

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING HELD
September 19, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Butler Township Board of Commissioners was held on September 19, 2022 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 and Commis. Jim Lokhaiser.

Also present were Manager Tom Knights, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Dir. of Finance Cheryl McNeill, Zoning Officer Jesse Hines, Chief of Police John Hays, Dir. of Public Works Dave Meeder, Dir. of Emergency Services Scott Frederick and Engineer Jonathan Garczewski.

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. Eddie Trazzini, Butler Eagle recorded the meeting.

Commissioners' Reports

Commis. Lokhaiser commented on Community Day being held September 24, Butler Area Sewer Authority informational open house being held September 29 at 10:00Am and 6:00PM, Trick or Treat being held at Preston Park on October 28 from 6:00-8:00PM.

Commis. Zurzolo commented on need for additional signage on Greenwood Drive and Benbrook Road. Also read a statement regarding Preston Park.

Pres. Zarnick made a statement regarding the BASA offer and encouraged attendance at the upcoming open houses, recognized Officer Dovidio for her award at the Butler Farm Show, recognized Butler County Community College's recent award and thanked Week of Caring participants who painted the dek hockey rink.

Commis. Wiest thanked everyone in attendance of the meeting.

Departmental Reports:

Dir. of Emergency Services Scott Frederick provided a summary of fire department activities for the month of August, outdoor burning cautions and an update on the Fire Safety poster contest.

Dir. of Public Works Dave Meeder provided an overview of August activities.

Pres. Zarnick asked for public comment on agenda items, there was none.

New Business:

Zoning Officer Hines and Manager Knights presented the Pullman Center Business Park Subdivision No. 7

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to grant final approval of the Pullman Center Business Park Subdivision No. 7

Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Interstate Pipe Resolution Extension

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to pass a resolution extending the Interstate Pipe final approval until December 19, 2022

Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Highfield Trails 100 Bond Reduction Request

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to reduce the Highfield Trails 100 bond by \$279,309.90 leaving \$1,590,496.95

Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Manager Knights presented the recommendation for Trick or Treat within Butler Township

Motion by Commis. Zurzolo to set Butler Township Trick or Treat for Monday October 31, 2022 from 6:00-7:00PM

Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Dir. of Finance Cheryl McNeill presented the bills report for August.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to approve the bills report as presented.

Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Wiest: Abstain; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

The meeting was suspended at 7:00PM for a public hearing

Solicitor Black called the public hearing to order to accept public comment on a change of zoning request for tax parcel 056-12-2 currently owned by the County of Butler.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the zoning change request where the County of Butler is selling a parcel to two different property owners whose properties have different zoning classifications.

Solicitor Black called for public comment on the topic – there was none.

Solicitor Black closed the public hearing at 7:13PM.

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to pass an Ordinance to change Chapter 300 (Zoning), and all previous amendments thereto, by:

1. Changing the zoning classification of Tract 'A' containing 0.598 acres and being part of tax parcel 056-12-2 from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Multifamily Residential), and
2. Changing the zoning classification of Tract 'B' containing 0.876 acres and being part of tax parcel 056-12-2 from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to A-1 (Agricultural).

Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Officer Hines presented the Aubrey/Miller Subdivision

Motion by Commis. Lokhaiser to grant final approval of the Aubrey/Miller Subdivision.

Second by Commis. Wiest. The vote was Lokhaiser: Wiest: Yes; Zurzolo: Yes; and Zarnick: Yes. Motion carried.

Pres. Zarnick asked for any correspondence. There was none.

Public Comment was given by:

Mike Mlanski, 115 Bramble Drive – commented on Preston Park

Vincent Wojtyna, 101 Nixon Avenue – questions about Preston Park parking lot

Questions from the media were taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM to an Executive Session for Legal and Contract Matters and the Board did not return.

