

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
September 19, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on September 19, 2018 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. Joseph A. Wiest, Commis. James Lokhaiser, Jr. and Commis. Fred M. Vero.

Also present were Manager Tom Knights, Asst. Manager Cheryl McNeill, Solicitor Larry Lutz, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Township Engineer Dan Deiseroth, Chief of Police John Hays, Fire Marshal Chris Switala and Student Representative Joe Atkinson.

Pres. Zarnick called the meeting to order followed by a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pres. Zarnick stated that anyone taping the meeting is required to state their name and address at the beginning of the meeting. There was none.

Pres. Zarnick asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the September 5, 2018 meeting. There being none, the minutes will stand as presented.

Pres. Zarnick noted receipt of the monthly Treasurer and Fire/Zoning Department Reports.

Commis. Zurzolo commented on the Fall Township Newsletter. He also welcomed Joe Atkinson to his first meeting as the Student Representative on the Board.

Commis. Wiest had nothing to report.

Commis. Vero had nothing to report.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that the VNA had a modified Butterfly Release at Preston Park last weekend due to the rainy weather. He commented that all three of the annual events that are scheduled at Preston Park were canceled this year.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that registrations are still being taken for the tour of Preston Park on Wednesday, September 19th at 9:30 a.m. and the Polly Shaw presentation on Frank Preston at 6:00 p.m. at the Park Recreation Building.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported on the Fireman's Association Sportsman's Raffle held over the weekend. He noted that next year will be the twentieth anniversary of that event.

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that there will be a Fire Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m. and it is open to the public.

Commis. Zarnick reported that twenty employees from Westinghouse volunteered their time at the Butler Township Park last Friday as part of the Week of Caring. They painted lines in the parking lot and worked on the dek hockey rink. Employees from C. W. Howard,

UPS, Peoples Natural Gas and BC3 have also scheduled time to work at the township parks during the Week of Caring that will be held October 1 – 5, 2018.

Commis. Zarnick reported that he attended the Butler County Farm Tour last Saturday and the Open House at Rustic Acres Winery.

Chief Hays had nothing to report.

Solicitor Lutz had nothing to report.

Township Engineer Deiseroth reported that the final pay estimate for the 2018 Storm Sewer Lining Project is complete and has been submitted to the Township for payment. He stated that the project was completed under the bid price. He stated that this project was a good testament for the use of pipe lining for storm sewers instead of digging things up.

Zoning Officer Hines reported that the letters for the FEMA notifications were mailed out a few weeks ago to the property owners who were removed from the FEMA Floodplain map, who were added to the map and who were included in the Community Identified Flood Hazard Area.

Zoning Officer Hines reported that the Youth Baseball Feasibility Study has started. He will present information in the coming month on the progress of the study.

Manager Knights had nothing to report.

Fire Marshal Switala reported that the Fire Prevention Week Poster Contest is open. The deadline for submissions is September 27th. Awards will be presented at the October 15th Board meeting. He had the opportunity to visit the elementary schools and went into the classrooms to promote the contest and present a fire safety message. This year we are partnering with Menchie's Frozen Yogurt to provide gift cards to the winners and to the highest participating classroom at each school.

Asst. Manager McNeill commented on the newsletter and stated that we are trying to encourage the residents to go to the website to view the newsletter. A post was also made on the Facebook page instructing residents to go to the Township website to view the newsletter. She asked for assistance in helping to spread the word that the newsletter is now on the website.

Student Representative Atkinson reported that he asked students at the Butler Senior High School about any problems the Board of Commissioners can focus on to help make Butler Township a better place for teenagers. The most common response was that there is nothing for the teenagers to do. This led to a discussion on how to get teenagers involved in volunteerism. He will be working with the student council on ideas to get teenagers engaged in volunteering and requested help from the Board of Commissioners. Commis. Zarnick suggested inviting Fire Marshal Switala to speak to the students at the High School and area Vo-Tech about becoming a volunteer firefighter.

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

Zoning Officer Hines presented information on the Reamer Plan No. 4 Subdivision. The referenced Subdivision Plan is located off Fortieth Street on Sarra Lane in the R-1

34 (Single Family Residential) Zoned District. The plan is located in Butler Township and Connoquenessing Township. The plan proposes lot line revisions. The Planning Commission recommended approval of this plan contingent upon Connoquenessing Township's approval.

Dan Reamer, 120 Sarra Lane was in attendance to answer any questions on the plan.

Solicitor Lutz and Engineer Deiseroth had no objection to the plan.

Motion by Commis. Vero to grant final approval of the Reamer Plan No.4 Subdivision, contingent upon Connoquenessing Township's approval. Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented information on the T. Brown Subdivision. The referenced Subdivision Plan is located at the intersection of Metzger Avenue and Richard Street in the R-1 (Single Family Residential) Zoned District. The plan proposes a lot consolidation. The plan is in order to be approved.

Solicitor Lutz and Engineer Deiseroth had no objection to the plan.

Motion by Commis. Vero to grant final approval of the T. Brown Subdivision. 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 authorize Zoning Officer Hines to attend the PA Association of Zoning Officials Fall Educational Forum to be held November 1, 2018 in Monroeville at a cost of \$99.00. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Commis. Zarnick to set the date and time for the Public Budget Hearing for November 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building and authorized advertisement of the meeting. Seconded by Commis. Vero. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Commis. Lokhaiser presented information on the request by Preston McCardle to complete his Eagle Scout project at Preston Park. The project would replace approximately 50 walking trail signs at Preston Park. He was seeking authorization for the Township to assist the scout with the project by renting an auger and providing the manpower to work the auger to dig the necessary post holes and purchasing the nuts and bolts to attach the signs to the posts. The project needs to be completed by March 31, 2019.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to authorize the Township to give labor and equipment assistance with the Eagle Scout Project being performed at Preston Park. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. A discussion was held on the various Eagle Scout Projects that have been completed in the past. The vote was Vero: Yes; Lokhaiser: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence.

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

Mark Krenitsky, 139 Winterwood Drive, commented on the noise coming from the motorcycles that travel through the Township. Chief Hays commented that motorcycles are required to be inspected annually and if they pass inspection there is nothing that can be done about the noise.

Commis. Zurzolo asked if there has been any updates on the Preston Park Restroom Grant. Engineer Deiseroth stated that DCNR is supposed to be announcing the grant awards soon.

Questions were taken from the media.

Motion was made by Commis. Zarnick to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session on legal matters at 6:55 p.m. and may be reconvening. Seconded by Commis. Vero and carried unanimously. The Board did not reconvene.

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