

The stated monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Lower Moreland Township was conducted on the above date in the Township Building. The meeting was also streamed via Zoom.

President Sirken called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Kuritz, Hausen, Canale, Odhner and Pace; Secretary/Manager Hoffman, Solicitor Eberle, Police Chief Scirrotto, Public Works Director Woerner, Code Enforcement Officer Schadegg, Fire Marshal Scholly, Tax Collector Saile, Assistant Manager Lee, Finance Assistant Simmons, and four citizens. Several citizens and Engineer Manai joined via Zoom. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Minutes All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of the Minutes of April 12, 2022. There were no additional questions or comments and on motion and second by Commissioners Sirken and Canale, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the minutes for the month of April 2022.

Bill List All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of the May Bill List in the amount of \$2,251,883.75. Commissioner Hausen commented about the amount of overtime being used and that Assistant Manager Lee provided her reports that she will review later. Manager Hoffman clarified that the departmental overtime expenses were within or below their year-to-date allocations. There were no additional questions or comments and on motion and second by Commissioners Sirken and Pace, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the Bill List for the month of April 2022.

Administration Report All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of a memorandum from the Township Manager dated 5-6-22 and a memorandum from the Assistant Manager dated 5-10-22.

Manager Hoffman reported that the Township received revised final plans for Philmont Country Club which sought to address comments from the consultant review letters issued earlier in 2022. He also received a revised sketch plan for 3262 Huntingdon Pike. The revisions included a reduction from five to four lots; however, this would still require a variance. Manager Hoffman requested the Township's consultants review these changes and provide comments to the applicant's attorney. Additionally, he had a planning meeting with the Sewer Department where they discussed capital project updates for pump stations and an exposed pipe at Forest Hills Cemetery. Lastly, he met with Planner Chlebnikow and Jim Caldwell from RETTEW who will be providing a written proposal for the Township facilities review.

Commissioner Sirken asked if staff will review the Philmont plans. Manager Hoffman responded that they submitted the final plans back in January and review letters have already been issued. Updated letters will be provided based on the plan revisions.

Commissioner Hausen asked what work is currently happening at Philmont Country Club. Manager Hoffman explained this is a new maintenance building which had been reviewed by the Board in 2018.

Assistant Manager Lee reported that the construction on lower Welsh Sidewalk started this past Monday and should be done by the end of the week. Also, the Township received a DEP 902 grant in the amount of \$310,748.00 and funding should be available as early as July 2022. She added that there are two informational workshops in the month of May; a Spotted Lantern Fly workshop and a Stormwater Workshop.

Commissioner Sirken commented that there should be a ribbon cutting for the new lower Welsh Road sidewalk.

Tax Collector's Report All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of the Tax Collector's Report for the month ending April 31, 2022. Tax Collector Jane Saile reviewed her report. There were no questions and Commissioner Sirken requested acceptance of the report as submitted.

Liaison Report Commissioner Sirken reported that he continues to attend school board meetings virtually.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

HVAA Lower Moreland Park Night Game Request All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of a memorandum from the Township Manager dated 5-6-22.

HVAA President Allie O'Brien asked the Board for authorization to plan night games played under temporary lights at Lower Moreland Park for a single date this summer. She stated that this event will serve as a fundraiser to improve the dugouts at each field in the park. Commissioner Kuritz inquired about the time of the games, when they would like to schedule it, how late the event would run, and if HVAA could provide advanced notice to neighbors. Ms. O'Brien also commented that HVAA spoke with some neighbors near the park who provided favorable feedback regarding the request.

Commissioner Kuritz explained that current regulations close the park at dusk so the Board would need to grant specific approval for the nighttime event. She then asked for feedback from the Board. Commissioner Sirken asked if there was a specific date in mind. Ms. O'Brien advised either June 3rd or 10th. Commissioner Hausen requested two weeks' notice be provided to neighbors. There were no further questions from the Board or public and on motion and second by Commissioners Kuritz and Canale, the Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized HVAA to utilize temporary lights to host nighttime games at Lower Moreland Park for a one-time event.

Extension of Review Period – Ridgewood/Philmont CC #17-04 All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of a letter from Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin dated 5-6-22.

Commissioner Kuritz advised the land development review period is set to expire on June 5, 2022. The Township is in receipt of a letter providing an extension through July 31, 2022. There is no action required and there were no questions from the Board or public.

Building Official's Report All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of the Building Official's Report for the month of April 2022. Commissioner Kuritz reported on the Code/Building department's activities, highlighting specific permit and inspection activity from the report. There were no additional comments from the Board or public and the report was accepted as submitted.

Liaison Report Commissioner Kuritz reported that the Planning Commission meeting in May will be cancelled. She added that the Public Works Department did a phenomenal job with the Earth Day event in April. Furthermore, she announced that there will be Spotted Lantern Fly and Stormwater workshops in May.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

No Parking Ordinance All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of a memorandum from the Township Manager dated 5-6-22 and the proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Odhner reported that last month, the Board of Commissioners authorized advertising an ordinance that will prohibit parking on the north side of Andrew Road between Pine Road and Blake Road at all times. The ordinance was advertised as prescribed by law and may now be considered for adoption by the Board.

Commissioner Hausen commented that she knows residents who live on that road who asked if the parking restriction can be only implemented on school days. Commissioner Canale commented that ordinance would only impact the frontage of two homes on Andrew Rd. Manager Hoffman stated the Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance does have a section for parking prohibited at certain times, so it could be reviewed to see if this specific regulation could be accomplished. Solicitor Eberle added that by law you cannot change the ordinance without notifying the public first.

Manager Hoffman asked Chief Scirrotto to follow up with the Traffic Safety Unit to see if they were comfortable with modifying their recommendation for parking being prohibited at all times. Commissioner Sirken suggested no action being taken and to resume the conversation the following month. Commissioner Odhner requested public comment and there was none.

Commissioner Canale made a motion to approve this ordinance; however, there was no second so the motion was withdrawn. Then on motion and second by Commissioners Canale

and Odhner, the Board of Commissioners unanimously decided to table this ordinance discussion.

Zoning Hearing Board Decisions Commissioner Odhner reported that there will be no applications or Zoning Hearing Board meeting for the month of May. He announced the decisions made at the April hearing.

Liaison Report Commissioner Odhner had nothing more to report.

PUBLIC PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Building Code Board of Appeals Appointment Commissioner Hausen reported that the appointment of Building Code Board of Appeals member Al Tantara is set to expire on July 16th. Staff will reach out to inquire if he is interested to continue in this position.

Liaison Report Commissioner Hausen had nothing more to report.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police and Fire Marshal Reports All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of the police report for the month of April 2022 and the Fire Marshal's report for the month of April 2022.

Chief Scirrotto detailed local crime activity encountered over the past month and provided updates on various cases being investigated. He reported that overall, in April there was not a high volume in crimes and there was a low number of arrests for drugs and DUI. LMPD participated in the return to the Suicide Prevention and Awareness Campus Walk for Lower Moreland High School. The officers wore pink badges for the week of Mother's Day in support of Breast Cancer awareness. Lastly, LMPD held its Mandatory Control Tactics Training which provided additional techniques for the officers. There were no questions from the Board or public.

Fire Marshal Scholly reported on recent fire activities within the community. He noted that there are no major actions regarding COVID-19 and the local Emergency Management EDITS seminar is almost sold out. He is also looking to finish several U&Os in May.

Liaison Report Commissioner Canale reported on the HVAA night game request previously discussed. The Huntingdon Valley Library had a great egg hunt event, which is sponsored by the Township and hosted tours for students from the Valley Christian School. He advised the audience of the Library's upcoming events and programs.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Public Works Department Report All Commissioners, the Solicitor and Engineer received a copy of the Public Works Department monthly report. Public Works Director Steve Woerner summarized his monthly report stating that he, Engineer Woodrow and Manager Hoffman walked through multiple sites in town to look at a few issues including Madison Ave to assess concerns with the creek flow and Inverness Lane regarding its closure. He noted his staff's review of public improvements at the Stone Mill development which will soon be offered for dedication. Street sweeping is progressing and every road has been swept at least once. He added that he stayed in touch with Aqua concerning their current project on Buck Road as well as their next scheduled projects for this year with an anticipated start in June. Director Woerner added that members of the Public Works Department were able to assess the fleet post-winter and make several repairs.

Commissioner Hausen commented that she likes the new French drain installed at the softball field in Lower Moreland Park. Commissioner Sirken asked if any of the proposed Aqua projects will impact recently paved roads.

Liaison Report Commissioner Pace reported that the HARB had no new applications to review.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Elaine McLaughlin of 1500 Grasshopper Road commented on the political signs and trash along Red Lion Road. She added that she thinks there should only be one day for trash pickup.

Anne Sweeney of 2373 High Road commented that she believes there has been increased traffic, including trucks, through her neighborhood.

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board adjournment was in order at 7:58 PM.