

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m.

July 13, 2022

4230 Iroquois Avenue

**In Attendance:** Commissioner J. Golden, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner B. Rodemaker, Commissioner S. Trojak, Solicitor A. Martinucci, Engineer T. Podskalny, Secretary C. Cunningham

~Commissioner J. Golden called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed. ~

~Commission B. Rodemaker motioned to accept the resignation of Jan Cabaday from the Board of Commissioners, Commissioner S. Trojak seconded the motion; the motion carried. ~

**Old Business:**

~Deeds were signed transferring/swapping the Tennis Courts with Iroquois School District to the Softball Fields. The vote had been taken some time ago as this has been in process for several years~

~Commissioner Benovic gave an update to the Fourth of July events which went very well with no incidents. ~

~The Boat Launch Project was completed and opened on July 1<sup>st</sup>~

~The parks have not been staffed this Summer due to no applications being received; therefore Commissioner Benovic has created two days of activities with volunteers doing crafts, cookies, games and cookouts. ~

**Reports:**

**Engineers Report:**

- **Lakeside Boat Launch Rehab – Project 2** - The Contractor, Konzel Construction, achieved substantial completion the week of June 1, 2022 and the ramp was opened to the public on July 1, 2022. The PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has performed their required site inspection. The Township has submitted to them the billing form and all invoices for the project for processing, and they in turn have prepared an invoice and sent it to the State Comptroller's Office. They have indicated that the reimbursement check should be received by the Township in the month of August.
- **Soudan Lift Station** – Urban received final details and proposed channel grinder specifications for the proposed Smith & Loveless packaged pump station for the manufacturer as well as the project's proposed channel grinder. Costs for the previously proposed bar screen and currently proposed channel grinder, as well as other supporting information necessary to finalize plans, details and bid documents, have not been received from the supplier's representative as of this date. A complete updated set of plans and specifications will be provided to the Township for final review once they are able to be completed.

**Permitting:**

- **DEP Component 3 (Sewage Facilities Planning Module)** – The Component 3 Module with all attachments was submitted to the PADEP on June 1, 2022 and is under PADEP review.
- **DEP Water Quality Management (WQM) Permit** – The WQM permitting package (consisting of technical pump station design documents) may be submitted to the DEP for concurrent review with the Component 3 submittal once all necessary specifications and required information is received from the pump station manufacturer/supplier's representative and final plans and specs are complete. Final plans and specifications, together with any outstanding information requested, will be submitted to USDA for their review and approval once all information is available and final plans are complete. It is Urban's understanding that the Township is investigating the use of a chopper pump system in place of the Smith & Loveless pump station package and channel grinder, as well as a potential retrofit of the Cunningham Lift Station. As previously offered, Urban would welcome the opportunity to discuss the current design of the Soudan Lift Station as well as any retrofit of the Cunningham or other lift stations with the Commissioners and other Township staff at your convenience.

- **Township Maintenance Building Roof Repair/Replacement** – Urban is working with the Township Secretary to scope a project and prepare a standard engineering construction contract for the repair/replacement of the roof for the Township Maintenance Building on Bell Street. Urban would enlist the services of an Architect to provide scoping and specification assistance as applicable as roof repair/replacement is architectural in nature, and our previous involvement in roof projects for the Township has enlisted Architectural participation. A target date for a draft contract bid package being available for Township review would be August, 2022. Urban would ask for Township approval to move forward with our enlistment of an Architect and formal scoping of the project.
- Commissioner B. Rodemaker motioned to approve Urban to enlist an Architect for the Bell Street garage roof project, Commissioner T. Benovic seconded the motion; the motion carried.

**Solicitors Report:**

- We are waiting for further action from the Planning Board regarding Ordinance that had been drafted at the previous meeting.
- We have worked on some miscellaneous correspondence for the Township.

~Commissioner T. Benovic made a motion to approve all reports as presented. Commissioner S. Trojak seconded the motion; the motion carried. ~

**Visitors:** Dale Durst, Linda Blum, Tom Hiegel, Bob Hanna

**Signed in to speak:** Debbie Bernardini, Dale Williams, Fire Chief Joe Crotty, Barbara Brairton, Sharon Hiegel, Charles Curtis.

~Debbie Bernardini spoke to the Board about the Lawrence Park Garden Club. Bernardini reported all the parks, organizations, and various other entities that they work with to beautify the Township. Debbie asked when the building would be open for the Garden Club to be able to utilize the space offered last fall. The Garden Club will speak to the Historical Society regarding sharing the space provided by the Township.

~Dale Williams wanted to relay his along with his neighbors' appreciation for the hard work and effort put into the boat ramp. Williams also said that he would like to mention the Maintenance workers were very hard working and very cordial to anyone who approached them as well as the contractors. Williams also stated that there is rebar that is sticking out of the rocks that were used as fill that could possibly pose a hazard.

~Fire Chief Joe Crotty addressed the Board concerning relief of their utility bills at 4102 Main Street. It was his understanding that paying those bills would be a 1-time request that was made in 2014. He said that they have been paying those bills for the last 8 years. He stated that their budget is stretched to the limit along with issues of finding volunteers to run the Fire Station. Financial relief is what he is looking for regarding building utilities. Solicitor Martinucci read the minutes of December 8, 2015 to Chief Crotty stating that a request by the fire department not to be relieved of the utilities but to leave the utilities in the Township name and the Fire department would write a check for their utilities to the Township and that there was a 3-0 vote. ~

~Barbara Brairton spoke to the board and expressed her opposition to air B&Bs in her neighborhood. Her concern is that this could be a potential detriment to her neighborhood.

~Sharon Heigel also asked if she could file a formal complaint regarding this. Commissioner Benovic said that if there is problem with the renters that the police would need to be called so that they could address these issues if there is some law being broken. Solicitor Martinucci also reiterated that they should call the police at the time that issue is happening so that those people may be cited. Martinucci stated that a change of an Ordinance takes time to change these regulations but the way to stop the illegal behavior is to alert the police and have them cited.

~Charlie Curtis asked the board what the status is on the boulevard on East Lake Road due to the sewer project. Commissioner Benovic said she is expecting a check from Harborcreek Township and quotations have been

received from several nurserys regarding replacement. Benovic said that trees in the boulevard had posed a bit of a hazard regarding vision of oncoming traffic so trees will be strategically placed. Curtis also stated that he was grateful for the handicapped parking spot.

**Bills:**

Commissioner S. Trojak made a motion to pay bills as presented, Commissioner B. Rodemaker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

**Minutes:**

Commissioner T. Benovic made a motion to approve BOC Minutes from June 8, 2022, Commissioner B. Rodemaker seconded the motion; the motion carried. Commissioner J. Golden abstaining.

**New Business:**

~Commission T. Benovic motioned to approve the Boat Launch Rehab payment #3 of \$90,186.37 to Konzel Commissioner S. Trojak seconded the motion; the motion carried. ~

~Commission B. Rodemaker motioned to approve the hiring of Tim Cunningham for the Maintenance Department effective July 11, 2022, Commissioner T. Benovic seconded the motion; the motion carried. ~

~Commission T. Benovic motioned to approve the creation of a second School Resource officer at the request of the Iroquois School district, Commissioner S. Trojak seconded the motion; the motion carried. ~

~Commissioner B. Rodemaker motioned to approve the Iroquois School Events (Homecoming Parade, 5K run and Kid Races) Commissioner S. Trojak seconded the motion; the motion carried. ~

~Commissioner B. Rodemaker motioned to approve Urban engineers to contact an Architect to advise repair/replacement of Bell Street garage roof, Commissioner T. Benovic seconded the motion; the motion carried.~

~Commissioner B. Rodemaker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Commissioner T. Benovic seconded; the motion carried. ~

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham  
Board of Commissioner's Secretary