



SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Meeting Minutes - October 11, 2023

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Franco D'Angelo, Chairman
- Paul Fox, Vice Chair
- Nicholas Fountain
- Benjamin Webb
- Barbara McGinnis

TOWNSHIP STAFF

- Alice Eastmure, Manager
- Barry Miller, Esq.
- Tim Woodrow, PE
- Joseph Zadlo, AICP
- Joseph Kuhls, Esq.

7:30 PM – Mr. D'Angelo, chairman, called the meeting to order by asking everyone to rise and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. D'Angelo announced that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting and discussed staffing.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Tanya Kateusz inquired about updates on the airport development and reports from DEP or PennDOT.

The Board recognized Jason Saylor for his years of service with Lower Perkiomen Little League. Mr. D'Angelo called Mr. Saylor a huge asset to Skippack and the community. Mr. Fox added that Mr. Saylor has been engaging and involved, and it has been a pleasure to work together with him to improve the park. The sheer number of people that have visited Skippack and the park because of the tournaments and events held there are to be commended. Mr. Saylor is retiring as league president at the end of 2023.

Ms. Aileen Johnson, branch manager of the Perkiomen Valley Library, thanked Skippack Township for their support and donation. Ms. Johnson also shared updates on library events and activities and said that the library has been very busy.

Deb McCabe shared that she is a member of the Perkiomen Valley Library Board and asked the Board to consider increasing their contribution in the next fiscal year. She added that the library enjoyed using Palmer Park for one of its story times this summer.

Tim Golonka shared that he lives on Landis Road and expressed concerns about the state of his grass as a result rain washing away seed placed there after the path was installed. Mr. Woodrow responded that they would inspect the area and remedy the situation, as a maintenance bond with the contractor was put in place for such potential issues.

III. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 MINUTES

Motion made by Mr. Fox to approve the September 13, 2023 minutes. Mr. Fountain seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence this month.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

A. Treasurer’s Report as of September 30, 2023

Motion made by Ms. McGinnis to approve the treasurer’s report as of September 30, 2023. Mr. Webb seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Bills Paid September 1-30, 2023:

General Fund	= \$ 157,467.90
Sewer Fund	= \$ 111,172.99
Park OS Fund	= \$ 47,231.11
Open Space Fund	= \$ 597.51
All Other Funds	= \$ 1,432.59

Motion made by Mr. D’Angelo to approve the bills paid September 1-30, 2023. Motion seconded by Mr. Fox. All in favor, motion carried.

VII. REPORTS

A. Engineer

Mr. Woodrow requested approval to walk Lenape Park with an arborist to review the remaining ash trees that may need to be taken down and new trees replanted as needed. Due to the Emerald Ash Borer infestation, a number of ash trees in the forest at Lenape Park were struggling, dying and creating a hazard in the forest and many were taken down, which aided in the creation of the disc golf course. There are still many more that need to be marked for removal and an arborist could advise which are a hazard. The Board unanimously granted approval.

B. Solicitor

C. Planner

D. Manager

1. Motion made by Ms. McGinnis to set the Budget Workshop date and time as November 8 at 7pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Webb. All in favor, motion carried.
2. Motion made by Mr. Fountain to authorize advertisement of bids for snow and ice removal. Mr. Woodrow noted that two routes (two bids) may be considered as there are pending retirements in Public Works. This would also offset overtime costs for Public Works. Motion seconded by Mr. Fox. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Motion made by Mr. Fox to approve Resolution 2023-30 authorizing the submission of an application for the DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority's Local Share Account – Statewide Program for funding to support the re-construction of the barn located at 1132 Bridge Road to be re-built at Cholet Farm. Mr. Fox asked about the status of grants for the barn demolition; Ms. Eastmure replied they were not awarded yet. Mr. Woodrow shared that a bid package would be put together for demolition as well. Motion seconded by Mr. Webb. All in favor, motion carried.
4. Motion made by Mr. Fountain to approve a Special Event permit for the Fall Festival Parade on Saturday, October 21 beginning at 10am at Trinity Christian UCC, 2009 Church Road to Floral & Hardy, 4007 Skippack Pike. Motion seconded by Ms. McGinnis. All in favor, motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. R&R Martino Properties, LLC – 1232 Cressman Road – Land Development**

Mr. Rob Lewis presented plans on behalf of the applicant for construction of a 12,000sf building located at 1232 Cressman Road. The property was zoned R1 and was approved by Zoning for use and Planning Commission unanimously voted for Board approval. The structure will be used for auto storage and auto part storage. It will be low volume, with only four parking spots. Mr. Fox asked if any hazardous materials will be stored, the applicant replied that they would not. The applicant will share the exterior rendering with the Board but stated that it would be very similar to the Lucon Road property owned by Mr. Martino. Mr. Kuhls will draft a resolution for approval at the November meeting.
- B. Fetterolf Corporation – 2021 Cressman Road – Land Development**

All County & Associates, applicant's engineer, presented plans for land development at 2021 Cressman Road. Mr. Woodrow noted that the applicant, Fetterolf Corporation, is a specialty manufacturer that has been located in the township for a long time. Only one other company in the world, based in South Korea, manufactures the same specialty valves and the applicant would like to build an additional structure on their property to store valves to ship faster. The plan is for a 13,600sf pole-barn type structure that would be used for storage only. No additional parking spaces would be required, as there will be no additional employees. The Planning Commission has recommended that sidewalks be installed adjacent to Annadale Drive to connect to the State Police sidewalks, thereby connected to the shopping center located on Township Line Road. Mr. D'Angelo asked about the height of the new structure and the applicant replied that it would be the same or less than the existing structure. Mr. Kuhls will draft a resolution for approval at the November meeting.

C. DDRH, Inc. – 2061 Cressman Road – Land Development

The applicant presented their own plans for land development at 2061 Cressman Road. Their excavating business is currently located in Lower Providence Township and is being displaced by eminent domain due to the traffic circle being installed at Germantown and Ridge Pike. The plans are for a 12,000sf warehouse to be used to store equipment and house a small office. They would also like a stone parking lot behind the warehouse for excavators and equipment. They have had no previous issues with environmental concerns. Mr. Kuhls will draft a resolution for approval at the November meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.