

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

February 8, 2016

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Dave Buchewicz presiding. Board members Walt Sackinsky and Ed Snee were present. Also in attendance were: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager, Chief Dennis McDonough, and Paul J. Gitnik, Esq., Township Solicitor.

Two or more members of the Board of Supervisors were together on the following occasions which may or may not qualify as an administrative action(s), conference(s) and/or executive sessions(s):

Monday, January 11, 2016 – After the regular meeting to address personnel issues.

Monday, January 18, 2016 – Meeting with athletic associations, discussion to address potential litigation.

Monday, February 8, 2016 – Prior to the regular meeting to address personnel issues.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ANY ACTION APPROVED AND/OR DECISION RENDERED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT THIS MEETING CAN BE APPEALED TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE AND/OR THE DECISION IS RENDERED.

Call on the People

Cindy Atchison, 3121 Southern Drive – Mrs. Atchison complained about the increased traffic on her street, relative to 3127 Southern Drive, and mentioned that a street light is out near the property.

She discussed an incident that occurred today, stating that her neighbor's house has been broken into and vandalized. She had noticed that the garage door was open and contacted the police, who responded immediately. She stated that the house is vacant and belongs to Merle Gallagher.

She commented that the Down's house has been vacant for nearly

three years. Mr. Wargo stated that the grass is being maintained. Mrs. Atchison expressed her frustration at the eye sore the property has become. Mr. Wargo explained that a gentleman acquired the property but never closed on the property. He has been maintaining it but has had second thoughts about purchasing the property. Mr. Wargo assured Mrs. Atchison that he will make sure that the grass is maintained throughout the summer.

Mrs. Atchison expressed her concern for the Gallagher property and questioned whether it will become the eye sore that Down's property has become. Mr. Wargo explained that National Fields Service is maintaining the property. He has contacted them today and was assured that they will have the property secured within 24 to 48 hours. Mrs. Atchison commented that she believes the house was vandalized within the last month. She mentioned that a representative from the bank has been at the property to take pictures prior to the break-in. The furniture was piled up on the porch, in front of the door. She assumes that whoever was vandalizing the property put the furniture there in order to hear if anyone was entering the house. Mr. Snee asked that Mrs. Atchison contact the police if she sees anything suspicious or questionable. Mr. Buchewicz inquired about the company, National Fields Service. Mr. Wargo explained that there are several companies who do maintenance for the larger banks, and National Fields Service is one of them. Mr. Sackinsky asked if there is an issue in determining the legal owner. Mr. Wargo replied that he believes Mr. Gallagher still owns the property, and he has the address of his current residence. Mr. Wargo added that there has most likely been a Sheriff Sale or the bank is taking charge of the property, since payments are delinquent.

Mr. Buchewicz inquired as to the time of the increased traffic. Mrs. Atchison replied that she has noticed vehicles between 11:30 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. near 3127 Southern Drive. She mentioned that some of the vehicles park on Shortlee Drive and enter the house through the basement door.

Mrs. Atchison expressed her appreciation for having the light on the Lamp House redirected away from oncoming traffic. Mr. Wargo explained that he has received a letter from the owner stating that they will keep the light turned off and reposition it when the weather gets warmer.

Laura Zipfel, 3116 Southern Drive – Ms. Zipfel stated that she agrees with what was said by Mrs. Atchison. She commented that she works from home and is able to witness the increase of traffic between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., relative to 3127 Southern Drive. She mentioned that one day she followed two cars with two adults onto her street, who parked on Shortlee Drive via

Northern Drive. She was certain that they did not belong there, since she knows who lives there. She added that approximately two years ago, she confronted the girl who lives at 3127 Southern Drive regarding exceeding the speed limit, and she responded with an obscene gesture. She mentioned that she has seen children at the residence but is not sure they reside there.

Ms. Zipfel complained about her next door neighbor who resides at 3114 Southern Drive and stated that she has spoken to Mr. Wargo on numerous occasions. Ms. Zipfel expressed her concern for the safety of the structure. She stated that she has contacted the county who inspected the property. There is no back roof, there is a large amount of debris in the back yard, which include, fish tanks, tires, aluminum from the roof, and a dilapidated shed. Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that the property is on the agenda this evening to schedule a Public Nuisance Hearing. She explained that the owner will have the opportunity to testify as to what corrective measures he will take to bring the property into compliance with the Township Code, and the Township officials will determine what action to take. Ms. Zipfel stated that the house has been in this condition for approximately four years. Mr. Buchewicz asked if anyone resides there, and Ms. Zipfel replied that the owner, Sam Broudy, Jr., lives there and possibly his son, Evan. A discussion ensued about their age, and it was determined that Sam Broudy, Jr. is approximately 55 years old and his son is approximately 25 years old. Ms. Zipfel asked what will happen if Sam Broudy does not attend the Nuisance Hearing next month. Mr. Sackinsky stated that there is a legal process. Mr. Gitnik explained that according to the Sunshine Law, the Township officials cannot indicate how they may vote on the matter. Because someone is actually living in the structure, there is concern about the health and welfare of the resident and the community, as well as the structural issue. Mrs. Atchison expressed her concern regarding mold. Mr. Gitnik stated that the County needs to take a more active role. He added that the Township would have to notify the legal owner of the property, who would have the right to address any deficiencies. If the Township has the funds available, they would consider demolition. At that time, a lien would be placed on the property for the value of the demolition. Mr. Gitnik stated that he will try to intercede on the County level, since there are possibly two people living in the structure. Mrs. Atchison commented that the water has been shut off, and she questions if Mr. Broudy was getting water from her pool during the summer. Mrs. Atchison inquired as to the time frame for the public nuisance process. Mr. Gitnik stated that the Hearing will be held at the next Board of Supervisors meeting in March, and hopefully, Mr. Broudy will attend. The Board of Supervisors will make a decision at the hearing. In the meantime, Mr. Gitnik stated that he will contact the County Health Department. The discussion continued regarding the unsafe

condition of the property, and Ms. Zipfel mentioned that the resident behind the Zipfel property takes care of the back portion of the property, and Ms. Zipfel and her husband maintain the side portion adjacent to her property.

Mike Stofko, 3117 Southern Drive – Mr. Stofko complained about the house next to his at 3119 Southern Drive. He complained that the grass is overgrown. Mr. Wargo stated that the Code is 12 inches, and Mr. Stofko replied that the grass in the rear yard at times was up to his knees. Mr. Wargo explained that Charles Downs was the owner of the property, and he is deceased. There was a Sheriff sale, and a company in Castle Shannon bought the property. Mr. Wargo stated that he contacts them when there are maintenance issues with the property. Mr. Stofko stated that it was only cut three times last year. Mr. Wargo stated that the first crew's intention was to live at the property; however, when the foundation collapsed, they no longer wanted to reside there. Mr. Wargo stated that his contact does not own the property; however, he maintains it when Mr. Wargo asks him. Mr. Gitnik asked if the company paid for the property at the Sheriff sale, and Mr. Wargo was not sure. Mr. Stofko stated that the property owner is now listed as the SJ Group. Mr. Wargo stated that he will look further into the ownership matter.

Thomas P. O'Toole, 2813 Stanley Street – Mr. O'Toole referenced Ordinance No. 677, which is on the agenda for adoption at this evening's meeting. He expressed his concern that the "No Parking" area is listed only from the guard rail on down. He stated that his vehicular accident occurred between 2801 Stanley Street and 2807 Stanley Street where there is a sharp bend. He commented that he spoke to the manager and was told that the "No Parking" was to be extended all the way to his driveway. Mrs. Fosbaugh responded that she did not tell him that the "No Parking" would be extended to his driveway. Mr. O'Toole stated that it was originally to be posted from Overlook Street on down. He mentioned the dangerous conditions driving down the hill, and he commented on the high cost of having his truck repaired after his accident, when he was only driving at 10 mph. He added that patrons of Hot Shots Saloon park all the way up to his driveway; and on the bend going down, you cannot see around the parked cars. He asked that the Board consider extending the "No Parking" zone up to Overlook Street, because it is dangerous when they are parking on both sides of the street. He mentioned that his two children sustained head injuries from his accident. He commented that Hot Shots Saloon does not care, and the patrons drink until after 2:00 a.m., which is illegal. He filed a complaint against Hot Shot's saloon with Rich Fitzgerald's office. They have poker machines that they pay on, which is also illegal. Mr. O'Toole has complained to the owner, but stated he was told to leave the

premises, and to take his complaint to South Park Township. Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that the Police Department conducted the traffic study. Mr. O'Toole responded that County Sheriff Piscitelli was also involved in the study. Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that the County Sheriff was not involved in the traffic study. Mr. O'Toole stated that Rich Fitzgerald told him that County Sheriff Piscitelli was involved. Chief McDonough stated that the Township Traffic Sergeant, and only the Township Sergeant, did the traffic study. He added that he was not privy to the conversation Mr. O'Toole had with Mr. Fitzgerald, but he is certain that only Sgt. Banas, the Traffic Sergeant for the Township Police Department, conducted the study. Mr. Buchewicz asked if he spoke to County Executive Richard Fitzgerald personally, and Mr. O'Toole stated that he spoke with his staff. Mr. O'Toole commented that the guide rail does not resolve the problem, because the dangerous curve is before the guide rail. He asked, again, if the Board would consider extending the "No Parking" zone to Overlook Street.

- Action on Minutes** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on Monday, January 11, 2016. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Invoices** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve payment of the invoices for the month of January, 2016. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Bids – 2016 Restoration of Various Streets** Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to accept the bids received on February 2, 2016, with regard to the project identified as the 2016 Restoration of Various Streets, and awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, being Victor Paving and Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$393,718.15, as recommended by the Project Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Ordinance No. 676** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO ADOPT 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.
- Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to adopt Ordinance No. 676. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
- Action on Ordinance No. 677** AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF

PENNSYLVANIA, ADDING TO CHAPTER 133, ARTICLE III, SECTION 133.24 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ADDRESSING PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES; NAMELY ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH SIDES OF STANLEY STREET AT DEFINED LOCATIONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK.

Mr. Sackinsky commented that he relies on the Police Department's recommendation. Mr. Snee suggested that the ordinance be adopted as is, and after a few months, we can revisit the issue to determine if the parking issue has been resolved. Mr. Sackinsky added that once the signs are erected, we need to be sure they are being enforced. Chief McDonough mentioned that he received phone calls today from concerned residents regarding restricting parking on Stanley Street. Chief McDonough agrees with Mr. Snee to wait to determine if the ordinance corrects the problem at the commercial property before penalizing the rest of the residents on Stanley Street.

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to adopt Ordinance No. 677. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Resolution
No. 1-16**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY 2015 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AS THE OFFICIAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH PARK.

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to adopt Resolution No. 1-16. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Purchase
Police Vehicle –
SHACOG Purchasing
Alliance**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to accept the bids received from the purchasing alliance established with the South Hills Area Council of Governments (SHACOG) for the purchase of a 2016 Marked Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicle with warranty, and awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder being Day Ford in the amount of \$27,820.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on
Appointment to
Planning Commission
– Adrian Weil –
Parkridge Place**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to appoint Adrian Weil, Parkridge Place, to fill the vacancy on the South Park Township Planning Commission, with a term to expire the first Monday of the year 2017. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Resignation
from Bethel Park
Municipal Authority –
Bruce Beaver**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to accept the resignation of Bruce Beaver from the Bethel Park Municipal Authority. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on
Appointment to Bethel
Park Municipal
Authority – Gerik
Jenco – Amy Drive**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to appoint Gerik Jenco, Amy Drive, to fill the vacancy on the Bethel Park Municipal Authority, with a term to expire the first Monday of the year 2019. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on PEG
Channel Agreement –
Township of South
Park and South Park
School District**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve the Agreement by and between the Township of South Park and South Park School District which outlines the terms and conditions for access by South Park School District to public, educational or governmental channels (collectively, the “PEG Channels”) provided for under the Franchise Agreements the Township currently has in place with Comcast and Verizon, including but not limited to: term of Agreement, programming, editorial control, use of PEG funds, etc., and authorizing the appropriate Township officials to execute said Agreement. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Della Strada
Subdivision Phase 2 –
Minor Amendment #1**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve granting approval to the project identified as Minor Amendment #1 of Phase 2 of the Della Strada Subdivision, with a revision date of December 30, 2015, to be located off of Riggs Road, as recommended by the Township Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on First
Amendment to the
Subdivision
Development
Agreement – Della
Strada Phase 2**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve granting approval to the First Amendment to the Subdivision Development Agreement for Della Strada Phase 2, to be located off of Riggs Road, as recommended by the Township Solicitor. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Snow
Removal Agreement –
Brian Homes, Inc. –
Saddlebrook Farms
Phase IV – Palomino
Drive**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve the Agreement by and between the Township of South Park and Brian Homes, Inc. which provides winter maintenance services to the major subdivision identified as Saddlebrook Farms Phase IV by Township Public Works forces at a specific cost to the Developer, the street being the unaccepted, developed portion of Palomino Drive, and further authorizing the appropriate Township officials to execute said Agreement. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Schedule
Nuisance Hearing –
3114 Southern Drive –
Lot/Block No. 1008-J-
257**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to schedule a Public Hearing on March 14, 2016, at 6:45 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:

Owner(s)**Location:**

Samuel R. & Lisa Broudy

3114 Southern Drive
South Park, PA 15129
1008-J-257

All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Seminar
Attendance – PA
Uniform Construction
Code Training**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to authorize the attendance of Code Enforcement Officer Gray Wargo to a training session entitled, "IRC 102 – Residential Building Code, Plan Review and Inspections which will be held in Monroeville, PA on March 9, 2016, at a total cost to the Township of \$125.00. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action to Reschedule
Bid Opening – 2016
Township-Wide
Sanitary Sewer
Program**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to reschedule the bid opening for the project identified as the 2016 Township-Wide Sanitary Sewer Program from February 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., to Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., with action on said bids anticipated to take place at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2016. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Conference
Attendance –
Township Supervisor
David J. Buchewicz**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to authorize the attendance of Township Supervisor David J. Buchewicz to the 43rd Annual Conference for the Allegheny League of Municipalities scheduled for April 7-10, 2016, which will be held at Seven Springs, PA at a total cost of \$988.00. Roll Call: Mr. Buchewicz – abstain; Mr. Sackinsky – aye; Mr. Snee – aye. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Conference
Attendance –
Township Supervisor
Edward Snee**

Motion to by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Buchewicz, to authorize the attendance of Township Supervisor Edward T. Snee to the 43rd Annual Conference for the Allegheny League of Municipalities scheduled for April 7-10, 2016, which will be held at Seven Springs, PA at a total cost of \$988.00. Roll Call: Mr. Buchewicz – aye; Mr. Sackinsky – aye; Mr. Snee – abstained. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Training
Request – Insurance
Fraud Investigation –
Sgt. David Starzynski
and Officer Brian
Rucienski**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to authorize the attendance of Sgt. David Starzynski and Officer Brian Rucienski to a training seminar entitled, "Insurance Fraud Investigation," which will be held in Robinson Township, PA on February 19, 2016, at no cost to the Township. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

**Action on Training
Request – Crisis
Management and**

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to authorize the attendance of Officer Richard Griffith, Officer Brian Rucienski and Officer Joshua Indof to a training seminar entitled, "Crisis

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Interview, Interrogation and Statement Analysis – Officers Griffith, Rucienski and Indof Management and Interview, Interrogation and Statement Analysis,” which will be held at the Meadowlands, PA on February 23, 2016, at no cost to the Township. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Training Request – Human Trafficking – Officer Indof Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to authorize the attendance of Officer Joshua Indof to a training seminar entitled, “Human Trafficking,” which will be held at the Monroeville Training Center on March 10, 2016, at no cost to the Township. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action on Training Request – SFST Refresher – Officer Skalican Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to authorize the attendance of Officer James Skalican to a training seminar entitled, “SFST Refresher,” which will be held at the Allegheny County Police Academy on February 19, 2016, at no cost to the Township. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Action to Authorize the Execution of Plat – Della Strada Phase 2 – Revision Date of December 30, 2015 – Riggs Road Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to approve authorizing the appropriate Township officials to execute the plat for the project identified as Della Strada Phase 2, with a revision date of December 30, 2015, as recommended by the Township Engineer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Police Chief’s Reports Police Chief’s Report for the month of January 2016:

Calls for Service	706
Arrests	10
Traffic Citations	4
Warnings Issued	42
Reportable Accidents	3
Non-Reportable Accidents	9
Fire Calls	10
Emergency Medical Assists to Tri-Community EMS	7
Deer Struck by Vehicles	4

Chief McDonough mentioned that the Annual Safe Wise Rating System for 2015, for communities of our size population, named South Park Township the 5th safest community out of the top 100 communities in the nation. South Park Township was also named the 7th safest community out of the top 50 communities of similar size in the state of Pennsylvania. Mr. Buchewicz added that there is an article, regarding the ranking, in the Union-Finley Messenger.

Laura Zifel, 3116 Southern Drive – Ms. Zifel stated that Lisa Broudy has been deceased for approximately 10 years. Mrs. Fosbaugh explained that the Township is aware; however, her

name is listed on the deed.

Motion by Mr. Sackinsky, seconded by Mr. Snee, to accept the Police Chief's monthly report for January 2016. All members voted aye. Motion was carried.

**Supervisors'
Comments**

Mr. Snee – Mr. Snee commended Mr. Beaver and the public works department for the excellent job clearing the roads during the snow storm. He also mentioned that Mrs. Fosbaugh rode around the Township making sure the roads were safe during the storm.

Mr. Sackinsky – Mr. Sackinsky also commended Mr. Beaver and the public works department.

Mr. Buchewicz – Mr. Buchewicz had no comments.

Adjournment

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

Time: 7: 53 p.m.