

**MINUTES
PARADISE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 13, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: By Chairman Lance Biesecker at 7:00 pm

SUPERVISORS IN ATTENDANCE: Chairman Lance Biesecker, Clark Craumer, Dean Bentzel

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

APPROVE AGENDA WITH ADDITIONS OR DELETION... Clark Craumer moved to approve the agenda as printed, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.

APPROVE MINUTES: Printed copies of the February 13, 2023 meeting minutes were available. Clark Craumer made a motion to approve as printed, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, approved by Unanimous Vote.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT: Lance Biesecker read the February 2023 Treasurer's report. Clark Craumer made a motion to approve as read, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote

CITIZENS COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

Persons who have made prior arrangements to be placed on the agenda will have first priority. Please note due to time limitations 3 minutes will be allotted for each citizen.

- 1) Ray Menges presented concerns of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church about the crosswalk on Canal Road in front of the church. There was discussion on numerous ways to help with creating more awareness of the crosswalk while driving on Canal Road. Mr. Menges said he spoke to PennDot about the situation and they told him any changes would have to come as a recommendation from the Township. Lance Biesecker said the Township is limited on what they can do because it is a state road but they would make a recommendation to PennDot to allow the installation of a flashing caution sign for each direction if the church is willing to pay for the materials and installation. The Church leadership in attendance agreed to funding the project. Mr. Biesecker said the Township would make the recommendation.

Fire Department Reports:

- 1) **Station 110** – Chief Lease report 3 incidents. Lance Biesecker expressed concern that one of the calls was for carbon monoxide exposure from someone power washing their basement with the gas power washer running in the enclosed space. This was the 2nd carbon Monoxide call in a short time
- 2) **NAF** – Lance Biesecker reported 33 total incidents/5 in PT
- 3) **United 33** – Charles Jacobs reported 46 total incidents but did not have a breakdown for PT
- 4) **Life Team** – No report provided

SUBDIVISION PLANS:

- 1) Jason Bross from Bigmount Lodge submitted a request to extend the deadline for final plan approval from the current expiration date of April 9, 2023 for 90 days to July 10, 2023 due to a delay in locating perk for the drain field. Clark Craumer moved to extend the deadline to July 10, 2023, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Granted by Unanimous Vote.
- 2) A representative from CHR (Rutters) for store 58 at 7680 Lincoln Hwy was present to answer question about three waiver requests and final plan approval.
- 3) CHR (Rutters) requested a waiver against sidewalk installation citing four reasons for the request primarily that there are no other sidewalks along Route 30. Clark Craumer moved to approve the waiver, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.
- 4) CHR (Rutters) requested a waiver to forgo Preliminary Plan Submission and instead submit a Final Plan for review citing the minor improvements and prior approval by the Zoning Hearing Board. Clark Craumer moved to approve the waiver, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.
- 5) CHR (Rutters) requested a waiver to forgo requirement to dedicate additional right-of-way along Route 30 citing 4 reasons for the request. After discussion of the reasons presented for the request and past decisions involving rights-of-way along Route 30, Lance Biesecker moved to deny the request, 2nd by Clark Craumer, denied by Unanimous Vote.
- 6) CHR (Rutters) requested their Final Plan approval for an addition of 1500 square feet, updating sewer flow to the main sewer line along Route 30, stormwater does not change with the addition, they have PennDot permit, APJSA is in process of issuing a letter signing off on

the sewer plan. Clark Craumer moved to conditionally approve the plan with final approval contingent on APJSA approval and reissue of an updated LDP citing the Right-of-way denial, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Conditionally Approved by Unanimous Vote.

- 7) Clark Craumer presented information about the former Kennedy/Fawcett now Fawcett/Forry subdivision. The Forrys plan to purchase two acres of land from the Fawcetts plus a small parcel of land on the north side of High Rock Road from the Trimmers whose land is divided by High Rock Road. The plan spans Paradise and Berwick Townships and would need approved by both. Lance Biesecker moved to approve the Subdivision as presented, 2nd by Dean Bentzel. Approved by yea vote of Mr. Biesecker and Mr. Bentzel, with Clark Craumer abstaining.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Update on Beaver Creek Road bridge. Preliminary surveying has been completed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Lance Biesecker announced a special called meeting at 9:00 am on March 23, 2023 for opening of bids and approving purchase of a Wide Area Mower for the Farmers Field Park.
- 2) HLS Scott Gunnett presented a waiver request for Dalton and Larissa Forbes of 896 Big Mount Rd to allow modification of the 10' separation from the well to the property line to a distance of 7' citing well is existing and limits of locating another well from the septic system and a power line at the front of the property limiting the overhead available for drilling. Clark Craumer moved to approve the waiver, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, Approved by Unanimous Vote.

RECREATION PARK:

- 1) Update on possible acquisition/purchase of 22 acres for Spring Grove Area School District. Lance Biesecker stated a meeting was held between Mark Czapp and Bill Stiles of SG School District and Paradise Township representatives at the Farmers Field park. After a discussion, Mr. Czapp said he would relay the information to the School Board Representatives and would get back to Paradise Township as soon as he knows anything further. Mr. Biesecker also reported fertilizer was purchased for the Rec Fields at a better price

than last year and work on extending the infield on the one baseball field to accommodate older players is completed.

REPORTS:

- 1) **Emergency Management:** Neal Doyle is at an Emergency Management conference this week and could not be present
- 2) **Zoning Officer:** Neal Doyle had a printed report of permit activity available in his absence.
- 3) **Engineer:** Doug Stambaugh presented a printed report of activity since the last meeting highlighting lack of response from Columbia Gas despite repeated calls and BSA Troop cleanup along Canal Road
- 4) **Planning Commission:** Kevin Barnes report PTPC activity was covered by earlier Board actions.
- 5) **Police:** Clark Craumer reported Police incidents declined 15% from January to February. Financing for the new building should be in place by May. New cruisers have arrived and some are in use.
- 6) **Solicitor:** Evan Gabel presented a written report of Solicitor activity and had nothing further to report
- 7) **Roadmaster:** Dean Bentzel reported no complaints and praised the Township road crew for a job well done. Lance Biesecker reported the Township must still take two loads of salt under last year's contracts requirements.

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/ OTHER BUSINESS:

Lance Biesecker read a thank you letter from EBACC for donation of chairs from the Township.

- 1) Approve Bill Lists ... Clark Craumer moved to approve bill lists and adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Dean Bentzel, approved by Unanimous Vote.
- 2) Adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Approved at the April 10, 2023 BOS meeting

Respectfully submitted,



Elwood Miller

Secretary

Paradise Township