

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of the South Park Township**

Board of Supervisors

February 10, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Walt Sackinsky presiding. Board members Edward Snee and Brian Lucot were present. Also in attendance were: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager; Dennis McDonough, Chief of Police; Irving Firman, Solicitor; Tom Bonidie, Code Enforcement Officer; and Aaron Laughlin, Director of Public Works.

Two or more members of the Board of Supervisors were together on the following occasions which are executive sessions, informational meetings, or Township-related events:

Monday, January 13, 2020 – After the regular meeting to discuss issues of litigation.

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 – Discussion of clerical collective bargaining demands and Township strategy.

Monday, February 10, 2020 – Prior to the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to discuss personnel issues.

PLEASE BE INFORMED THAT THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK RECORDS ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS AS PART OF THE MEETING MINUTES PROCESS.

ANYONE SPEAKING THIS EVENING IS REQUESTED NOT TO REPEAT THE SAME POINTS ADDRESSED AT A PRIOR MEETING. RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS REGULATED TO ADHERE TO EXISTING ORDINANCES.

Call on the People

Connie Scotti, 3094 Dara Drive – Ms. Scotti stated that she has been a resident of South Park Township since 1968. She questioned the \$15.00 charge on her sewage/refuse bill. She also inquired as to whether the Sewage Treatment Plant will be able to handle all the additional sewage from the new subdivision being built in the Township. Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that a massive renovation has been done at the Piney Fork Sewage Treatment Plant. It was an \$18 million renovation which took approximately 5 to 6 years to complete. They increased the capacity and eliminated chlorine as part of the treatment process, using Ultra Violet Light

(UV) instead. Therefore, there is more than enough capacity to handle the additional sewage. She continued to explain that any time a developer submits an application, a planning module must be approved by the Bethel Park Municipal Authority, guaranteeing sufficient capacity to treat the additional sewage flow. She added that there are three treatment facilities in South Park Township: Bethel Park Municipal Authority, Pleasant Hills Municipal Authority, and Clairton Municipal Authority. There are upgrades also being made to the Pleasant Hills and Clairton Municipal Treatment Facilities, as well. These upgrades are ongoing, and are mandated by the DEP. Ms. Scotti also expressed her concern for the additional traffic on Brownsville Road and the burden on the school district to enroll many additional students from the Summit Station Development. Ms. Fosbaugh commented that they have built two apartment buildings with 180 units, and typically there are not many children who reside in apartments. They are also in the process of constructing townhouses. She added that a traffic study was done at the time the development was submitted to the Township. At the intersection of Rt. 88 and Brownsville Road, a turning lane will be installed with a new traffic signal. Ms. Scotti thanked Mrs. Fosbaugh and the Board.

Howard Anderson, Mt. Lebanon, PA – Mr. Anderson stated that he is a teacher at South Park Middle School. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Snee, the Public Works Department and Chief McDonough for inviting the students to see how local government works. He added that they also learned about various careers; the students especially enjoyed the Public Works session. Mr. Snee commented that he felt it was a good idea to bring the Middle School students to the complex. They were able to communicate with the police officers and learn about the Library, Public Works; and Mrs. Fosbaugh took the time to explain to the students the government process. Mr. Snee added that he plans on inviting the students every semester, and thanked First Student for donating their buses to transport the students.

Action on Minutes Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors which was held on January 13, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Invoices Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve payment of invoices for the month of January, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Bids –
2020 Restoration of
Various Streets** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to accept the bids that were received on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, with regard to the project identified as the 2020 Restoration of Various Streets; and awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, being Youngblood Paving, in the amount of \$512,672.24, contingent upon the receipt of the appropriate bonding and insurance certificates, as recommended by the Project Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Bids –
2020 Township-Wide
Sanitary Sewer
Project**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to accept the bids received on February 5, 2020, with regard to the project identified as the 2020 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer Project; and awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder being Jet Jack, Inc., in the amount of \$249,375.00, contingent upon the receipt of the appropriate bonding and insurance certificates, as recommended by the Project Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 696

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve Ordinance No. 696: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ARTICLE XXII (“SIGNS”) OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK’S ZONING ORDINANCE (“ZONING ORDINANCE”) TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED,” ADD NEW DEFINITIONS FOR “DIGITAL DISPLAY” AND “ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD,” CHANGE BILLBOARD DESIGNATION FROM SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO CONDITIONAL USE, TO REDUCE THE PERMITTED GROSS SURFACE AREA FOR BILLBOARDS TO 300 SQUARE FEET AND TO REDUCE THE MAXIMUM BILLBOARD DIMENSIONS TO FIFTEEN FEET TALL AND TWENTY FEET WIDE, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 2202.12 (NONCONFORMING SIGNS), TO AMEND SECTION 2202.1 (“RESTRICTED SIGNS”) TO RESTRICT SIGNS ON VEHICLES, TO ADD A NEW SECTION 2206.9 (ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS) TO PROHIBIT ELECTRONIC BILLBOARDS AND TO REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTION 2202.7 (SIGN ILLUMINATION) TO REGULATE ALL ILLUMINATED SIGNS IN THE TOWNSHIP. All members voted aye. Motion carried

**Action on
Preliminary and
Final Approval –
Minor Consolidation
Plan – Nagy Lot
Consolidation Plan –
1116 Aurora Drive**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve granting preliminary and final approval to the subdivision identified as the Nagy Lot Consolidation Plan, as submitted by the Developer, Jay P. Nagy, for the property located at 1116 Aurora Drive, as recommended by the Township Engineer, Planning Consultant and Planning Commission. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Waiver
Request – Minor
Subdivision Plan –
Downing Street
Subdivision Plan –
3605 Downing Street**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve the request of Roy F. Ankrom, the Developer of the property located at 3605 Downing Street, to grant a waiver to Section 118.12.4.1 of the Code of the Township of South Park, being the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, that requires topography contours on the mylar plan. The reason for the waiver request is that Allegheny County Economic Development specifically cites that topography contours **are not** to be shown on mylar plans; and as recommended by the Township Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to
Preliminary and
Final Approval –
Downing Street**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve granting preliminary and final approval to the minor subdivision identified as the Downing Street Subdivision Plan, as submitted by the Developer, Roy F.

**Subdivision – 3605
Downing Street**

Ankrom, for the property located at 3605 Downing Street, contingent upon the following:

A. The execution and recording of the private Joint Right of Way and Maintenance Agreement, by and between Roy F. Ankrom and Kurt Acheson, which addresses the maintenance into perpetuity of two (2) existing private sanitary sewer laterals servicing 3605A and 3605B Downing Street, located in the rear of both premises, that merge into one (1) private lateral, by the current and future owners of the properties. The plat and maintenance agreement must be recorded no later than thirty (30) days after the appropriate Township officials execute said plat; and as recommended by the Township Engineer, Planning Consultant and Planning Commission members. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Schedule
Nuisance Hearing –
Coffey Properties
LLC (Paul Coffey) –
1134-1136 Cochrans
Mill Road**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, March 9, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of determining if the following property should be declared a public nuisance and subject to the appropriate abatement procedures and/or fines and penalties as outlined in the Code of the Township of South Park:

<u>Owner(s):</u>	<u>Location:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
Coffey Properties LLC Paul Coffey	1134-1136 Cochrans Mill Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15236 Lot/Block No. 563-N-170	6:30 p.m.

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Reschedule
Acton on Ordinance
– Pre-Treatment
Standards –
Industrial Users –
Pleasant Hills
Authority**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to reschedule action on an Ordinance authorizing revised pre-treatment standards for existing and future industrial users for the discharge of wastewater into the collection system operated by the Township of South Park with regard to the interceptor system and sewage treatment plant operated by the Pleasant Hills Authority, to March 9, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Reschedule
Public Hearing –
Distributed Antenna
System (DAS), Small
Wireless
Communications
Facilities and Micro-
Wireless
Communications
Facilities**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve rescheduling the Public Hearing with regard to an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 556, as amended, entitled, “South Park Township Zoning Ordinance,” with regard to the definition of “Distributed Antenna System (DAS)” and stealth technology, establishing conditions for “Small Wireless Communications Facilities” and Micro-Wireless Communications Facilities;” to March 9, 2020, at 6:45 p.m., with action on said Ordinance anticipated to take place at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors immediately following. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Ratify
Insurance Proposal –
Workers
Compensation
Insurance –
AmTrust North
America**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to ratify the insurance proposal submitted by the firm AmTrust North America through the HDH Group, Inc., to provide the Township of South Park with workers compensation insurance coverage for the calendar year 2020, at a total cost of \$99,599. All Members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Authorize
Purchase of Vehicles
– 2020 Ford Police
Utility Vehicles –
Woltz & Wind Ford
– SHACOG
Purchasing Alliance**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve the purchase of two (2) Police Utility Vehicles in the amount of \$65,430.00, and extended warranty packages for an additional \$3,790.00, for a total purchase price of \$69,220.00, from the dealership Woltz & Wind Ford, under the SHACOG Purchasing Alliance. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on
Assessment Change
Reimbursements –
Lawrence P. Arrigo,
Tax Collector**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve the Township real estate tax refunds for the calendar year 2019, as a result of successful appeals at the County level, as requested by Tax Collector Lawrence P. Arrigo, in correspondence dated January 14, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Training
Request – MS4
Series: MS4
Refresher – Public
Works Director
Aaron Laughlin,
Administrative
Assistant Chris
Satter, and Project
Manager Bruce
Beaver**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve the attendance of Public Works Director Aaron Laughlin, Administrative Assistant Chris Satter, and Project Manager Bruce Beaver to a training session sponsored by the SPC Water Resource Center entitled, “MS4 Series: MS4 Refresher,” which will be held at the North Fayette Municipal Building on March 19, 2020, at no cost to the Township. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Training
Request – Basic
Cyber Investigations
– Sgt. Shannon
Henrich and Officer
Joshua Indof**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve the attendance of Sgt. Shannon Henrich and Officer Joshua Indof to a training session sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania All Hazards Fusion Center entitled, “Basic Cyber Investigations: Dark Web & Open Source Intelligence,” which will be held at the Allegheny County Emergency Services Center on February 3-7, 2020, at a total cost to the Township of \$60.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Training
Request – Essentials
of Marksmanship –
Sgt. Shannon
Henrich and Officer
Brian Rucienski**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve the attendance of Sgt. Shannon Henrich and Officer Brian Rucienski to a training session sponsored by the Pennsylvania State Police entitled, “Essentials of Marksmanship,” which will be held at the Pennsylvania State Police Training Center in Greensburg, PA, on April 21, 2020, at a total cost to the Township of \$12.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Training Request – Crime Scene and Sex Assault Investigations – Officer Joshua Indof

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the attendance of Officer Joshua Indof to a training session sponsored by the Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office entitled, “Crime Scene and Sex Assault Investigator,” which will be held at the Allegheny County Police Academy on April 27-May 6, 2020, at a total cost to the Township of \$588.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Monthly MS4 Report

Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that the following is the MS4 Report for January, 2020, dated February 10, 2020. She explained that MS4 is an acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System:

1. The litter collection employee continued with his duties along the Township’s streets. The focus at this time is on keeping the inlets free of leaves.
2. The Manager, Public Works Director, and the Project Manager met with Gateway Engineers to discuss the reconfigured retention pond design in the Broughton area of the Township. Gateway Engineers received a response from Allegheny County the latter part of last week. The County is requesting clarification on tree disturbances and other engineering issues. Gateway Engineers is preparing a response to the various points.
3. South Park Township submitted an application to the Local Government Academy for the Municipal Intern Program. The program allows for college students to work with local municipalities on various projects. The Township’s project involves MS4 mapping and other MS4 issues. The Township received notification today that our application has been approved, and we will be attending a mandatory orientation session on February 26th.
4. The Township is continuing on with efforts to delineate the sub-drainage areas in the Lick Run and Piney Fork Watersheds which will be shared with the Municipal Intern. The Township Engineer is also researching the type of equipment that will be needed for mapping purposes.
5. The Public Works Director, Project Manager and Administrative Assistant will be attending a training session entitled, “MS4 Series: MS4 Refresher,” that will be held at North Fayette on March 19th.
6. The Public Works Department did not rebuild any storm sewer inlets in January due to weather conditions.

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve the January, 2020. MS4 Report. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Police Chief's Report The Police Chief's report for the month of January, 2020:

Calls for Service	668
Arrests	3
Traffic Citations	7
Parking Citations	1
Warnings Issued	11
Reportable Accidents	3
Non-Reportable Accidents	7
Fire Calls	11
Emergency Medical Assists to Tri-Community EMS	84
Deer Struck by Vehicles	1

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to accept the Police Chief's Reports for January, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisors' Comments

Mr. Lucot – Mr. Lucot thanked everyone for attending.

Mr. Snee – Mr. Snee expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Fosbaugh and Chris Satter for the Savvy Citizen Notification System. He explained that the system delivers community updates, municipal news, event reminders and public safety alerts. Mr. Snee informed the audience that the Township offices will be closed on Monday, February 17th for President's Day. He expressed his appreciation to Mr. Laughlin for the snow removal efforts last Friday. He also thanked Mr. Laughlin, Mr. Bonidie, Chief McDonough, and Mrs. Fosbaugh for allowing him to bring the Middle Students for educational sessions with the various departments.

Mr. Sackinsky – Mr. Sackinsky thanked everyone for attending.

Residents' Comment

Connie Scotti, 3094 Dara Drive – Ms. Scotti commented that she appreciated Mr. Laughlin's quick response after she called him concerning water backup in her neighbor's basement. The public work's employee inspected the manhole behind her back deck and confirmed that it was dry.

Belitta Hovanic, 3090 Dara Drive – Ms. Hovanic inquired about Savvy Citizen, and Mrs. Fosbaugh suggested she Google "Savvy Citizen." It will provide instructions on how to sign up. Mr. Snee added that signs will be placed throughout the Township. Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that there is an article in the latest edition of the *Park News*. Ms. Hovanic stated that her backyard is sinking and asked what she could do. Mr. Snee suggested notifying the homeowner's association. Ms. Fosbaugh inquired about mine subsidence insurance, and Ms. Hovanic stated that she does have the insurance. Ms. Hovanic mentioned she was told by a representative from

Harrisburg that there are mines below her back yard. Ms. Fosbaugh stated that she and Mr. Laughlin will inspect her property.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot to adjourn the meeting. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Time: 7:40 p.m.