

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHAMPTON MINUTES
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SOUTHAMPTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING

8:00 a.m.

September 8, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Witter – Chairman
Randy Brenize – Vice Chairman
Samuel Cressler

OTHERS PRESENT

Maria Misner – Planning/Recording Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT

Les Norcross – 409 Herwen Circle
Roxanne C. Asper – Thornwood
Michael Wadel – Thornwood

Chairman Witter called the meeting of September 8th, 2020 to order at 8:00 a.m. and announced the meeting was being recorded.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 25TH, 2020

The minutes for August 25th, were approved as presented.

VISITOR REMARKS

Les Norcross requested the Supervisors do something about the multiple vehicles that have been double-parking in Herwin Circle.

The Supervisors will contact Penelec about their trucks being parked there as well as contact the Township Solicitor to see what can be done about it.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Roxanne Asper – Franklin Way

Roxanne Asper and Mike Wadel were present to ask the supervisors several questions regarding Franklin Way and Thornwood Development:

1) They asked if a traffic study would be required for Phase 5?

Supervisor Witter replied that the Thornwood intersection is the most dangerous intersection in the Township, so they would be required to complete a traffic study.

2) They asked how the Supervisors would like Franklin Way to be handled.

The supervisors decided that a top coat on Franklin Way up to address 154 would be satisfactory.

3) The developer also asked to split Phase 5 into phase 5A and 5B. Phase 5A would be the houses along Grove Drive and 5B would be the houses also Edison Drive.

The supervisors replied that splitting Phase 5 would be acceptable.

Naming of Township Nature Park

Maria Misner stated the stream the runs through the Township recreational property is called Furnace Run. People have been starting to refer to the property as the "Furnace Run" parcel. She has asked people their thoughts on that as a name and everyone seems favorable considering the historic iron ore mining that was done on the property.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to name the Township recreational property Furnace Run Park. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Appointment of At-large Member to the SCPRA Board

Maria Misner reported that the SCPRA Board interviewed Mr. Margo Morales at the September 3rd meeting. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Morales as the at-large member. The bylaws state the Township Board must unanimously approve the at-large member.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to appoint Margo Morales as the at-large member of the SCPRA board. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Representative Rob Kauffman Lease

Representative Kauffman's office would like to know if he is re-elected, would he be able to renew his lease at the Township building and would the terms be the same.

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to renew Representative Kauffman's lease as it is. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Employee Sick Leave

Supervisor Cressler reported that Doug Shields has asked that he be able to use his sick leave to take care of his ailing mother. He stated he will be available to perform duties as needed.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to approve Doug Shield's request to use sick leave. Supervisor Witter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

SUBDIVISIONS

Bond Reduction Request – Briary Ridge – Phase 2A

An as-built was submitted for a reduction in the Briary Ridge Bonding. Township Engineer, Tim Cormany has reviewed the as-built and recommended a \$48,934,24 reduction in his letter dated August 27, 2020.

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to approve the bond reduction provided all outstanding bills are paid prior to the reduction. Supervisor Cressler seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES

Jake Brake Complaint

Supervisor Brenize stated he called PennDOT about the Jake Brake issue on Olde Scotland Road and they said a traffic study will need to be completed. He would like to proceed with that process.

Letter of Resignation

Supervisor Witter submitted his letter announcing that after 27 years of service, he is resigning from his position as Southampton Township Supervisor.

MOTION: Supervisor Cressler moved to accepted Supervisor Witter's resignation and wished him the best. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed. Supervisor Witter abstained.

ACTION ON PAYING BILLS

MOTION: Supervisor Witter moved to pay the general fund in the amount of \$21,890.05. Supervisor Brenize seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by Supervisor Witter at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Maria Misner
Recording Secretary