

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m.

June 10, 2020

4230 Iroquois Avenue

In Attendance: Commissioner J. Cabaday, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner F. Mussett, Commissioner Eric Gerardine, Commissioner S. Messina-Miller, Secretary C. Cunningham

Visitors: Dale Durst

~Commissioner Cabaday called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Engineers Report:

- Community Center Air Conditioning & Air Handling Upgrade Project –CJL is finishing the final draft for the Air Handling Upgrade Project for the Township Community Center Building. Once the final draft is done a meeting will be set up for review.
- 2020 Streets Resurfacing Project - Milling is almost completely finished except for Putnam which will need another 2 passes. PennDot Coordinator Josh Montgomery has contacted Urban’s inspector, Bob Petit, and informed him to contact McCormick to get an estimate to install new loop sensors that are being impacted due to the milling operation. McCormick will send the estimate to the township.
- Soudan Lift Station Replacement-The coordination with the Township and the USDA for the Township’s Loan Application is continuing.

Solicitors Report:

- Work proceeds on the USDA/RDA project; we are working with Bond Counsel on documents for the initial round of financing.
- We are presently in discussions with Northwest Bank with regard to interim financing.
- We have reviewed the resolution for lien free tax sale, all of which appears to be in order.
- We have addressed an issue regarding a former employee’s access to the Township’s offices.
- We have addressed issues regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and plans regarding the repurposing of the Twinbrook nursing facility.
- We have reviewed and addressed questions regarding issues concerning the ADA compliance work on the Township building.
- We have reviewed matters regarding questions about the “lowest responsible bidder” on the Township streets project.
- We have been in contact with the insurance carrier for the row house at 1211 Rankine Ave. The structure is now in possession of a bank; I have asked that the bank contact me to discuss its intentions regarding the property.
- I am recommending that the Township proceed with code enforcement actions as to 1211, 1213, and 1215 Rankine Avenue. The owner for 1213 Rankine Ave. has no insurance but has not stepped forward to address the clean-up of the property. 1215 Rankine appears to be owned by someone in Iowa; we have no indication that these owners have insurance, but hopefully receiving code enforcement citations will prompt them to contact any insurance company that might be involved.

Reports:

Commissioner F. Mussett made a motion to approve all reports as presented. Commissioner S. Messina-Miller seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Visitors signed in to speak: Jim VanDyne, Mark Nicolussi

- Jim VanDyne said over the Memorial Day weekend there were a lot of fireworks going on and the noise continued for 2-3 hours but when the police had been called the noise ceased. He also asked about residents that were painting their porches on their row homes “white”. Commissioner Cabaday said that the row homes are not considered part of the Historical District therefore the homeowner is allowed to paint them whatever they would like to.
- Mark Nicolussi also spoke about the fireworks stating there have been numerous nights that the fireworks take place. He was wondering how to let people know that fireworks are illegal in Lawrence Park. Cabaday said that there had been numerous calls to the police department lately but also stated that when you call the Police Department they need to know “where” the fireworks are being set off not just that you heard a noise. She also said that if you can visually record the people firing them off it would be very helpful as the officers know most all residents.

Bills:

Commissioner S. Messina-Miller made a motion to pay bills as presented, Commissioner T. Benovic seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Minutes:

Commissioner S. Messina-Miller made a motion to approve the Minutes for 5/13/20 Commissioner F. Mussett seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Resolutions:

-Commissioner Cabaday read aloud Resolution 2020-07 - 2020 Lien-Free Tax Sales and moved to approve with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner T. Benovic; "aye"; Commissioner J. Cabaday; "aye"; Commissioner E. Gerardine "aye"; Commissioner F. Mussett; "aye"; Commissioner S. Messina-Miller; "aye", with all in favor, Resolution 2020-07 was duly approved.

-Commissioner Cabaday also read a county wide Resolution 2020-08 regarding Governor Wolf's continuation of keeping Erie County closed due to COVID19. Commissioner E. Gerardine motioned to approve the Resolution asking for the immediate reopening of Erie County, Pennsylvania, Commissioner F. Mussett seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Old Business:

Commissioner Cabaday asked if there has been any movement on the Whitney Way parcel. Solicitor Martinucci said there would be a parcel search on that property if needed. Cabaday said that a resident was putting a dry well diverting water onto said parcel which is unlawful.

New Business:

-Commissioner Cabaday called for a motion to hire Joe Ropiecki as part time maintenance position. Commissioner E. Gerardine made a motion to hire, Commissioner T. Benovic seconded the motion; the motion was carried.

-Commissioner Cabaday stated that the Township Clerk, Lori Duska is actively working on an email alert system for residents to take advantage of if they would like these alerts sent to them. All Commissioners were in agreement that the alert system would be a great asset to the Township Residents and that Lori will be notified that she may go ahead with getting this set up.

-Commissioner E. Gerardine motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Commissioner T. Benovic seconded; the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Board of Commissioner's Secretary