

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD  
June 15, 2020**

*The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on June 15, 2020 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 Vero. Pres. Zarnick called the meeting to order followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.*

*Also present were Manager Tom Knights, Assistant Manager Cheryl McNeill, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Chief of Police John Hays and Engineer Dan Deiseroth.*

*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, recorded the meeting.*

*Pres. Zarnick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the June 1, 2020 meeting, there being none the minutes stood as presented.*

*Pres. Zarnick gave a summary of events and meetings attended.*

*Comm. Lokhaiser had nothing to report*

*Comm. Vero had nothing to report*

*Comm. Zurzolo had nothing to report*

*Engineer Deiseroth had nothing to report*

*Zoning Officer Hines had nothing to report*

*Solicitor Black had nothing to report*

*Asst. Manager McNeill had nothing to report*

*Chief Hays had nothing to report*

*Manager Knights reported the glass recycling kickoff originally scheduled for April was now scheduled for June 27.*

*Pres. Zarnick asked for public comment on agenda items. There was none.*

*Zoning Officer Hines presented the Spiece Subdivision.*

*Motion by Commis. Vero to approve the Spiece Subdivision, as presented. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Zoning Officer Hines presented the Hartley Subdivision.*

*Motion by Commis. Vero to approve the Hartley Subdivision, as presented. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried*

*Zoning Officer Hines presented the Butler Township Land Development, Pickleball Court construction.*

*Motion by Commis. Vero to approve the Butler Township Pickleball Court Land Development, as presented. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried*

*Zoning Officer Hines presented the Butler Eye Care Bond Release. Their project is substantially complete. There is a letter from Gateway Engineering recommending to move into maintenance bond.*

*Motion by Commis. Vero to authorize the Butler Eye Care Bond Release, as presented. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Zoning Officer Hines presented a letter from Mike Liebler requesting reappointment to the Planning Commission for another 4-year term expiring in July 2024.*

*Motion by Commis. Vero to reappoint Mike Liebler of 100 Greenhill Drive to a 4-year term on the planning Commission. Second by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Knights opened the bids received for the 2020 road paving project re-bid. Bids received were:*

*Wiest Asphalt - \$284,847.92  
Shields Asphalt - \$310,784.24*

*Motion by Commis. Zarnick to table the bids for review. Second by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Knights opened the bids received for the 2020 Preston Park paving project. Bids received were:*

*Wiest Asphalt - \$86,535.00  
Shields Asphalt - \$90,755.36  
Holbein, Inc. - \$101,344.20*

*Motion by Commis. Zarnick to table the bids for review. Second by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Knights presented a letter from Gateway Engineering which followed the review of bids received for the Preston Park Improvements project and recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder Gregor Contracting.*

*Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to award the Preston Park Improvements contract to Gregor Contracting in the amount of \$440,735.00. Second by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Knights presented a resolution authorizing the application to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for a Land Acquisition grant and executing all necessary documents.*

*Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to approve the resolution. Second by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Knights presented the revised nepotism policy which would exempt any hire from a Civil Service process.*

*Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to approve the amended policy. Second by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Knights requested the Commissioners approve a motion allowing the execution of all necessary documents needed to complete the property acquisition from the Community Development Corporation located at Hollywood Drive.*

*Motion by Pres. Zarnick to authorize the Manager to sign all necessary closing of sale documents. Second by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Knights requested authorization to make conditional offers of employment to fill two Patrolman vacancies.*

*Motion by Comm. Zurzolo to authorize making conditional offers of employment to the selected candidates. Seconded by Comm. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Asst. Manager McNeill presented the bills report.*

*Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to accept the bills as presented. Second by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Manager Knights presented one item of correspondence being the resignation letter from Patrolman Jason Gueck*

*Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to accept Patrolman Gueck's resignation. Second by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*There was no public comment.*

*Questions were taken from the media.*

*Commissioner Joe Wiest arrived at the meeting at 7:21 PM.*

*Meeting was moved to executive session for legal and personnel matters.*

*Commissioners reconvened in open session at 8:17 PM.*

*Motion was made by Commis. Zurzolo to approve a one year extension to the current collective bargaining agreement with the Butler Township Police Department. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Commis. Vero to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM, second by Commis. Zurzolo and carried unanimously.*

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