

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

Board of Supervisors

June 8, 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, May 11, 2020 – After the regular meeting to discuss issues of litigation.

Thursday, May 28, 2020 – Discussion of proposed Rt. 88 intersection project.

Monday, June 8, 2020 – Prior to the regular meeting to discuss public safety 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.

THE AUDIENCE AGENDA WAS PLACED ONLINE FOR RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT OR ASK A QUESTION WHICH WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING THIS EVENING. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS WERE TO BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 4:00 P.M. TODAY.

Mrs. Fosbaugh stated for the record that no questions or comments were received.

Call on the People

Lynn Rayder, 1934 Strawbridge Drive – Ms. Rayder discussed an incident that occurred last night, where a “demolition derby” took place in her neighbor’s driveway. Various off-road and 4-wheel drive vehicles were driven over an unused vehicle, smashing the vehicle. She contacted the police who spoke briefly with her neighbor and then left without giving them a citation. She also commented that the same neighbor is running an illegal autobody shop out of his garage for the past three years. She has notified the police, code enforcement and the EPA, but no action has been taken. She stated that the EPA told her that the owners of the vehicles being worked on may be why no action is being taken. Chief McDonough responded that the property owner is being cited for disorderly conduct. The operator of the jeep is also being cited for disorderly conduct, as well as being issued a traffic citation for careless driving on a public highway. Chief McDonough added that legally the property owner is permitted to destroy his vehicle on his property; however, under the state statute, creating a hazard or physical condition which serves no legitimate purpose and creating unreasonable noise, is a violation. It is a summary citation which will go before the District Magistrate. If the property owner chooses to ignore the summons, it will then become a warrant. At that time, he will be arrested and transported to the Magistrate’s office. Chief McDonough encouraged anyone who witnessed the incident to attend the hearing which will be scheduled within the next two months. He requested that Ms. Rayder provide him with her contact information, so that she is assured of receiving a hearing notice. He added that under the Supreme Court decision, a person cannot be disorderly against a uniformed policeman; and if a citizen is offended by that conduct, it is a violation of the law and an arrest can be made. The 911 call is proof of a citizen being offended. Ms. Rayder commented that her neighbor had asked her to move her car from in front of her house so that he was able to get a “good run” on the unused vehicle. Ms. Rayder inquired about the illegal autobody shop. Mr. Sackinsky asked if she is willing to testify. She commented that Mr. Bonidie has followed up on her calls and has spoken to her neighbor. She has told Mr. Bonidie that she will testify, and he has provided her with James Bolinger’s number. She has also told Mr. Bolinger that she will testify but has heard nothing further.

Laura Riskus, 1936 Strawbridge Drive – Ms. Riskus expressed her fear of repercussion should she testify. She commented that he has a spray-painted sign depicting the movie, *The Purge*, in his front yard that has been there for years. She added that she is fearful of the people visiting his home. In the past, he has walked onto her property and confronted her husband with a weapon on his waist, asking if they had called the police. Mr. Snee asked if she reported the incident, and Ms. Riskus replied that she has not because she is fearful of him. Chief McDonough requested that she contact him at the police station in order for him to document the incidences. Even if he does not use everyone to testify, it would give him a track record of what neighbors are being impacted. He requested that if residents witness auto body work being

done that they call 911, regardless of the time. Mr. Bonidie stated that he has not seen any activity on the property for at least 60 days. Ms. Rayder remarked that they are working every day, inside the garage; however, yesterday a vehicle was taped up and parked on the driveway. Mr. Bonidie commented that there is never a license plate on the vehicles. Mr. Sackinsky requested that Mr. Bonidie and Chief McDonough work together to resolve the situation.

Action on Minutes Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors which was held on May 11, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Action on Minor Consolidation Subdivision – Nolla Lot Consolidation Plan – Preliminary and Final Approval – 937 Hurl Drive Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve granting preliminary and final approval to the minor subdivision identified as the Nolla Lot Consolidation Plan, as submitted by Anthony Nolla, for the property located at 937 Hurl Drive, as recommended by the Planning Commission, Township Engineer and Planning Consultant. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Non-Exclusive License Agreement – Michael Neckerman – 1208 Megown Drive Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the Non-Exclusive License Agreement by and between the Township of South Park (Grantor), and Michael Neckerman (Grantee), to permit the construction of a four and one-half foot (4-1/2”) fence over a sanitary sewer easement located on Lot No. 122 of the Peters Creek Village Plan No. 1, Lot & Block No. 1138-H-76, being 1208 Megown Drive, as recommended by the Director of Public Works; and further authorized the appropriate Township officials to execute said Agreement. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Non-Exclusive License Agreement – Brian and Lori Duggan – 1239 Belmont Drive Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the Non-Exclusive License Agreement by and between the Township of South Park (Grantor), and Brian and Lori Duggan (Grantees), to permit the construction of a six-foot (6’) fence over a sanitary sewer easement located on Lot No. 445 of the Piney Ridge Manor Plan No. 4, Lot & Block No. 884-F-2, being 1239 Belmont Drive, as recommended by the Director of Public Works; and further authorized the appropriate Township officials to execute said agreement. All members voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Sackinsky informed the grantees of both easement agreements that by signing the Agreement, they give the Township the right to access the easement for repair and/or maintenance purposes. The Township will not be responsible for any repairs, damages or replacement of said encroachment.

**Action to Declare
Public Nuisance –
1301 Wilson Road –
Clyde Leonard
Revocable Living
Trust**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to reject declaring the following property a public nuisance. Mr. Snee commented that Mr. Leonard has done an excellent job in cleaning up the property, and we are waiting for the closing on the estate. Mr. Lucot and Mr. Sackinsky concur with Mr. Snee's comment. This issue was continued from the regular meeting of January 13, 2020:

Owners(s):

Clyde Leonard Revocable Living Trust

Location:

1301 Wilson Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
Lot/Block No. 663-D-60

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Declare
Public Nuisance –
1134-1136 Cochrans
Mill Road – Coffey
Properties LLC –
Paul Coffey**

Mr. Bonidie stated that on 6/1/2020, Mr. Coffey submitted applications for a Land Development and a Conditional Use. He is on the next Planning Commission meeting agenda scheduled for 6/24/2020. Mr. Lucot commented that it is his understanding that Mr. Coffey is not operating a business out of the facility at this point, and they have made some effort over the last few months to clean up the property. He is also working with Mr. Bonidie and the Planning Commission to address all outstanding issues. Mr. Bonidie replied that that is correct.

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to table declaring the following property a public nuisance until July 13, 2020:

Owner(s):

Coffey Properties, LLC

Location:

1134-1136 Cochrans Mill Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
Lot/Block No. 563-N-170

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Declare
Public Nuisance –
Thomas Sepich –
PSP Enterprises
Group LP – 6510
Library Road and
6510 Rear Library
Road (Peach Alley)**

Mr. Lucot expressed his concern as to whether Mr. Sepich will complete the outstanding issues within a reasonable timeframe, since his property has been in non-compliance for many years. Mr. Sepich replied that he was hoping he would be given a chance.

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot to table declaring the following properties public nuisances until July 13, 2020. At that time, Mr. Sepich will update the Board on his progress. Mr. Sepich must attend the Board of Supervisors meeting each month with an updated report and will be given until the end of the year to bring his property into code compliance. If no improvements have been made at any given month, the Board of Supervisors will declare the property a public nuisance. Mr. Sepich must also submit a monthly progress report to Mr. Bonidie prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting:

Owner(s):
Thomas Sepich
PSP Enterprises Group LP

Location:
6510 Library Road
South Park, PA 15129
Lot/Block No. 1010-C-256

Thomas Sepich
PSP Enterprises Group LP

6510 Rear Library Road (Peach Alley)
South Park, PA 15129
Lot/Block No. 1010-C-256

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Planned Residential Development Agreement – Villas of South Park, LP – Vicinity of Snowden Road

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve the Planned Residential Development Agreement by and between Villas of South Park, LP, and the Township of South Park, which defines the terms and conditions for the completion of the public improvements associated with the development identified as the “Villas of South Park Planned Residential Development,” to be located in the vicinity of Snowden Road, as recommended by the Township Solicitor and Township Engineer; and further authorized the appropriate Township officials to execute said agreement. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Stormwater Facility Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement – South Park Villas, LP – Villas of South Park Planned Residential Development – Stormwater Basin #1 – Frickwood Drive

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve the Stormwater Facility Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement by and between South Park Villas, LP, and the Township of South Park, which defines the construction, inspection, repair, elimination, maintenance, operation and/or replacement of the stormwater facility, being Basin #1 (Frickwood Drive), within the development identified as the Villas of South Park Planned Residential Development, as recommended by the Township Solicitor. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Stormwater Facility Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement – South Park Villas, LP – Villas of South Park Planned Residential Development – Stormwater Basin #2 – Bideford Drive

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the Stormwater Facility Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement by and between South Park Villas, LP, and the Township of South Park, which defines the construction, inspection, repair, elimination, maintenance, operation and/or replacement of the stormwater facility, being Basin #2 (Bideford Drive), within the development identified as the Villas of South Park Planned Residential Development, as recommended by the Township Solicitor. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Stormwater Facility Maintenance and

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the Stormwater Facility Maintenance and Monitoring Agreement by and between South Park Villas, LP, and the Township of South Park, which defines the

Monitoring Agreement – South Park Villas, LP – Villas of South Park Planned Residential Development – Stormwater Basin #3 – Hawthorn Drive

construction, inspection, repair, elimination, maintenance, operation and/or replacement of the stormwater facility, being Basin #3 (Hawthorn Drive), within the development identified as the Villas of South Park Planned Residential Development, as recommended by the Township Solicitor. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Ratify Preparation of Plans and Specifications – Gateway Engineers – Ridgeway Drive Slide Repair

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to ratify the preparation and distribution of plans and specifications by Gateway Engineers for the emergency repair project identified as the Ridgeway Drive Landslide, as the condition negatively impacts the health, safety and welfare of the residents of South Park Township. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Resolution No. 9-20

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve Resolution No. 9-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, EXTENDING THE DISASTER DECLARATION IN SOUTH PARK TOWNSHIP, WHICH IS DIRECTLY CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, FROM JUNE 8, 2020, TO JULY 14, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action to Schedule Public Hearing – Conditional Use Request – 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 July 13, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of considering the Conditional Use Request submitted by Coffey Properties, LLC, with regard to the property located at 1134-1136 Cochrans Mill Road, being Lot and Block No. 563-N-170, for the purpose of establishing a Contractor's Yard. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Training Request – 2020 Leading Thru Challenges by PALS (Program Automated Library System) – Library Director Amanda DeKnight

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the attendance of Library Director Amanda DeKnight to a six-week, online training session sponsored by the Pennsylvania Library Association entitled, "2020 Leading Thru Challenges by PALS," at a total cost to the Township of \$75.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Training Request – 2020 PA State Police Collision Reconstruction

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the attendance of Officer Richard Griffith to a training session entitled, "2020 PA Stated Police Collision Reconstruction Seminar," which will be held in Gettysburg, PA, on November 2-5, 2020, at a total cost to the Township of \$104.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Seminar – Officer
Richard Griffith**

**Action on Bids –
Ridgeway Drive
Landslide Project –
JG Contracting**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to accept the bids received on June 5, 2020, with regard to the Ridgeway Drive Landslide Project and awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, being JG Contracting, in the amount of \$118,426.00, contingent upon the receipt of the appropriate bonding and insurance certificates, as recommended by the Project Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Monthly MS4
Report – May 2020**

Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that the following is the MS4 Report for May, 2020, dated June 8, 2020. She explained that MS4 is an acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. It is a mandate from DEP with regard to certain things that are required to be done on a yearly basis to maintain the clarity of the freshwater system:

1. The litter collection employee continued with his duties along the Township's streets. The focus at this time is keeping the inlets free of leaves and debris, particularly after heavy rains.
2. Gateway Engineers continues to work on the response to Allegheny County with regard to the reconfigured retention pond designs in the Broughton area of the Township. Once the designs are finalized, a second informational meeting will be held for the public.
3. The Administrative Assistant began the 2020 annual inlet inspection process. To date, he has inspected 548 inlets. This function is an MS4 mandate.
4. The Public Works Department rebuilt nine (9) storm sewer inlets in May.
5. Pennsylvania American Water Company replaced water lines and laterals along Ridge Road, from McCorkle to Bonnie Dell Drive. Ridge Road is being paved this week by PAWC's contractor, Folino Construction. Curbing was installed in problematic areas to assist with the management of stormwater runoff, the roadway was widened at certain locations, and base repairs were made near the guiderail washout. The value of the pavement is \$300,000, which was fully funded by PAWC at no cost to South Park Township.
6. The SHACOG flusher truck and camera were in the Township on May 11 – May 15, 2020, to flush and camera problematic lines. The equipment will be returning the 3rd week of July.
7. This time of year, Public Works maintains the retention ponds in various locations owned by the Township because of the rapid growth of vegetation.

8. The Public Works Department cleaned out the stream bed on Forest Avenue to prevent debris from blocking the culvert opening and overflowing the creek.
9. The Public Works Department replaced the cross pipe on Zupancic Drive, paralleling Cochrans Mill Road. The aging, corrugated metal pipe was replaced with plastic pipe to more efficiently and effectively handle stormwater.
10. Township officials took action on the bids received for the Ridgeway Drive Slide project. The slide repair will correct water erosion problems in the area of Ridgeway Drive.
11. Township officials are experiencing back-ups in the Township's sewers as a result of wipes, masks, gloves and other materials being flushed into the sanitary sewer system. Back-ups may cause manholes to overflow, introducing sewage and other contaminants into the fresh water system and possibly to residential households, as well.

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

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

Calls for Service	739
Arrests	5
Warnings Issued	8
Reportable Accidents	2
Fire Calls	9
Emergency Medical Assists to Tri-Community EMS	56
Deer Struck by Vehicles	1

Mr. Snee informed Chief McDonough that he has received calls from residents on Pleasant Street of vehicles speeding and running stop signs, due to the bridge closure on Library Road. He requested that an extra patrol be made of that area.

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

Supervisors' Comments

Mr. Lucot – Mr. Lucot thanked everyone for attending. He congratulated the South Park High School Senior Graduating Class and thanked the school district, police and fire departments for helping with the parade on Friday. He congratulated Code Enforcement Officer, Tom Bonidie, for passing his International Code Council test, making him a Certified

Residential Building Inspector. He expressed his appreciation to his fellow supervisors, Mrs. Fosbaugh, Mr. Laughlin, the police and public works for the collaborative efforts in working with the South Park Baseball, Softball and Soccer Associations and giving them access to the fields in order to prepare for their seasons. Mr. Lucot also thanked Chief McDonough and the Police Department for their collaborative work with neighboring communities during the recent protests.

Mr. Snee – Mr. Snee thanked the police, fire departments, and the school district for escorting the seniors during the parade. He mentioned that it may be an annual event. He also congratulated Mr. Bonidie on obtaining his Residential Building Certificate. Mr. Snee restated to Ms. Rayder that it is important that she notify Chief McDonough relative to the upcoming hearing and provided Ms. Rayder the contact number.

Mr. Sackinsky – Mr. Sackinsky suggested that Ms. Rayder keep a journal of each incident that occurs on her neighbor's property and expressed his appreciation to Ms. Rayder for coming forward with the information.

Adjournment

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

Time: 7:56 p.m.