the information to the Board for a vote.

At this time, Solicitor Moore requested a motion for a Petition for Re-Argument regarding Southpointe Golf Course Court Case.

#65-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR'S REQUEST FOR A PETITION FOR RE-ARGUMENT REGARDING THE SOUTHPOINTE GOLF COURSE COURT CASE. ALL FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTED AYE.

At this time, Don Gennuso addressed the Board regarding the Amusement Device Tax and inquired about temporarily suspending the tax with an ordinance change. This inquiry was due to many of the businesses past closures due to COVID. Solicitor Moore will supply the Amendment to the Ordinance information for a one (1) year suspension.

Additionally, Don Gennuso addressed the Board regarding excessive Jake Brake usage on Burnside Road from the Overbrooke section to SR980. The Board of Supervisors approved, by a general consensus, to have Gateway Engineers perform a Jake Brake study in that area.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Dan Deiseroth addressed the Board from the audience and recapped his monthly report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Moore addressed the Board and gave a summary of her monthly report.

Supervisor Fleeher addressed the other Board Members regarding the mud on the roads from the McConnell Trails development. There was discussion regarding the builder/contractor not brooming the roads every night at the end of the work day. Additionally, there was discussion on what alternatives can be taken to address this problem.

Solicitor Moore was requested to send correspondence to our Zoning Officer who in turn will send correspondence from the Township to the contractor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Supervisor Egizio inquired of the status of interest in the bridges removed in the park. Don Gennuso addressed his inquiry noting that Ned Williams did contact Moon Township but they passed on the offer and that Bill Bottorff is working with a representative from the City of Pittsburgh who had expressed an interest but nothing is finalized yet.

DISCUSS LAWRENCE SEWER PROJECT CONTRIBUTION

Supervisor Egizio brought up discussion regarding the Lawrence Sewer Project and the \$1 million dollars designated for the project. He stated the funds should be used for the construction costs for which they were appropriated. There was discussion regarding if the monies should be used for tap in fees and owner and non-owner laterals.

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SIVAVEC TO TABLE THIS ITEM.

THERE WAS NO SECOND.

MOTION FAILED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

#066-2021 MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THAT THE \$1 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE LAWRENCE SEWER PROJECT BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE IT WAS EARMARKED, THE COSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

SUPERVISOR SIVAVEC RFEQUESTED A ROLL CALL VOTE

SUPERVISOR SIVAVEC – NO

SUPERVISOR CASCIOLA – NO

SUPERVISOR FLEEHER – AYE

SUPERVISOR EGIZIO – AYE

SUPERVISOR FISHER – AYE

MOTION PASSES WITH THE MAJORITY, THREE (3) OF THE FIVE (5) BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE VOTING AYE

Resident Darlene Barni noted there are six (6) watersheds in the township and she referenced a previous letter the Municipal Authority attached to the sewage bills. There was discussion regarding the Lawrence Sewer Project.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Resident Michelle Stonemark addressed the Board regarding any upcoming talks with the fire departments and the hiring of a Fire Chief. Chairperson Cindy Fisher addressed her comment and noted the Board is moving forward with a meeting on Thursday, March 11 @ 7:00 pm with the Board of Supervisors, the Fire Consultant, and the Fire Companies. She also noted there is a job description that is being circulated for review.

Additionally, Ms. Stonemark read a prepared statement to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Madam Chairperson Fisher at 8:50 pm.