

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
August 17, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on July 20, 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. Joe Wiest, Commis. James Lokhaiser and Commis. Fred Vero.

Also present was Manager Tom Knights, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Engineer Dan Deiseroth and Police Chief John Hays.

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 July 20, 2020 meeting. There were none, minutes stood as approved.

Commis. Vero had reported that Pres. Zarnick and he attended a meeting with chambers business members this past Friday July 24th

Commis. Lokhaiser reported that Preston Park will be closed until further notice. He also stated that because of the extreme dry conditions, residents are reminded not to burn yard waste and to seriously watch any recreational fire that they have.

Commis. Zurzolo stated that he wanted to offer condolences to the Vensel family for their loss.

Chie Hays reported that Officer Dobson started on his own today and that both of the new officers that were hired are doing a pretty good job.

Solicitor Black had no report

Engineer Deiseroth had no report

Zoning Officer Hines had no report

Manager Knights reported on the results of the commercial recycling grant from the DEP.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Andreassi Subdivision, which is 3 parcels between Evans City Rd and Oakdale Rd. The owner wants to consolidate the lots into one parcel. This has gone before the Planning Commission and got a positive recommendation and everything is in order.

Motion by Comm. Vero to grant final approval of the Andreassi Subdivision. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Schnur Subdivision

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Schnur Subdivision. This is another lot consolidation. Mr. Schnur wants to consolidate a single family dwelling on Woodridge Rd with the vacant parcel beside him. Planning Commission recommended approval and everything is in order.

Motion by Comm. Vero to grant final approval of the Schnur Subdivision. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Eat'n Park Resolution. He stated Eat'n Park submitted a written request to extend their project. They tabled the project for one year and want to start in spring 2021. Everything is in order.

Motion by Comm. Vero to pass resolution on Eat'n Park final approval until November 16, 2020. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Officer Hines reported that three members of the UCC Board are up for reappointment. Robert Pillar, Fred Maihle and Bruce Betty all have terms expiring at the end of August. All three have submitted correspondence agreeing to continue serving on the board for a new five year term.

Motion by Comm. Vero to reappoint Robert Pillar, Fred Maihle, and Bruce Betty to the Board of Appeals for a five year term. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented the Litman Road Zoning Change Public Hearing Date and Time. He stated that the zoning change itself would change the Litman Rd corridor from Greater Butler Mart up to the intersection with Old Plank Rd to a commercial zone.

Zoning Officer Hines also stated that if we wanted to move forward, we would need two motions. One to introduce the ordinance amending that change and the other would be to set a public hearing date.

Motion by Comm. move to introduce an ordinance amending Butler Township Codified Ordinance, Chapter 300 Zoning and all previous amendments there too by rezoning butler county parcel ID 051-38-7A0000 98 Old Plank Rd from residential zoning to zoning designated C1 general commercial and rezoning butler county parcel 051-38-18-000 94 Old Plank Rd from R2 multi-family residential zoning to a zoning designation

of R1 single family residential. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Motion by Commis. Vero to set the public hearing date for September 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM that will be held at the Butler Township Municipal Building for these changes. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Motion by Commis. Vero to advertise the setting of the public hearing and to submit and or authorize the advertisement and authorizing the submission of the proposed ordinance to the township Planning Commission and the county Planning Commission. Seconded by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented the Resolution for the CDC Property Closing Authorization, requesting authorization to allow him as manager to sign the closing documents necessary for land acquisition at Pullman Business Park.

Motion by Comm. Vero to grant approval for the Resolution for the CDC Property Closing Authorization. Seconded by Comm. Lokhaiser. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented the Resolution for EFT/ACH. He stated that this resolution will take the same signature requirements for standard check signing, but it will extend that with a financial memo to the authorized signers which will notify them before the transfer of funds takes place online.

Motion by Pres. Zarnick to pass the EFT/ACH Resolution. Seconded by Comm. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

Manager Knights presented bills for the month of July.

Motion by Pres. Zarnick to approve the bills as presented. Seconded by Comm. Vero. The vote was Lokhaiser: Yes; Vero: Yes; Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; Zarnick: Yes. Motion Carried

No Correspondance

Pres. Zarnick asked for public comment on any item of concern and there was no public comment.

Questions from the media were taken from Ryan Saeler, Butler Radio Group, and from Nate Bottinger, Butler Eagle.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session on a motion by Commis. Vero, Seconded by Commis. Lokhaiser.