

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

Board of Supervisors

July 13, 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 were executive sessions, informational meetings, or Township-related events:

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

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 – Police Pension Meeting.

Thursday, June 18, 2020 – Meeting to discuss Bethel Park Municipal Authority issue; Meeting with Associations to discuss improvements, maintenance, and field issues.

Monday June 29, 2020 – Meeting to discuss personnel issues; Meeting at the Municipality of Bethel Park to discuss a new bond issue to fund additional improvements to the Piney Fork Sewage Treatment Plant.

Thursday July 9, 2020 – Meeting with representatives of South Park Township, Petersan, Jefferson Hills, and the City of Clairton to discuss the settlement of the CMA litigation issue.

Monday, July 13, 2020 – Prior to the regular meeting 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.

THE AUDIENCE AGENDA WAS PLACED ONLINE FOR RESIDENTS WHO MAY WISH TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT OR ASK A QUESTION WHICH WILL BE ENTERED INTO THE RECORD AT THE 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 submitted.

Call on the People

Thomas Sepich, 6570 Library Road – Mr. Sepich informed the Board of the progress he has made on his properties, located at 6510 Library Road. He stated that he applied for an electrical permit that Mr. Bonidie requested. He installed fascia on the front of the lower house. A new gutter was installed on the front of the lower house. The downspout will be installed next. An unused gas line, next to the stairs, going to the rear property was removed. Various areas have been boarded up to prevent rodents from entering the house. He has received bids from four contractors relative to repointing the chimneys. The contractor that he hired to perform the work on 7/9/2020 told him it was beyond their scope and suggested a tear down and rebuild. They will be submitting a bid to him. He contacted another contractor, who informed him that he can complete the work in the next few weeks, pending the tear-down bid. He will provide, if needed, the list of contractors' names and contact information. Two glass block windows were installed; one on the lower property and one on the upper property. The brick wall separating the adjacent neighbors' stairs was removed. Mr. Lucot and Mr. Snee commented that the property is on the agenda this evening, and the Board may have questions for Mr. Sepich at that time.

Action on Minutes

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 8, 2020, to determine if the properties located 6510 and 6510 Rear Library Road (Peach Alley) should be declared public nuisances. Mr. Snee inquired as to when Mr. Bonidie received the progress report for the property. Mr. Bonidie replied that he received it at 4:35 p.m. today. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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 June 8, 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 June, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

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

Owner(s):
Coffey Properties LLC
Paul Coffey

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

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Reschedule
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 rescheduling a Public Hearing from July 13, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., to September 14, 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 Non-
Exclusive License
Agreement – Mark
and Katie Van Dyke
– 1807 Renee 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 Mark and Katie Van Dyke (Grantees), to permit the construction of a six-foot (6') fence over public utilities easement located on Lot No. 208 of the Piney Forks Village Plan No. 2, Lot & Block No. 1008-C-186, being 1807 Renee Drive, as recommended by the Director of Public Works, and further authorizing the appropriate Township officials to execute said Agreement. The Grantee(s) are to understand and acknowledge that by executing the Agreement, they agree that South Park Township has the right to access the easement for repair and/or maintenance purposes. The Grantee(s) further understand and acknowledge that access to the easement by South Park Township may necessitate the removal of the encroachment by the Grantee(s) at their cost, and that South Park Township will not be responsible for any and all repairs, damages or replacement of said encroachment. 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. Bonidie - Mr. Bonidie stated that Mr. Sepich submitted his progress report at 4:30 this afternoon, along with an electrical permit application and fee. Mrs. Fosbaugh asked if Mr. Bonidie had an opportunity to verify the items completed on the progress report, and Mr. Bonidie replied that he did not.

Mr. Snee - Mr. Snee stated that he was pleased with the possible improvements listed on Mr. Sepich's progress; however, Mr. Bonidie will need to verify that the items have been completed. Since the report was only submitted at 4:30 today, Mr. Bonidie was unable to inspect the property. Mr. Sepich replied that he can provide pictures on his cell phone. Mr. Snee commented that the progress report needs to be

submitted in a timely fashion to allow Mr. Bonidie the time to make his inspection.

Mr. Lucot - Mr. Lucot inquired as to the next item on his list that Mr. Sepich plans to rectify. Mr. Sepich replied that he wants to continue working on the gutters, in order to direct the water away from the foundation. He will also be repairing a small leak in the roof on the back porch. Mr. Lucot asked if the stairs have been improved, and Mr. Sepich replied that he has not worked on the stairs. Mr. Lucot inquired about a timeline for the stairs, as it is a hazardous condition. Mr. Sepich replied that he can make that improvement a priority.

Mr. Sackinsky - Mr. Sackinsky reiterated that the progress report was not submitted on a timely basis. He added that Mr. Sepich was given 30 days to submit the report. Mr. Sepich commented that he works two jobs and cares for his mother, and he is doing the best that he can to improve the properties. Mr. Sackinsky replied that the Township has correspondence dating back two years that contained a list of required improvements that were never completed. He added that he sympathizes with Mr. Sepich's commitment to his mother's care; however, that is not the responsibility of the Township. The Township's concern is for the safety and welfare of its residents.

Mrs. Fosbaugh – Mrs. Fosbaugh asked what Mr. Sepich's intention was when he purchased the properties seven years ago. Mr. Sepich replied that he intended to slowly improve the properties for the purpose of turning them into rental units. Mrs. Fosbaugh commented that she does not understand why Mr. Sepich would purchase property for rental income and let it further deteriorate over a seven-year period, while having to pay real estate taxes on the parcels. Mr. Sepich responded that he is currently using the property for personal storage, which is less expensive than renting a storage unit. He added that his goal is to keep moving forward and prove to the Board that he means what he says.

Roll Call: Mr. Sackinsky – approve; Mr. Snee – approve; Mr. Lucot – reject. Motion carried (2-1), to approve declaring the following properties public nuisances and proceeding with the abatement of said nuisances and/or the appropriate fines and penalties as outlined in the Code of the Township of South Park, as the property is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of South Park:

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

Mr. Bonidie explained that the Board of Supervisors will need to provide a timeframe as to when the properties will need to be in compliance. Mr. Sepich commented that he was presented a letter that listed what needed to be done, and he felt that he has complied to that request. Mr. Sackinsky replied that he did not submit his progress report in a timely manner for an inspection to be made, in order to verify his report. Mr. Snee requested that Mr. Sepich make an appointment with Mr. Bonidie to inspect and verify the improvements on the progress report. Mr. Sepich replied that he was not aware that he needed to submit the report three days prior to the meeting but will do so in the future. Mr. Bonidie continued explaining that if Mr. Sepich does not meet the Board's timeframe relative to the improvements, he will be cited and scheduled to a hearing before the district magistrate. At that time, he will be subject to fines. Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that Mr. Sepich must continue making improvements. Mr. Sackinsky commented that a master list will need to be provided to Mr. Sepich of all improvements that are required to be completed. Mr. Sepich agreed that it would be helpful to have a list of all items that he needs to address. Mr. Sackinsky requested that Mr. Bonidie provide the Board with a master list of all improvements that need completed and all items that Mr. Sepich has addressed. Mr. Sackinsky added that after Mr. Bonidie updates the Board, he will make Mr. Sepich aware of the Board's findings on the matter. Mr. Sepich asked if he is to continue to attend the monthly Board meetings, and Mr. Sackinsky replied the he should attend for his own interest.

Resolution No. 10-20 Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to ratify Resolution No. 10-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH PARK YOUTH FOOTBALL AS A CIVIC AND/OR SERVICE ASSOCIATION UNDER THE LOCAL OPTION SMALL GAMES OF CHANCE ACT, AS AMENDED. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 11-20 Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot to approve Resolution No. 11-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE PURSUIT OF A GREENWAYS, TRAILS AND RECREATION PROGRAM (GTRP) GRANT THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING RESTROOMS AT EVANS PARK COMPLEX. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Payment Request No. 2 – 2020 Township Wide Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project – JetJack Inc.

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve Payment Request No. 2 in the amount of \$31,176.39, as submitted by JetJack Inc., for the work completed to date on the project identified as the 2020 Township Wide Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project, as recommended by the Project Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Payment Request No. 1 – 2020 Restoration of Various Streets – Youngblood Paving, Inc.

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded Mr. Lucot, to approve Payment Request No. 1 in the amount of \$487,369.16, as submitted by Youngblood Paving Inc., for the work completed to date on the project identified as the 2020 Restoration of Various Streets, as recommended by the Project Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 12-20

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve Resolution No. 12-20: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING THE PURSUIT OF A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION GRANT THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 13-20

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve Resolution No. 13-20: 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 JULY 14, 2020 TO AUGUST 10, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Non-Exclusive License Agreement – Carrie A. & Justin S. Finberg – 969 Holly Lynne 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 Carrie A. & Justin S. Finberg (Grantees), to permit the construction of a six-foot (6') fence over a public utilities easement located on Lot No. 80 of the South Park Estates Plan No. 6, Lot & Block No. 473-A-75, being 969 Holly Lynne Drive, as recommended by the Director of Public Works, and further authorized the appropriate Township officials to execute said Agreement. The Grantee(s) are to understand and acknowledge that by executing the Agreement, they agree that South Park Township has the right to access the easement for repair and/or maintenance purposes. The Grantee(s) further understand and acknowledge that access to the easement by South Park Township may necessitate the removal of the encroachment by the Grantee(s) at their cost, and that South Park Township will not be responsible for any and all repairs, damages or replacement of said encroachment. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on
Appointment –
Pleasant Hills
Authority – Bruce
Beaver**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the appointment of Bruce Beaver, Princess Lane, to serve as South Park Township’s representative on the Pleasant Hills Authority, with the initial term of appointment to expire December 31, 2024. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by 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 June 29, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Monthly MS4
Report – June 2020**

Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that the following is the MS4 Report for June, 2020, dated July 13, 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 keeping the inlets free of leaves and debris, particularly after heavy rains. The Public Works Department also removed branches and debris where necessary, including catch basins, as a result of the heavy winds and rain on Friday evening.
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. COVID-19 has impacted progress on the project since many of the County’s employees are working from home and not readily available.
3. The Administrative Assistant began the 2020 annual inlet inspection process. To date, he has inspected 831 inlets. This function is an MS4 mandate.
4. The Public Works Department rebuilt eight (8) storm sewer inlets in June.
5. Vegetation restoration that occurred after the 2020 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer is intact. Consequently, erosion will be curtailed.
6. The SHACOG flusher truck and camera will be in the Township the week of July 20, 2020, to flush and camera problematic lines. The equipment will be returning in September.
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. Several unpaved areas at Evans Park comprised of steep slopes were paved under the 2020 Road Restoration Project. The paving will prevent erosion of the hillsides. The walkway leading from the entrance to the upper fields, that was previously an ongoing erosion problem, was also paved.

9. The intern associated with Local Government Academy's Municipal Intern Program began his work with South Park Township. His primary focus will be MS4 data collection and entry. The iPad to assist with the work has been received and programmed accordingly. The Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) software package has been installed, as well.

10. Work commenced on the Ridgeway Drive slide repair. 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 June, 2020. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Calls for Service	763
Arrests	11
Traffic Citations	19
Parking Citations	8
Warnings Issued	31
Reportable Accidents	6
Non-reportable Accidents	4
Fire Calls	9
Emergency Medical Assists to Tri-Community EMS	71
Deer Struck by Vehicles	2

Mr. Snee expressed his appreciation to Chief McDonough for adding the extra patrol details on Pleasant Street, when the traffic on Route 88 was being detoured for the installation of a bridge at Clifton Road. He also thanked Chief McDonough for having officers patrol the harassment incident on Zupancic Drive.

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

**Supervisors’
Comments**

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

Mr. Snee – Mr. Snee mentioned that South Park Township Library received the Gold Star Award for on-line programming and was the only Library in Allegheny County to receive the award during the pandemic. He also commented on the excellent job done by Youngblood Paving on the sidewalks and the lining of the parking lots.

Mr. Sackinsky – Mr. Sackinsky added that Beau Glemba (Public Works) lined the parking lot at Evans Park, A Field, which increased the parking by 50%. There is also now a handicap area for accessing the concession stand and the asphalt path.

Adjournment

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

Time: 7:46 p.m.