

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES  
May 3, 2023

Chairman Keith Bergman called the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Supervisors present were Chris Canavan, Kevin Shelly, Dave Scheuren and Kent Krauss. Also, present were Assistant to the Township Manager, Holly Hosterman; Director of Building and Zoning, Mike Beuke; Township Solicitor, Jim Garrity; Township Engineer, Michele Fountain; and Township Traffic Engineer, Stephanie Butler.

Chairman Bergman led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Supervisor Canavan moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Bergman reminded those present that the schedule of upcoming Township meetings was listed on the bottom of the agenda.

Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Beuke stated that there were no Zoning Hearing Board applications for the month of May.

Park Board

Holly Hosterman reported that the next meeting of the Park Board is scheduled for May 23rd at 7:00 p.m. and will take place at the Heckler Plains Farmstead. Mrs. Hosterman said that the annual Herb Fest will take place at Heckler Plains on Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. Supervisor Canavan said that the Montgomery County Conservation Commission will hold its May meeting at Reiff Park on Thursday May 11.

## Fire Chief

There was no report

Freedom Valley Medical Rescue – Chief Don Lynch reported that Freedom Valley responded to 518 calls in the month of April, 189 were out of the Harleysville Station, with 114 of those being in Lower Salford. Chief Lynch reported that they participated in a tabletop training with the Lower Salford Emergency Management.

## Communications Committee

Supervisor Shelly reported that the committee is looking into texting services as another way to get information out to residents. He also said that the committee is continuing to reach out to businesses to get their information sheet into as many as possible.

## Recreation Authority

Chairman Bergman reported that the golf course has been seeing the number of rounds played monthly steadily increase and revenues continuing to rise. He reported that year to date, there have been 3700 rounds of golf, which is nearly double the budgeted number of 2000.

## Unfinished Business

- A) Walkable Lederach Feasibility Study Update – Township Traffic Engineer, Stephanie Butler gave an overview of the study. She noted that the goal was to make Lederach Village more walkable and to promote and retain the village character. Mrs. Butler said that to date, the study has conducted interviews with many of the stakeholders in the village, has completed traffic counts and conducted a field visit. She said that they will be meeting with the Township Trails and Sidewalk Committee on May 8th to review alternatives and to develop conceptual plans. Additionally, a Public Workshop is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> to present the conceptual plan and get public input.
- B) Ordinance 2023-02 – To Adopt the 2018 ICC International Fire Code and Establish an Annual Fire Inspection Program for Specific Uses within Lower Salford Township  
Supervisor Canavan Moved to adopt Ordinance 2023-02. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## New Business

- A) Resolution 2023-16 – Establishing Fees for the Fire Inspection Program – Supervisor Canavan moved to adopt Resolution 2023-16. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- B) Resolution 2023-17 – 30 Fretz Road Waiver of land Development – PDC Machines outdoor testing Area – Applicant Attorney, Dan Rowley, presented the plan for the installation of an outdoor testing area. The Board discussed the remaining punchlist items that need to be done for the original two land development applications. Supervisor Canavan asked if those items could be concurrent with the building permit review process. The applicants Engineer said that that could be done. Supervisor Canavan made a motion to approve the waiver of land development conditioned upon the completion of the punch list items prior to issuance of the Use and Occupancy permit. Supervisor Scheuren said that he would like the punch list items completed prior to the approval of the waiver. Supervisor Shelly said that he was not in favor of waiving land development. Supervisor Canavan moved to table the waiver request until the June meeting at which time the punch list items would be completed. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 1 with Supervisor Shelly voting no.
- C) Resolution 2023-18 – Acceptance of Right-of-Way – Yoder Road Sidewalk Connection Project - Supervisor Canavan moved to adopt Resolution 2023-18. Supervisor Krauss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- D) Resolution 2023-19 - Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for 2023 DCED/CFA Greenways Trail and Recreation Program – Yoder Road Sidewalk – Supervisor Canavan moved to adopt Resolution 2023-19. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- E) Resolution 2023-20 – Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application for the 2023 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund for the SR 113 Relocation Project – Supervisor Canavan moved to adopt Resolution 2023-20. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- F) 110 Christopher Lane – Conditional Use Hearing – Authorization to Advertise – Supervisor Canavan moved to authorize the advertisement of the Conditional Use hearing. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- G) Approval of the First Amendment to the Management Agreement for Lederach Golf Course – Chairman Bergman explained that this would add the Township as a party to the agreement as well as the Recreation Authority and will allow insurance coverage for the liquor license which is in the Township’s name. Supervisor Canavan made a motion to approve the amendment. Supervisor Scheuren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Scott Bamford, Northfield Drive, asked for clarification on the acceptance of right-of-way on Yoder Road. Supervisor Canavan explained that when the development along Yoder was originally approved the right of way was not accepted by the Township, but as we are looking to complete the sidewalk project the Township is accepting it now.

There being no further business, Mr. Garrity moved to adjourn at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph S. Czajkowski  
Township Manager