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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES March 17, 2021

Call to Order:

Chairman Mary McVeigh called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance via ZOOM meeting were Vice Chair Gerstenhaber, Supervisors Auerbach, Dea, and Morris. Also, in attendance on behalf of the Township were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Township Manager/Treasurer Joan McVaugh, Township Assistant Manager Jeff Eastburn, and Secretary Mary Opromolla. There were thirteen members of the public in attendance.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Public Comment: Property owner, Wayne DiFrancesco, trustee of 3327 Appleton Road, inquired if the Township could move forward to sign the plan for modified lot lines for 1 Franklin Road. Solicitor Mark Thompson indicated that this request is still in discussion and that in order to move ahead with the property on 1 Franklin Road, requirements linked to the house on 3327 Appleton Road must be met as defined in the subdivision plans.

Approval of the Minutes:

a. *BOS Minutes of the February 17, 2021:* Vice Chair Gerstenhaber Morris moved, seconded by Supervisor Dea, that the Board approve the February 17, 2021 v.1 Minutes, as submitted by the Township Secretary.

Discussion: Supervisor Auerbach had concerns with the amount noted for the Township's costs regarding 3322 Appleton Road and requested it be updated to reflect \$48,000 and not \$40,000. The Board agreed that the amount referenced in the February minutes should reflect the amount spent as of February 17th. If it was \$40,000 than that amount should stay as is. It was noted that the amount has increased since the February 17th meeting. Motion was approved 5-0.

Reports:

a. *Treasurer's Report for January 2021:* Supervisor Morris moved, seconded by Vice Chair Gerstenhaber, that the Board approve the February 2021 Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$183,199.57; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$646.30; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,098.75; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursement of \$1,467.50; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$658,346.36. Motion was approved 5-0.

b. *Zoning Officer Report:* Supervisor Auerbach reported that 11 permits were issued, and 28 building inspections were performed in the month of February 2021: \$7,766.71 was collected in Building Fees, \$ 3,510.60 collected in Impact Fees; and \$3,275.00 in Miscellaneous Fees.

There were two on-going Bamboo Zoning issues reported. The first is for 116 Peacedale Road where a Non-Traffic Citation was entered at the district court on March 2, 2021. The second is for 4 Duncan Lane where bamboo remediation has not started. A quote has not yet been provided for removal of the bamboo because there were concerns about having the contractor on their property.

c. *Planning Commission (PC) Report:* PC member, David Hoffman provided an update for the March 4, 2021 meeting. The PC completed their discussions on the General Code and Ordinance review

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and recommendations made by Zoning Officer, Jeff Vogels and LTL Consultants. The PC reviewed Chapters 22 (Land Development & Subdivision) & 27 (Zoning Ordinance). They agreed with most of the suggestion presented by LTL and noted that there are items requiring the Township Solicitor's review. Any additional suggested modifications will be noted and presented back to the Township BOS. Manager McVaugh has had meetings with the Zoning Officer to complete the review of additional chapters. Once updated, the worksheet will be provided to the Solicitor for his review. After the Solicitor's review, it will be presented to the BOS for their consideration.

- d. Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB)/Historical Commission (HC) Reports: The HARB/HC did not hold a meeting in March 2021.
- e. The Park, Recreation and Open Space (PRO) Board – Chairman Greg Sachs provided an update regarding the March 3rd Meeting. Numerous improvement projects were discussed and prioritized at that meeting. The PRO presented their recommendations to the Board in priority order: 1) Tennis Court resurfacing; 2) Replanting of the Healing Garden; 3) Re-design of the Pickle Ball courts; 4) Installation of an ADH compliant water fountain; 5) Sealcoating of the parking lot and basketball courts.
The Board agreed to consider the request for tennis court resurfacing and water fountain replacement at tonight's meeting (see Business (d)). Supervisor Dea requested that the PRO present the proposals for the other initiatives at the April meeting.
- f. Comprehensive Plan (Comp Plan)- Comp Plan member Kathy Goin provided a brief update on the March 23rd meeting. The Comp Plan Taskforce members have been meeting monthly since June 2020 and expected to continue into June 2021. The Taskforce is on track to complete the plan as scheduled. Meetings with the residents were held in September of 2020 and again in January 2021. The Plan is broken down into chapters that will become available for review by the Board as they are completed. When the entire Plan is available, it will be presented to the Planning Commission (PC). This should occur later this year. The Board will receive a courtesy copy of the Plan in its entirety when it is ready for submission to the PC. The PC will hold a public meeting to discuss the Draft Plan and make any necessary revisions prior to the Board receiving the final document.
- g. FSA Report: No report was presented as hunting season has ended.

Business:

- a. Eagle Scout Project Request: Vice Chair Gerstenhaber moved, seconded by Supervisor Morris, for the Board to approve an Eagle Scout project, i.e., the Crossan Park Ecology Improvement Project as requested by Rayan Gaydos for not more than \$500.00. The project includes the installation of eight birdhouses and the purchasing and planting of native trees in Crossan Park. Motion was approved 5-0.
- b. Resolution 2021-08 Renewal License for the FSA- Supervisor Morris moved, seconded by Supervisor Auerbach, to approve the renewal of the FSA License.
Discussion: The PRO Committee would like to review the rules of the FSA before the Board considers the renewal of the FSA license. The Resolution will be presented at the April 2021 BOS meeting.
- c. Letter of Support for Tree Planting/ MS4: Supervisor Auerbach moved, seconded by Vice Chair Gerstenhaber, to approve the Letter of Support for the DCNR Grant application for the Keen property in support of the Township's MS4 requirements. The DCNR Grant application is due by April 14th for 8

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acres of tree planting on the Keen property. Shane Morgan, the White Clay River Water Shed Coordinator, gave a brief update on how the planting of trees along a waterway with a 100-foot buffer can improve stormwater management. Ms. Morgan indicated that the Grant had a \$50,000 minimum with a 50-50 match. She is also working on identifying additional funding through volunteers and in-kind efforts to reduce the cash contribution from the Township. Motion was approved 5-0.

- d. Crossan Park Project Approval - Supervisor Dea moved, seconded by Vice Chair Gerstenhaber, to approve the Tennis Court improvement project as quoted by McGinn and Yardworks and the Water Fountain project with Bohlmann, Inc. Motion was approved 5-0.
- e. 3327 Appleton Road Demolition Request – The BOS had scheduled a hearing for tonight to accept/deny the Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) for the demolition of 3327 Appleton Road. Solicitor Mark Thompson gave an update on the status. The applicant has requested a delay to the hearing. The hearing has been moved to the April BOS Meeting.
- f. Lexington Pointe – Solicitor Mark Thompson provided a brief update on Lexington Pointe. Stan Corbett, a Township consultant from AECOM has reviewed the process portion of the designs and specifications for Lexington Pointe and has no further comments on the design. The next step is the Township review of the Electrical and Site Plans. Outstanding issues with the road and the phone have been addressed. The road has been repaired for the hauling truck and the phone line has been replaced with a cellular phone system.
- g. Resolution 2021-09 to support Senate Bill No. 252 Session of 2021- Supervisor Morris gave a brief update on the objective of the senate bill and how it would benefit the Township. The bill will eliminate the need for newspaper advertisement of meetings and other critical information to the Township residents and will allow us to use our internet website instead. Supervisor Morris moved, seconded by Chair McVeigh, to approve Resolution 2021-09 to support Senate Bill No. 252, Session of 2021, referred to Local Government, Amending Title 45 (Legal Notices) of PA Consolidated Statures, in legal advertising, providing for methods for advertising. Motion approved 5-0.
- h. Resolution 2021-10 Conditional Use – Supervisor Auerbach moved, seconded by Supervisor Dea, to approve the amendment to the original Fee Schedule for Conditional Use allowing the Township to escrow part of the fee going forward. Motion approved 5-0.
- i. Resolution 2021-11 Open Record Appointments – Supervisor Dea moved, seconded by Supervisor Auerbach, to appoint Township Secretary Melissa Ortega as Open Records Officer and reappoint Jeff Eastburn as Deputy. Motion approved 5-0.

Public Comment:

Township resident Kevin Reynolds of Queen Lane requested that the Township consider adding lines on Churchill Road between Auburn Road and Wickerton Road. Assistant Manager Eastburn agreed and indicated that there is a Road meeting scheduled for March 26th and they will add this request to the discussion.

Township Supervisor Auerbach requested that any information that is intended to be discussed at the BOS meeting should be made available to the Township staff at least 1 week prior to the meeting.

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This will allow the Board to review the information in advance of the meeting and will support a productive discussion. Anything received later will be discussed at the following month's meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Opromolla
Township Secretary