

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
May 10, 2023

6:00 p.m.

4230 Iroquois Avenue

**In Attendance:** Commissioner J. Golden, Commissioner T. Benovic, , Commissioner S. Trojak, Solicitor A. Martinucci, Engineer A. Holland, Clerk Lori Duska. **Absent:** Commissioner B. Rodemaker, Commissioner J. Moffett, Chief J. Morell

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

**REPORTS:**

**Engineers Report:**

**Soudan Lift Station**

- WQM Permit application is complete. Target to issue the permit is July 20. DEP reviewer hopes to have technical review done and permit issued by early June.
- USDA Coordination - April 25, 2023 plans/specs/application to be reviewed in next couple of weeks.

**PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation – Transit and Multimodal Feasibility Study**

- Scope is being developed. Proposed use of public transit fund for study. Under review by PennDOT. This would include transit connections as well as pedestrian bridge improvements on Water Street.

**Cunningham Lift Station Grinder – DCED Grant Application Coordination**

- Submitted in December; still under review by DCED.

**Solicitors Report:**

- Awaiting final approval of the MDJ lease by Erie County (County Council and the County Executive must approve).
- Worked with Township staff to respond to various Right to Know Requests.
- Started researching templates for a parking ordinance.
- Completed Right-of-Way certificates and legal opinions regarding the Soudan Lift Station project.
- Reviewed/revised a draft intergovernmental cooperation agreement between Lawrence Park Township and Wesleyville and North East Boroughs regarding joint testing and a joint selection list for law enforcement officer candidates.
- Communicated with Chief Morell's counsel to wrap-up the unfair labor practice charge following the settlement approved on April 12, 2023.

~Commissioner Golden questioned whether approval of the MDJ lease should be tabled. Solicitor Martinucci said it could be voted on and approved tonight, but it will not become effective until County Council and the County Executive sign off on it, and if there are changes it would have to be voted on again.~

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

**Visitors:** Bud Hughes, Gloria Ferritto, Jennifer Foulz, Jeanette Long, Jim Van Dyne, Linda Blum, Dale Durst, Melissa Weismiller, Randy Weismiller.

**Signed in to speak:** Gloria Ferritto, Jennifer Foulz (spoke at the Work Session), Jim Van Dyne

~Gloria Ferritto asked if the Commissioners want the Garden Club to meet at the Township Building. She had passed information on to Commissioner Golden, the Garden Club president called and left messages and Commissioner Golden never returned the calls. As a result, the Garden Club feels they are not welcome in this building. Commissioner Golden apologized and said they are welcome to use the Meeting Room and may bring food in if they wish. Ms. Ferritto asked if

there was somewhere they could make coffee; Commissioner Golden said they could use the kitchen in the hallway and he would show her where it is. Ms. Ferritto then expressed that some members of the Garden Club are worried that the MDJ will have prisoners in the hallway so they are afraid to come here. Commissioner Golden said that the building is a public building and there is protection here. Ms. Ferritto once again complained that Commissioner Golden does not answer or respond to calls on his personal cell phone, and stated they have members that have quit because they couldn't meet in Lawrence Park anymore. Commissioner Golden explained that he has a full time job that is very demanding right now and he apologized that he missed her messages.~

~Jim Van Dyne spoke about Memorial Day ceremony. No honor guard or bugler, but they have a bagpiper and a boy scout troop to do the flag ceremony. They will need the podium from the meeting room out at the Memorial Wall but they will not need a microphone. Some politicians have sent RSVPs. He had a complaint that there are a lot of people letting their dogs run around without leashes at the boat ramp park and in Lake Cliff. Also, he saw two kids climb over the barricade at the footbridge and lift up the chain link fence to get through. The Historical Society is having a meeting and Judy Lynch will be the speaker. All are welcome.~

#### **Bills:**

~Commissioner Trojak made a motion to pay all bills as presented. Commissioner Benovic seconded the motion; the motion carried~

#### **Minutes:**

- Commissioner Benovic made a motion to approve BOC Minutes from April, 2023, Commissioner Trojak seconded the motion; the motion carried.

#### **Resolution:**

- Commissioner Golden read aloud Resolution 2023-09 to approve a Hazard Mitigation Plan with the following roll call VOTE taken by Clerk Lori Duska; Commissioner Benovic; "aye"; Commissioner Golden; "aye"; Commissioner Trojak; "aye"; Absent: Commissioner B. Rodemaker, Commissioner J. Moffett. With all in favor, Resolution 2023-09 was duly approved.

#### **Old Business: N/A**

#### **New Business:**

~Commissioner Golden requested to approve the Lease agreement for the MDJ, provided there are no changes made by County Council or the County Executive; Commissioner Benovic made the motion to approve; Commissioner Trojak seconded; the motion carried.~

~Commissioner Golden requested to approve the Civil Service Multi-Municipality Agreement; Commissioner Trojak made the motion to approve; Commissioner Benovic seconded; the motion carried.

~Commissioner Benovic spoke about the passing of Tom Roberts, who was an integral part of the Recreation Board. Advertising for a replacement will be done. The Recreation Board meets four times a year, but their biggest project is the 4th of July. He will be sorely missed.

~Commissioner Benovic motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m., Commissioner Trojak seconded; the motion carried.~

Respectfully Submitted:

Lori M. Duska, Clerk