

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

of the South Park Township

Board of Supervisors

August 9, 2021

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; Tom Bonidie, Code Enforcement Officer; Aaron Laughlin, Director of Public Works; Irv Firman, Solicitor and Joseph Sites, Gateway Engineers.

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, July 9, 2021 – After the regular meeting to discuss employee issues.

Thursday, July 15, 2021 – Possibly during the SHACOG Golf Outing.

Monday, August 9, 2021 – Prior to the regular meeting to discuss potential issues of litigation.

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 emails or comments were received.

Call on the People

Cynthia Atchinson, 3121 Southern Drive – Ms. Atchison expressed her concern for the property located at 3127 Southern Drive, which she feels has been a nuisance for the past 15 years. Ms. Atchison mentioned the property at 3120 Southern Drive. She explained that the resident has been deceased for three years, and the property is becoming a nuisance. On August 6th, a bank purchased the property for \$62,000 through an auction process. Mr. Sackinsky requested that Mr. Bonidie inspect the property. Ms. Atchison commented that the house at 3122 Southern Drive has been vacant for a long period of time. She questioned why the Township allows homes to sit vacate for years. Mr. Bonidie stated that his office had sent a Notice of Enforcement to the owner, and the owner has since cleaned up the property. Ms. Atchison also mentioned three houses on Sebolt Road which have been vacant for at least 25 years and a house previously discussed at a prior meeting. She inquired about when the new traffic light at the intersection of Summit Station and Brownsville Road will become active. Ms. Atchison also expressed her frustration regarding the traffic light at the intersection of Route 88 and Brownsville Road. Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that when the Port Authority T and parking area were constructed, part of the project design was the installation of the traffic light. The Township engineer performed a traffic study, and he determined that it was not safe to make a right turn on red. Mrs. Fosbaugh added that when the upcoming improvements are made to the intersection, the project will reconfigure the intersection so that vehicular traffic will be able to make the right turn on red. The Township was successful in getting a \$200,000 grant for the traffic light, and the developer has also provided funds for the project. Mrs. Fosbaugh continued to explain that the Township has recently applied for additional grant funding for the project; but until we receive award notification, construction on the project cannot commence. She added that the Township has also applied for another grant through Allegheny County for the demolition of a house located near the intersection. Also included in the grant application is the house Ms. Atchison mentioned on Sebolt Road. Ms. Atchison again inquired about the traffic light at the intersection to Summit Station, and Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that once the light is operational, the traffic light at Route 88 will calibrate with the Summit Station traffic light. Mr. Snee stated that the traffic lights at Summit Station will be operational prior to the construction of the commercial phase, and Mrs. Fosbaugh added that it should be operational by the end of October. Ms. Atchison commented that Lindenbrook Apartments only mows their grass three times a year on the South Park Township side, but maintains the Bethel Park side more frequently. Mr. Bonidie stated that he has sent a Notice of Enforcement to the owners for high grass/weeds along the hillside.

Action on Minutes

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on July 12, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

- Action on Invoices** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the payment of invoices for the month July, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Minor Subdivision – Summit Station Phase 1 – Subdivision of Parcel No. 26 – Preliminary and Final Approval** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve granting preliminary and final approval to the minor subdivision identified as Summit Station Phase 1 – Subdivision of Parcel No. 26, as submitted by NVR, Inc., to be located at 210-218 Crescent Place, as recommended by the Planning Commission, Township Engineer, and Planning Consultant. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Minor Subdivision – Windover Hills Addition No. 3 Revised – Vacated Portion of Ventura Drive – 6738 and 6800 Ridgevue Drive** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve granting preliminary and final approval to the project identified as Windover Hills Addition No. 3 Revised Plan, being a resubdivision of Lots 127 and 128, and the recently vacated portion of Ventura Drive, located at 6738 and 6800 Ridgevue Drive, as submitted by the Developers Brianna J. and Joseph R. Schmitt, and Wayne Starkey; contingent upon the engineer who prepared the plan signing same, and replacing the name of Wayne Starkey with Roger M. Itzel and La’Angel S. Itzel, the new owners of 6738 Ridgevue Drive, as recommended by the Township Engineer, Planning Consultant, and Planning Commission members. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Payment Request No. 2 – 2021 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer Program – Jet Jack Inc.** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve Payment Request No. 2 in the amount of \$35,527.82, as submitted by Jet Jack Inc., for the work completed to date on the project identified as the 2021 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer Program, as recommended by the Project Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action to Advertise Ordinance No. 704** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve advertising Ordinance No. 704 as it pertains to the regulation of food trucks within the borders of South Park Township. The public hearing scheduled for September 13, 2021, at 6:45 p.m. to receive public comment as required under the Municipalities Planning Code will not be held as the Ordinance will no longer be addressed under Ordinance No. 566, “Zoning.” However, residents can address any concerns or ask any questions at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Resolution No. 9-21** Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve Resolution No. 9-21: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TOWNSHIP VEHICLES LISTED ON ATTACHMENT A TO THE BEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve a Township real estate tax refund for the calendar year 2019, as a result of a successful appeal at the County level, requested by Tax Collector Lawrence P. Arrigo, in correspondence dated July 26, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on MS4
Report - July, 2021**

Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that the following is the MS4 Report for July, dated August 9, 2021. She explained that MS4 is an acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System.

1. The part-time litter collection employee continued with his duties on Township streets to prevent trash from impacting the function of the stormwater inlets.
2. The Public Works Department rebuilt four inlets in July.
3. Jet Jack, Inc., the contractor for the 2021 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer Program, continues on with the contract work which should be completed shortly. Several other areas of concern came to light during the program and are under investigation for repair either this year or in 2022, depending upon the severity of the problem.
4. The Administrative Assistant and the part-time intern have been inspecting the detention ponds owned by South Park Township. They have also been photographing the private retention ponds as part of the Township's efforts to create a master data base. The annual MS4 report, which is due in September, is in the process of being completed.
5. Smoke testing was performed, primarily in the section of interceptor line located within the County Park, to determine if there were cross connections that would allow storm water infiltration into the sanitary sewer system. This action was part of the joint project with Bethel Park.
6. The project engineer from Gateway Engineers, accompanied by various Township personnel, viewed the stake-out of the detention pond being proposed in the vicinity of the rear of Wilhelm Avenue. The next step in the process is a review of the area by Park officials who are concerned about tree removal associated with the project. The plan has been revised three times to address the concern raised by Allegheny County.
7. The 2021 Road Repaving Project is underway. A number of the asphalt seams in the vicinity of the stormwater inlets located on the targeted streets are deteriorated and allow for the infiltration of gravel and asphalt into the freshwater system. Paving the roads will eliminate the problem in these areas. Triphammer Road, which is also on the paving list, will be contoured to allow for stormwater to properly drain along the roadway.

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the MS4 Report for the month of July, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on
Reimbursement of
Conference Expenses
– Chief Dennis
McDonough**

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to approve the reimbursement in the amount of \$1,174.32 to Chief Dennis M. McDonough for expenses incurred during his attendance to the Chiefs' of Police Conference held in the Pocono Mountains, PA, on July 17-July 20, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Police Chief's Report

The Police Chief's report for the month of July, 2021:

Calls for Service	724
Arrests	7
Traffic Citations	24
Warnings Issued	57
Reportable Accidents	1
Non-Reportable Accidents	3
Fire Calls	17
Emergency Medical Assists to Tri-Community EMS	69
Deer Struck By Vehicle	1

Motion by Mr. Snee, seconded by Mr. Lucot, to accept the Police Chief's report for the month of July, 2021. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Supervisors'
Comments**

Mr. Lucot – Mr. Lucot thanked everyone for attending. He remarked that everyone should keep up the good work, and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Mr. Snee – Mr. Snee expressed his appreciation to the Recreation Board and the counselors for the successful Summer Recreation program. There were over 125 children registered, and they all had a great time.

Mr. Sackinsky – Mr. Sackinsky thanked everyone who attended the meeting. He encouraged anyone with any concerns to speak at the Board meetings.

Ms. Atchison asked if the traffic light at the intersection of Route 88 and Brownsville Road could be reconfigured to allow for better traffic flow. Mr. Sackinsky commented that he believes the traffic lights are controlled by PennDOT. Hopefully, when the Township makes improvements to the intersection, it will no longer be an issue. Mrs. Fosbaugh added that that is why the traffic light is going to be reconfigured. Mr. Snee asked Chief McDonough if there have been any

problems with that light. Chief McDonough replied that it has been malfunctioning because of infiltration of bugs. They will be correcting the problem by changing some wiring.

Adjournment

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

Time: 7:25 p.m.