

**MINUTES OF THE  
REGULAR MEETING HELD  
May 18, 2020**

*The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on May 18, 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 and Commis. Fred Vero.*

*Also present were Manager Tom Knights, Asst. Manager Cheryl McNeill, Township Engineer Dan Dieseroth and Solicitor Rebecca Black.*

*Pres. Zarnick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name; Ryan Saeler from Butler Radio Group indicated he would be taping the meeting.*

*Pres. Zarnick called for any corrections to the minutes of the prior meeting, Comm. Vero indicated the motion authorizing PUC correspondence was in error and the inclusion of People's Gas needed to be corrected to indicate Columbia Gas. Including the correction, the minutes stood as approved.*

*Pres. Zarnick gave a statement thanking hospital employees, first responders and Township staff for their performance during the pandemic. Also gave voting information for the upcoming primary election.*

*There were no Departmental Reports.*

*Manager Knights presented a Resolution at the request of Eat'n Park requesting a 90-day extension to complete their land development requirements.*

*Motion by Comm. Vero to approve the Resolution, Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Manager Knights presented a request from the City of Butler asking Butler Township for a letter of support for a DCED grant they are applying for. The grant would go towards improvements at Ritts Park which shares a common property line with the Township border.*

*Motion by Comm. Lokhaiser to approve the letter of support, Seconded by Comm. Zurzolo. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Manager Knights presented a recommendation to reject all bids received for the 2020 Road Resurfacing Project and re-bid it as two separate contracts. Reasons for the recommendation were 1) The Preston Park road paving was included in the original bid and due to the COVID mandates, receipt of the restroom has been delayed but the paving*

*project had a completion deadline of August 28. That deadline may expire prior to receipt of the restroom. And 2) the original bid was anticipated to use Liquid Fuel/Highway Aid funds and there is some question as to whether or not that funding source can be used in a park.*

*Discussion took place amongst the Commissioners about the timing of the Preston Park overall project and the deadline for completion of the road project related to the beginning of school in the Fall. Solicitor Black indicated the reason for rejection was valid based upon the substantial changes to the content of the contract.*

*Motion to reject all bids received for the 2020 Road Resurfacing Project by Comm. Zarnick, Seconded by Comm. Vero. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Motion to advertise the revised 2020 Road Resurfacing Project by Comm. Vero, Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Motion to advertise the Preston Park Road Project by Comm. Zurzolo, Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Asst. Manager presented the bills report for April.*

*Motion to approve the bills report by Comm. Vero, Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*Chairmanship of the meeting was transferred to Solicitor Black at 7:00 P.M. to conduct the Public Hearing at the request of Speedway LLC for a Liquor License Transfer request.*

*The regular meeting re-convened at 7:13 P.M. with the closure of the Public Hearing.*

*Motion to approve the Resolution for Liquor License Transfer as requested by Speedway was made by Comm. Vero, Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried*

*There was no correspondence.*

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

*Patrick Grippo – 138 Merrit Drive, stated there are several children riding bicycles in his neighborhood and there has been an increase in the number of vehicles parking on the roads. He asked if a children at play sign could be installed.*

*There were no questions from the media*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM on a motion made by Comm. Lokhaiser,  
Seconded by Comm. Vero

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