

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m.

May 12, 2021

4230 Iroquois Avenue

In Attendance: Commissioner J. Cabaday, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner J. Golden, Commissioner E. Gerardine, Solicitor A. Martinucci, Secretary C. Cunningham

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

Visitors: Charles Curtis, Dale Durst, Joyce Spitznogle

Reports:

Engineers Report:

- Community Center Air Conditioning & Air Handling (HVAC and Electric) Upgrade Project – Urban is continuing our coordination efforts for the project as required.
- Lakeside Boat Launch Rehab – Urban prepared plans, specifications and bidding documents for this Rehab project which was advertised by the Township and for which bids will be received May 26th. Work will include adding armor stone, removal and replacement of the existing boarding pier, and repair of voids beneath sections of ramp pavement with grout injection.
- HTSA Iroquois Ave Sanitary Sewer Conveyance Projects-Urban is coordinating with Chivers Construction, GPI and the Township as warranted and required.
- 2021 Sanitary Sewer Line Root Control-Urban has requested that Duke's Root Control prepare a contract with the Township for treatment of those sanitary sewer lines whose guarantee is due to expire in 2021 prior to their expiration date. Once a contract is signed, we will coordinate with Duke's and inform the Township as to proposed treatment date(s).
- Four Mile Creek Pedestrian Bridge at Twinbrook/Bell Street-Urban continues our coordination efforts with the Township, PADEP, NFG and others for the removal of the existing pedestrian bridge over Four Mile Creek. NFG had previously indicated to the Township their intent to have removed their line from service in late April, 2021, which has not occurred to date. Recent Urban discussions with NFG resulted in NFG stating that they would inform the Township as to when the line would actually be scheduled to be taken out of service once determined by NFG. Urban also reiterated that the Township has indicated that their desire is to construct a new pedestrian bridge as a replacement at a downstream location at Field Street. NFG indicated that they would again like to occupy a newly constructed pedestrian bridge if constructed at Field Street. The Township has applied for an AAPR Grant for a replacement pedestrian bridge, and has also researched, with Erie County, other Grant opportunities including the Federal Transportation Set-Aside Program and PennDOT Multimodal Program. Urban will work with the Township and Erie County to provide needed information and facilitate applications as/when applicable.
- 2021 Streets Resurfacing Project-Urban will provide construction inspection and oversight services for the Streets Resurfacing project for which bids were received earlier today once construction commences.

Solicitors Report:

- We have worked with bank counsel to complete the necessary paperwork for the HVAC financing under the Local Government Unit Debt Act.
- We have assisted the Township in responding to a RTK request.
- We have reviewed a Notice of Code Violation in a pending matter.
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~Commissioner E. Gerardine made a motion to approve all reports as presented. Commissioner T. Benovic seconded the motion; the motion carried. ~

Visitors signed in to speak:

Josh Turk voiced concern over receiving a letter about high grass when he knows that other houses have higher grass than him and he doesn't feel the Code Officer is doing his complete job. He also stated that the Township has not been doing a good enough job on string trimming around signs. Commissioners Cabaday and Golden explained that when a call comes in that the Officer is then told to go and enforce that particular code. Cabaday said that in fact the Township did have a problem with mowing that week because we had injuries and people being trained; she also said when an emergency comes up, those items will be addressed before a lawn needs mowed. Commissioner Golden reiterated the very things that Cabaday had said adding that the Code Enforcement Officer is only part time and he may have only had time to cover a couple of streets at a time and he may have just started Mr. Turks street first. Commissioner Benovic stated the reason why the guys are not trimming around signs is that they used to use grass/weed killer but since there has been much talk about toxicity of that we are looking at safe ways to prevent the grass/weeds from growing around such signs.

Bills:

Commissioner T. Benovic made a motion to pay bills as presented, Commissioner J. Golden seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Minutes:

Commissioner E. Gerardine made a motion to approve the Minutes for 4/14/21 Commissioner T. Benovic seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Old Business: N/A**New Business:**

~Commissioner E. Gerardine motioned to award the 2021 Streets Contract to Joseph McCormick Construction Co. Commissioner T. Benovic seconded; the motion carried.

~Commissioner J. Golden motioned to accept the minutes from the 2021 streets contract bid opening held 5/12/21. Commissioner E. Gerardine seconded; the motion carried.

~Commissioner E. Gerardine spoke about the Township creating a Facebook page that is managed by the Township. He would like to have all Commissioners present to discuss the subject so this will be tabled until a further time.

~Commissioner T. Benovic motioned to ask the Civil Service for a new list of testing for Officers. Commissioner J. Cabaday seconded; the motion carried.

~Commissioner E. Gerardine motioned to hire Justin Penton for the maintenance position. Commissioner T. Benovic seconded; the motion carried.

~Commissioner T. Benovic motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Commissioner J. Golden seconded; the motion carried. ~

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Board of Commissioner's Secretary