

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting of July 12, 2021

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met via Zoom at approximately 6:35 pm

Commissioners Present

Jack Larkin, President Moira Mulrone, Vice President Lisa Borowski

Richard Booker Jake Abel

Also Present: *William White, Township Manager, John Rice, Township Solicitor, Robert Tate, Director of Finance, Steve Norcini, PE, Township Engineer, Roger Phillips, Engineer, Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation and Community Programming, Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development, Christopher Flanagan, Chief of Police, Peggy Hagan, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.*

Not Present: - *Catherine Agnew, Sean Farhy*

President Larkin called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Recognition of Retirement from the Radnor Township Police Department for 42 years of service - Joseph Maguire

Joseph Maguire was recognized for his 42 years of service with the Radnor Police Department.

2. Public Participation

Sara Pilling - She spoke on spraying solicitation.

Ellie Davis, Reese Hillman – Radnor Township High School Seniors – They spoke on the mural in the Post Office.

Jim Higgins – He supports the removal of the hazardous trees at Fenimore Woods. Thanked John Hosbach for working with his group. Delighted to hear the plan will be sent back to Parks and Recreation Board and will have Community input.

Matt Marshall – He supports the removal of the hazardous trees at Fenimore Woods. He would like to see two or three large caliper trees planted for each one removed to offset loss of canopy at Fenimore Woods.

Paul Vernisi – He looks forward to participating in Citizens input for Fenimore Woods Project

Gretchen Groebel – Radnor Conservancy – She would like to see tree maintenance put into operations budget and wants to be involved with the planning and outcome of Fenimore Woods. She would also like the Township to consider a full-time person with land management or forestry experience.

3. Consent Agenda

a) Disbursement Review & Approval

b) Approval of minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of June 14, 2021

- c) Chief's Monthly Report – June 2021 and July 2021
- d) Final Staff Traffic Committee Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2021 and June 16, 2021
- e) ~~Resolution 2021-77 – Authorizing Playground Repairs at Cowan Park that includes Replacement of a Transfer Bridge and Decking in the Amount of \$10,096.~~
- f) Resolution 2021-78 – Authorizing the Renewal of the Township's Microsoft Office 365 Licensing, with a cost of \$19,722
- g) Authorizing the Community Development Department to Receive Proposals for 3rd party Uniform Construction Code (UCC), Rental Housing, and Fire Safety Inspection Services for the years 2022, 2023, and 2024.
- h) Authorizing the Engineering Department to Receive Sealed Bids for the N. Wayne Ave/Poplar Ave/Pennsylvania Ave/West Ave/Station Rd Intersection and Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project, Project Funded by 2019 Bonds.

Commissioner Larkin asked if any Commissioner(s) wanted to pull ant item(s) from the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Booker asked for item 3 e) to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

e) Resolution 2021-77 - Authorizing Playground Repairs at Cowan Park that includes Replacement of a Transfer Bridge and Decking in the Amount of \$10,096.

Commissioner Larkin moved to approve Resolution 2021-77, seconded by Commissioner Borowski.

Commissioner Larkin spoke on the need for the repairs at Cowan Park. Tammy Cohen spoke on the project, which includes ordering a stable bridge and decking for the playground system and noted the items are being purchased through Costars. There was discussion among Commissioners and Staff.

Commissioner Larkin called the vote, the motion passed 5-0 with Commissioners Agnew and Farhy absent.

Commissioner Larkin moved for the balance of the Consent Agenda, items 3 a) to d) and f) to h), seconded by Commissioner Mulrone. The motion passed 5-0 with Commissioners Agnew and Farhy absent.

4. Committee Reports

- A. Requesting Authorization to Receive Bids and/or Proposals to Remove 29 Hazardous Trees at Fenimore Woods.

Commissioner Larkin moved to authorize the receiving of bids and/or proposals to remove 29 hazardous trees at Fenimore Woods, seconded by Commissioner Borowski.

Commissioner Borowski spoke on investing funds and resources for tree management.

Commissioner Larkin spoke on his respect for John Hosbach and his expertise.

Commissioner Booker asked for the project to be placed on the August 16, 2021 Board of Commissioners Meeting Agenda and spoke on the Fenimore Woods project timeline and funding if the project is started over from the beginning.

Commissioner Abel asked about the lifespan of the trees on the hazardous tree list. Steve Norcini spoke on the life span of the hazardous trees to be removed, and 10 (101, 102, 103, 105, 106, 107, 110, 121, 122, 129 in the packet plan) trees need to be removed now and the 19 remaining can be monitored and removed as necessary. Commissioner Abel also asked about the replacement plan, Steve Norcini noted that the replacement plan would be included in the future Fenimore Woods project.

There was discussion among Commissioners, Staff, and Township Solicitor, on the removal of the trees and the Township's liability. John Rice, Township Solicitor, recommends the Board follow the Arborist's advice.

Marla Neeson, of 230 Windermere Avenue – She said the hazardous trees were part of the park master plan.

Sara Pilling – She is an advisor to the Green Team and said that Radnor is an old community and has a wonderful canopy, keep as much of the canopy as possible.

Jim Higgins – He spoke on the importance of keeping the tree canopy and asked that stump grinding be avoided for the hazardous trees to be removed.

Commissioner Larkin called the vote on the request as written, the motion passed 5-0 with Commissioners Farhy and Agnew absent.

Commissioner Larkin asked who was in favor of granting permission to the Township to immediately take down any trees, of the 29, where deemed immediately hazardous and in need of immediate felling. The vote was 5-0 in favor, with Commissioners Agnew and Farhy absent.

B. 235 Pembroke Avenue – Stormwater Management Groundwater Recharge Waiver Request

Nick Caniglia and Bob Wager presented the plan and the increase of the basin. There was discussion among Commissioners, Staff, and the Applicant Representatives.

Commissioner Larkin called the vote, the waiver request was granted 4-1 with Commissioner Booker against and Commissioners Agnew and Farhy absent.

C. 608 West Wayne Avenue - Stormwater Ordinance Waiver Request

The Applicant presented the changes to the request, including reducing impervious by 200 sq ft., raingarden sized to capture 2 inches of rainfall, underground manage release system, discharge facility under raingarden, and change to outflow to work with neighbor.

There was discussion among Commissioners, Staff, and Applicant.

Commissioner Larkin moved to table the item, seconded by Commissioner Booker. The motion passed 5-0 with Commissioners Agnew and Farhy absent.

D. 309 Conestoga Road Stormwater Waiver Request

Rob Lambert, Representative for the Applicant, and Linda Casey, Owner, spoke on the project and request for waiver. There was discussion among Commissioners, Applicant, and Staff.

Commissioner Booker moved to table the item, motion to table failed due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Larkin moved to approve with the application with the condition that the Applicant meet with her immediate adjacent neighbors on every side and take majority rules with the plan as designed or a rain garden of equivalent size on the site designed by an engineer. The motion failed for lack of a second.

There was discussion among Commissioners regarding condition for approval.

Commissioner Larkin moved to approve the application with additional amended soil, 250% of the original amended bed, 2500 square feet of amended soil, seconded by Moira. The motion passed 3-2 with Commissioners Booker and Abel opposed and Commissioners Agnew and Farhy absent.

E. Resolution 2021-79 - 200 South Ithan Avenue- Discussion - Preliminary Land Development Approval

Commissioner Larkin moved to approve Resolution 2021-79, seconded by Commissioner Borowski.

Nick Caniglia, Applicant Representative, presented the plan and spoke on the two waivers being requested, Section 255-20.B(1)(n) – regarding existing features within 500 ft of the site and Section 255-27-C(1) – to omit the installation of sidewalks along a minor collector street (South Ithan Avenue). The Applicant agrees to the conditions and request for waivers.

There was discussion among Commissioners, Staff and Applicant on the removal of barbed wire on the existing fencing.

Commissioner Larkin called the vote, the motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Abel against and Commissioners Agnew and Farhy absent.

F. Ordinance 2021-05 (Adoption) – New Handicap Parking Space in front of 166 Meredith Avenue

Commissioner Larkin moved to approve the adoption of Ordinance 2021-05, seconded by Commissioner Mulroney. The motion passed 5-0 with Commissioners Agnew and Farhy absent.

~~G. Eagle Road, Hamilton Estate Discussion – Preliminary Land Development Approval~~

~~**(Applicant requested item be removed from Agenda)**~~

5. Reports of Standing Committees

None

6. New Business

Commissioner Borowski would like the Board to prioritize working with Staff to budget and plan how parks and open space are managed, making a plan to lay in funding with each budget cycle to manage parks and open space.

Commissioner Larkin asked staff to look at what the costs and funding would look like.

Commissioner Booker would like the requests to be specified.

Bill White, Township Manager spoke on the Parks Department Staff and their growing responsibilities along with assisting the trash/recycling crews with absences and vacations. He is asking to start the conversation, with the Board, to set expectations and direct Staff.

Steve Norcini asked where the trees will be managed, parks, open space, wooded areas, right of way.

Commissioner Mulroney suggests starting with an inventory of canopy.

7. Old Business

Commissioner Abel asked about the trees outside Wawa on Morris Road, Steve Norcini said the trees will be replaced.

Commissioner Abel would also like to talk about leaf pickup at the August Board of Commissioners Meeting.

There was discussion among Commissioners and Staff on leaf collection.

Commissioner Booker spoke on the PennDot property at I476, the wildflowers are not growing, something needs to be done to fix it.

8. Public Participation

Sara Pilling - She suggests residents mince their leaves and leave them on the lawn as fertilizer

9. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

There being no further business, the regular meeting adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.

Respectfully submitted.

Peggy Hagan