



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

Minutes

425 Wells Road
Doylestown, PA 18901

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Tuesday, May 3, 2022

7:00 PM

Community Meeting Room

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairperson Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairperson Ryan Manion (remote), Nancy Santacecilia, Jennifer Herring, and Dan Wood.

Township Staff in attendance included Township Manager Stephanie Mason, Director of Operations Dave Tomko, Township Solicitor Jeffrey Garton, Chief of Police Dean Logan, and Township Engineer Sean Torpey.

7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

- A. Pledge to the flag
- B. Presentations

Penn Dot Presentation - Easton Road Roundabouts

Mr. Gumas, project manager of Penn Dot, provided an update for the year. He noted the design is complete and the right of way is being negotiated. They are currently communicating and working with residents, utilities, and the Township itself. Mr. Gold, of Urban Engineers, presented the final design noting the roundabouts open to traffic in November of 2024 with the landscaping to be completed within the year after. Mr. Conway, 578 New Britain Road, inquired about the attention to detail requesting his property be reviewed as he is concerned with tree removal, utilities being moved, and the well on his property. Ms. Lyons provided the proper contacts for further discussion. Ms. Murphy, Windsong Drive, stated new construction is very expensive and noted timelines are being extended. Mr. Gumas stated the timeline would not shift as they have deadlines and inflation has been taken into consideration noting it is a federally funded project. Mr. Gold stated it is a safety project. Ms. Shannon, Steeplechase Drive, stated she has had an accident in the intersection and asked for further explanation of how a modern roundabout will work. Mr. Gumas detailed the design. Ms. Mason referred residents to the Township website where additional information can be found. Mr. Willig, 566 New Britain Road, stated he is concerned about the speed limits.

- C. Public Comment Agenda Items Only - None

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7:00PM.
- B. The next Budget Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 5PM.
- C. Township Offices will be closed on Tuesday, May 17th for Primary Election Day and Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day.
- D. Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling – the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9AM – 11AM – Drop off site is located at the New Britain Rd. entrance of Central Park. Please visit our website for more information.
- E. Doylestown Twp. Parks & Recreation – Upcoming Events:
May 12th – Home Run Derby

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May 20th – Red Cross Blood Drive
Aug. 22nd – Annual Golf Outing
Sept. 10th – Fido Float at Fanny
Sept. 24th – Fall Food Truck Fest

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- F. 2022 Thompson Performing Arts Series kicks off the season at the C&N Amphitheater in Central Park on May 25th with the Eric Mintel Quartet (Jazz). For a complete list of dates and performers for 2021, please visit www.doylestownpa.org
- G. Got Pot Holes??? For State Roads call 1-800-FIXROAD – For Township Roads call 215-348-9915. A list of all state roads can be found on our website www.doylestownpa.org
- H. Join us for National Night Out – Tuesday, August 2nd – Central Park 4PM to 8PM

III. MINUTES APPROVAL:

Budget Work Session – April 19, 2022

Ms. Lyons responded to Ms. Santacecilia`s comments to have minutes corrected noting minutes are to take discussion on basic action items, consensus, and voting. Ms. Santacecilia stated she motioned to table the park and rec center and it was not recorded in the minutes. Ms. Manion stated a vote was not taken, only a consensus on how to move forward. Ms. Santacecilia requested the budget work session to be recorded. Ms. Mason stated there is not enough staff to complete recordings. Ms. Lyons stated the minutes will be updated to reflect Ms. Santacecilia`s motion with no second. Mr. Wood noted an update to page three paragraph two and paragraph seven.

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the April 19, 2022 Budget Work Session meeting minutes with correction. MOTION passed 5-0.

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Ms. Manion noted the vote for Ms. Davies reflects 4-1 and should be updated to 2-3.
Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the April 19, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting minutes. MOTION passed 5-0.

IV. CORRESPONDENCES

- A. Request to Waive Permit Fees
1. Special Event Application Fee – Doylestown Mennonite Church

Chief Logan stated there are no police services required and the minimum number of people is not met requiring no permit. The board agreed no permit is necessary.

2. Community Meeting Room Use Fee – Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to waive the community meeting room use fee for Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce. MOTION passed 5-0.

V. REPORTS

A. Solicitor

No comment

B. Township Engineer

No comment

C. Police Chief

No Comment

D. Dir. of Operations

No Comment

E. Township Manager

1. Follow up on Accelerated Road Program

Ms. Mason stated there was a discussion on how additional funds could be utilized and the staff along with the Ways and Means committee recommended it be used for the accelerated road program. Mr. Wood would like to review a plan and impact. Ms. Herring agreed. Ms. Santacecilia clarified the timeline with Mr. Tomko. He noted whatever direction the board provides they will fit in the budget and bidding will start as it takes 30-60 days. The board agreed to discuss at the budget work session.

F. Supervisors

Mr. Wood stated he attended PSATS and spoke on integrating EV chargers and how the Township is ahead.

Ms. Herring agreed, stating attending PSTS reinforced her appreciation for the staff.

Ms. Lyons stated she also had a great experience networking at PSATS and meeting a distinguished judge.

Ms. Santacecilia asked for more transparency in the meetings and thanked the board for agreeing to update the minutes she requested. She noted she is concerned about the park and rec center building continuing. She noted she agreed with the accelerated road program. She inquired about the Liples family request. She also stated she was disappointed Ms. Davies was not agreed to be on the VA committee. Ms. Santacecilia invited the public to the budget work session meeting.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Land Development

Doylestown Hospital - Children's Village Development/Escrow Agreements

Location: 595 West State Street - TP #09-009-032-003 & 09-009-033

Mr. Garton reviewed the development/escrow agreements with the Board

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Santacecilia to approve the Development/Escrow Agreements for Doylestown Hospital - Children's Village. MOTION passed 5-0.

B. Chapman Road Bridge – Property Appraisal Review Service

Mr. Tomko noted using Penn Dot funds requires their approval. He noted the "peer review" is required. Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to award the property appraisal review service to Brigidi, Inc. MOTION passed 5-0.

C. Chapman Road Bridge – Right of Way Acquisition Services

Mr. Tomko noted Penn Dot required a negotiator. He stated two proposals were received. Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Manion to award the right of way acquisition services to Alrows, LLC. MOTION passed 5-0.

D. New Britain Road Trail – Field Survey

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Mr. Wood to approve the New Britain Road Trail Field Survey. MOTION passed 5-0.

E. Stone Barn Manor – Acceptance of Easements

The easements include the RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT Stone Barn Manor (T.P. #09-048-023), the RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT Stone Barn Manor (Pine Run Road) (T.P. #09-048-010) and the BIKE AND HIKE PATH EASEMENT (T.P. #09-048-023).

Mr. Garton noted the project is complete.

Ms. Herring MOTIONED; seconded by Ms. Santacecilia to approve and accept the three easements. MOTION passed 5-0.

F. Zoning Hearing Board Applications

Ms. Mason suggested leaving the matters to the Zoning Hearing Board. The Board agreed.

1. Dunlap – 25 Radcliff Drive – Requests a Variance
2. Interrante – 10 Bridle Drive – Requests a Variance

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IX. Public Comment – All Items

Mr. Cox, Pineview Drive, stated he has driven past the road the Liples family spoke of and noted the bad condition. He went on to speak of professionalism of the board. He stated a board member was not invited to a meeting. He asked for another board member's resignation and stated he is holding a meeting with the county district attorney.

Ms. Germani, 236 Tether Way, she stated she became aware the Township is going to naturalize the basin near her property. Mr. Germani stated easement stakes have been placed near the basin. Mr. Tomko stated the permit with the DEP requires minimizing pollutants and this can be completed with naturalizing the basins. He stated if the Township does not comply with DEP MS4 requirements, the Township could be fined. Ms. Lyons offered an onsite discussion to the homeowner.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm by Ms. Lyons.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie J. Mason
Township Secretary