

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m.

August 9, 2023

4230 Iroquois Avenue

In Attendance: Commissioner J. Golden, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner B. Rodemaker, Commissioner S. Trojak, Police Chief J. Morell, Solicitor A. Martinucci, Engineer D. Harrington, Secretary C. Cunningham, **Absent:** Commissioner J. Moffett

~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

- PA DEP WQM – Target date for issuing the permit was July 20th. Awaiting clearance from PFBC for threatened/endangered species coordination. (July 11 submitted additional information; July 26 confirmed receipt; 30 days from July 11.)
- USDA – Ongoing coordination to address USDA review comments.

PennDOT Bureau of Public Transportation – Lawrence Park Township and Wesleyville Transit and Multimodal Feasibility Study:

- Urban received NTP for work order.
- Bridge inspections tentatively scheduled for later in August.
- Concept plans and stakeholder meetings to follow.

Cunningham Lift Station Grinder – DCED Grant Application Coordination

- No Change in status. Still under review by DCED. Decisions likely by September.

Solicitors Report:

- We have completed the complaint that will be filed regarding the property at 438 Harvey Ave.
- Several months ago, we presented the Board with a draft Ordinance regarding short term rentals. The only change and recommendation I have made is that they allow rentals in R-2 and B-1. This has been completed and is ready to be voted on for advertisement next month.
- There were a couple of minor items that have been completed

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

Visitors: Gerard Wodarski, Sharon Heigel, Katherine Rusk, Linda Blum, Dale Durst, Jessica Lybrook, Charles Curtis, Ed Eller, Lisa Connelly

Signed in to speak: Katherine Rusk, Dale Durst, Jessica Lybrook, Lisa Connelly

~Katherine Rusk stated that there are 3 homes in the Lake Cliff area that are still using their homes as rentals. One is advertised on Facebook as Lulu's Lake House. Solicitor Martinucci asked for the addresses and stated that he would look at the previous letters that were sent to those home owners.

~Dale Durst stated that the car lot on East Lake road has extended its car lot and they are parking cars all the way to the edge and it is hard to see around the cars. Chief Morell said he would speak to the owner and ask him to move the cars back.

~Jessica Lybrook from the Erie Animal Network spoke to the Board and the residents concerning feral cats in the Township. She stated that she has trapped, neutered, vaccinated, and released 25 cats in the Township so far. Jessica said there is a website called fixerie.com and you may submit a request to help with feral cat issues.

~Lisa Connelly asked if something can be done about Erie Water Works fixing her sidewalk as they damaged it while repairing a waterline. She has called them but they never return her call. She was informed that Erie Water Works is independent and she would need to get hold of them.

Bills:

- Commissioner Rodemaker made a motion to pay bills as presented, Commissioner Benovic seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Minutes:

- Commissioner Benovic made a motion to approve BOC Minutes from July 12, 2023, Commissioner Rodemaker seconded the motion; the motion carried.

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

- Commissioner Trojak made a motion to approve the IHS bonfire for September 27, 2023 at 6 pm Commissioner Rodemaker seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Benovic made a motion to approve the Pet Blessing at Lake Cliff Park from 10 am – 3 pm Commissioner Trojak seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Rodemaker made a motion to hire Sue Bartlett at \$10 per hour for the cleaning position for the Township Building Commissioner Benovic seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Rodemaker made a motion to accept a letter of interest from Gerard Wodarski to be on the Recreation Board Commissioner Trojak seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Benovic made a motion to advertise a Public meeting regarding a liquor license transfer Commissioner Trojak seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Trojak explained that Commissioner Rodemaker and Secretary along with herself met with the DCED and discussions for concern were fiscal solvency, shared services and applying for the STMP program. The STMP program will look at the Township budget and make suggestions to help the Township.

~Commissioner Benovic motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m., Commissioner Rodemaker seconded; the motion carried.~

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Board of Commissioner's Secretary