

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
August 3, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on August 3, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 S. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001. The following Commissioners were present: Pres. Joe Hasychak, Vice-Pres. Dave Zarnick, Commis. Joe Wiest, Commis. Sam Zurzolo and Commis. Charles M. Nedz. Pres. Hasychak called the meeting to order followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Also present were Manager Ed Kirkwood, Solicitor Larry Lutz, Chief John Hays and Superintendent of Public Works Tom Knights.

Commis. Hasychak asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting. There being none the minutes will stand as presented.

Commis. Hasychak noted receipt of the monthly reports for the Treasurer, Police and Road Departments.

Public Works Superintendent Knights presented the road department report.

Chief Hays presented the police department report.

Commis. Zarnick reported that he and Commis. Hasychak attended the Butler County Recreation meeting. They toured the compost facility restroom at Alameda Park.

Commis. Zarnick reported that he attended the Allegheny Association of Township Commissioners meeting.

Commis. Zarnick reported that Preston Park has been very busy over the past few weeks.

Commis. Zarnick introduced Mike Blessel from Butler Township Volunteer Fire District 3, who reported on the fire department's collaboration with the Red Cross in their home safety program. Residents in the Lyndora, Highfield and Home Acre areas were visited by Red Cross volunteers and given information on their smoke detector program. The residents are to turn in to the township request forms to have smoke detectors installed in their homes. The fire department will be installing the detectors.

Commis. Wiest reported that the school tax cards are in the mail.

Commis. Wiest thanked Manager Kirkwood for contacting Penn Dot about Mercer Road. The grass along the roadway has been cut.

Commis. Zurzolo reported on the cost of the recent recycling event. The cost of the event was \$17,349.37. The township has submitted a request for reimbursement to the state for half of the cost of the event.

Commis. Zurzolo reported that there will be a Marine color guard at Veteran's Court next week in Judge McCune's office.

Chief Hays reported on the National Night Out Event on Tuesday, August 4th at Dan Lohner Park at 6:00 PM. There will be the inaugural first shot in the new basketball hoop during this event by Nasir Nicholas, who requested the hoop be installed at a recent board meeting.

Commis. Hasychak reported that the police contract negotiations have begun.

Solicitor Lutz reported that the Planning Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday has been cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

Commis. Hasychak reported that there will be a staff picnic on Wednesday from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

Commis. Hasychak reported on the work that has been done at Dan Lohner Park in addition to the new basketball hoop.

Manager Kirkwood gave an update on the I.R.S. reporting requirements for the Affordable Care Act. Based on his calculations of the township man-hours, the township may need to look into outsourcing some of the maintenance jobs that are done internally to prevent the township from having to endure the onerous and costly required reporting process.

Manager Kirkwood gave an update and presentation on the new content management system.

Commis. Hasychak asked for public comment on agenda items. There was none.

Sergeant Sean Fisher, District Office Commander of the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement, presented information on the function of the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement as opposed to the Liquor Control Board. He also presented information on how and what their bureau enforces in regards to noise complaints. Questions from the board were taken. Lieutenant James Jones from the PSP Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement was also present.

Greg Sloan, Preston Park Advisory Board, presented an update on recent and upcoming activities at Preston Park. He recognized the Preston Park Advisory Board, the Preston Park volunteers, and the Monday Morning Maintenance Crew for all of their hard work. He presented a summary of the volunteer hours contributed throughout the year at the parks. He stated that plans for the Week of Caring are underway. He thanked the board for their continued support of the park. A discussion followed. Commis. Hasychak thanked the Preston Park Advisory Board for all of their efforts in developing the park.

Manager Kirkwood presented the final resolution on the police department records to be destroyed according to the procedures set forth in the Municipal Records Manual.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to pass Resolution #15-21, authorizing the destruction of police records as presented, seconded by Commis. Nedz. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood noted receipt of the Butler County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Public Works Supervisor Knights presented information on the 1000 feet of Alameda Road that the township was ask to adopt. A discussion followed.

Motion by Commis. Wiest to reject the offer to accept responsibility of 1000 feet of Alameda Park Road, seconded by Commis. Nedz. A discussion followed. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Kirkwood presented the request by United Growth for a bond reduction in the amount of \$266,841.00.

Motion by Commis. Nedz to reduce the United Growth bond by \$266,841.00, leaving the new bond amount of \$2,060,401.31, seconded by Commis. Zarnick. The vote was Nedz: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zarnick: Yes; Hasychak: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Hasychak asked for public comment by township residents and taxpayers on any item of concern.

Steven Geibel, 202 Shady Avenue, requested a change in the zoning ordinance to allow chickens in residential areas.

Kurt Kern, 141 Greenwood Drive, commented on the noise ordinance issue and thanked the township for all of their work regarding this issue.

Questions were taken from the media.

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m., seconded by Commis. Hasychak. Motion carried unanimously.


