

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
July 15, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on July 1, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 S. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001. The following Commissioners were present: Pres. Dave Zarnick, Vice-Pres. Sam Zurzolo, Commis. James Lokhaiser, Jr. and Commis. Fred M. Vero. Commis. Wiest was absent.

Also present were Manager Tom Knights, Asst. Manager Cheryl McNeill, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Engineer Jonathan Garczewski, and Dir. Of Public Works Dave Meeder.

Pres. Zarnick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name and address at the beginning of the meeting. Ryan Saeler - Butler Radio Network stated he was taping the meeting.

Pres. Zarnick took a moment to address the passing of John Mall, a member of the township, a member of the water and sewer authority as well as several other committees, and the passing of Ken Lawrence, a former member of the fire commission and former member of Mercer road fire department, followed by a moment of silence and pledge to the flag.

Pres. Zarnick stated that there will be no approval of the minutes because they were not prepared in time for the meeting. They will be reviewed for approval at the next meeting.

Commis. Vero had nothing to report.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that this past Saturday, July 13, 2019, members of the Allison Park Butler Campus Community Church, along with fellow employee Ryan Marcella, were at the park for volunteer day and got a lot of work done. He also wanted to thank them for coming up and for their hard work. Commis. Lockhaiser then stated that Hob Nob is continuing this weekend. Lastly, he congratulated Vice-Pres. Zurzolo for receiving the Community Champion Award from Congressman Mike Kelly for his military and social service.

Vice-Pres. Zurzolo had nothing to report

Asst. Manager Cheryl McNeill reported that she talked to someone who attended Hob and they said the performance was wonderful. She also wanted to thank Barb Green Frederick for donating a picnic table to the township for Preston Park.

Solicitor Lutz had nothing to report

Engineer Garczewski had nothing to report

Zoning Officer Hines had nothing to report

Manager Knights had nothing to report

Pres. Zarnick asked for public comment on agenda items.

Jim Domhof, 125 40th St., reporting on agenda item number 3, wanted to know why the Township isn't making the farm show drain the pond so they aren't getting flooded all the time.

Pres. Zarnick stated that Mr. Domhof had to speak on a subdivision only, if it's not a subdivision then he can speak at the end.

Dan Reemer, Sarah Lane, wanted to know if the subdivision for the Farm Show gets passed, are they going to be allowed to put in buildings and what they are going to do about the water that already drains onto that area.

Pres. Zarnick asked if anyone else would like to speak.

Zoning Officer Hines presented information on the Martin Subdivision. He noted that Mr. Martin owns two parcels on Lumber Dr. and wants to consolidate the parcels.

Engineer Garczewski had nothing to add

Pres. Zarnick asked if Mr. Martin or Solicitor Lutz had anything to add. Neither did.

Motion by Commis. Vero to and grant final approval on the Martin Subdivision. Seconded by Commis. Lockhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Zoning Officer Hines presented information regarding the Kriley/Palermo Subdivision. He noted that it would be a joint application.

Solicitor Lutz stated that the only thing to disclose is that Mrs. Kriley is a client of theirs and there were non-conforming preexisting uses on the property and there still will be non-conforming uses, but he has no problems with that and Mrs. Kriley had nothing to do with prior comments.

Motion by Commis. Vero to and grant final approval on the Palermo/Kriley Subdivision. Seconded by Commis. Lockhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Zoning Officer Hines presented information on the Farm Show Subdivision. He noted that there is no development proposed with this, just joining with the parent track at Butler Farm Show grounds. Everything is in order to be approved.

Pres. Zarnick asked Ken if he would like to speak on the issue about the retention pond

Ken Locklin stated that their plan was really for their antique show since it has outgrown its area, as well as open the fence and move tractors down there in order to open up the rest of the grounds for display of antiques.

Pres. Zarnick asked Commis. Lockaiser if he would like to explain why everyone is here tonight discussing this and what pertains to this part.

Zoning Officer Hines stated that it is just a subdivision, no development happening. He also stated that if the farm show wants to develop land in the Township, there is a process they have to go through with applications.

Ken Locklin stated that there are no development plans anywhere in the future and they only want to open that up just for the antique show.

Vice-Pres. Zurzolo stated that he wants to know how they plan to control that.

Ken Locklin stated that the only access to that would be foot traffic and trailers.

Motion by Commis. Vero to and grant final approval on the Butler Farm Show Subdivision. Seconded by Commis. Lockhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Pres. Zarnick asked Ken Locklin if he would like to address the questions about the retention pond and to meet with resident after meeting to get contact information

Ken Locklin stated that they haven't looked at the retention pond, but are in the process of putting more draining in.

Pres. Zarnick asked if anyone would like to speak on non-agenda items regarding reappointments.

Motion by Commis. Vero to reappoint Fred Maihle Jr. of 4200 Carla Dr, Butler PA 1600, to the Planning Commission for a four year term to expire July 2023.. Seconded by Vice-Pres. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Motion by Commis. Vero to reappoint Ernie Oesterling of 4133 Highland Avenue, Butler PA 16001, to the Planning Commission for a four year term to expire July 2023.. Seconded by Vice-Pres. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Motion by Commis. Vero to reappoint Richard Schontz Jr. of 141 Autumn Dr, Butler PA 16001, to the Planning Commission for a four year term to expire July 2023.. Seconded by Vice-Pres. Zurzolo. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Pres. Zarnick asked Vice-Pres. Zurzolo if he wanted to propose his question to Ken Locklin about the Farm Show.

Vice-Pres. Zurzolo asked Ken Locklin about putting up a barrier at the antique show. Locklin replied yes.

Pres. Zarnick asked Asst. Manager McNeill to highlight the bills

Asst. Manager McNeill reported on the General Fund, Highway aid, and Park Development. She also reported on bills paid after the June report which were General Fund, Park Development, and Payroll

Pres. Zarnick asked if there were any questions regarding the bills.

Motion by Commis. Lockhaiser to accept the bills as presented by Asst. Manager McNeill. Seconded by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

There was no correspondence.

Pres. Zarnick asked for public comment on any item of concern. .

Renee and Dawn from Liberty Mutual stated that Manager Knights brought them in to try and save the Township money by offering voluntary benefits to employees.

Questions were taken from the media. There were none.

Motion by Pres. Zarnick to adjourn the meeting to at 7:09 p.m., seconded by Vice-Pres. Zurzolo and carried unanimously.
