

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
Regular Business Meeting
Monday, July 18, 2016

Chairperson Agostine called the regular business meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 6:06 p.m. immediately following the public hearing.	CALL TO ORDER
Solicitor Sennett advised the Board to amend the Draft minutes for July 5, 2016 removing the reference to "Time Warner Cable" from the Solicitor Report.	6/20/16 MINUTES
Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to approve the minutes of the Regular Business Meeting on June 20, 2016 with the correction referenced above. Vote: 3/0	
Secretary Yeast reported receipt of a letter from Gina Erbin informing the Board of her desire to resign her appointment to the Recreation Board.	CORRESPONDENCE -Gina Erbin resignation from Rec. Board
Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to accept Gina Erbin's resignation from the Recreation Board. Vote: 3/0	
Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to approve the June 2016 Treasurer's Report as presented and reviewed by the Board of Supervisors (expensed \$574,926.58). Vote: 3/0	JUNE 2016 TREAS. REPORT
Parks and Recreation Director Mark Welka, expressed frustration with misinformation generated through social media. He assured the public in attendance that this Board has NO intention to end the Summer Recreation (Program). The Program warrants attention, and at the direction of the firm that audits the Township accounts a few administrative changes have occurred that are reasonable. Welka added that he would like to see the Program be more convenient to more families. While a relatively small group of residents are benefitting, this Board has to answer to all residents, who may not be as supportive.	REC. PROGRAM STATUS
Supervisor Agostine added, to address the comparisons of the Program to the costs for Senior Center and the Senior Picnic, the Senior Center itself was built through donations and grants, and the funding for the Senior Picnic is donated almost entirely by Presque Isle Downs. The Township funds approximately \$3,000 for approximately 300 Senior Citizens. Agostine further explained how the picnic began as a way to acknowledge our older residents, who while still paying school taxes, do not sometimes feel the benefits.	
Agostine added that the cost of the Program is well below the cost of other similar programs.	
Supervisor Welka expressed his intent to continue to subsidize the program to a degree, and stressed that nurturing young people is part of his everyday life, and comments on social media do not reflect this.	
Agostine noted that this Board would welcome suggestions and comments to address improving the Program, making it more accessible to parents who work full-time. Supervisor Welka has come up with an idea to make registration more available by allowing forms to be accessed on-line, and available at the Municipal Building through April and May.	
Supervisor Welka encouraged residents to contact him directly with concerns and questions.	

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Amy O'Neil, 1875 Julie Anne Lane, noted that this is the third meeting this issue has been discussed, and she feels the Board has not responded appropriately. Ms. O'Neil requested a Program budget be presented. She expressed her disagreement with statements that tax payers without children in this Program do not benefit because, by providing quality care to young people their development can affect the entire community. She added that not all children are athletes, who benefit from the programs Supervisor Welka supports. Ms. O'Neil further maintained that any cost comparisons made to the Senior Community were not in disrespect, simply a request to spread funding support to the children's programs. Ms. O'Neil added that she is happy the Program will continue.

Barb Walker, 8575 Hawick Road, expressed concern that when a Township Staff Member was present during registration and collecting fees, it was a sign of distrust. Ms. Walker blames changes to the program as the reason the registration numbers are down, and does not think the program should make a profit.

Supervisor Agostine responded that Summit Township has contracted with a CPA firm to audit our accounts and it was their directive to obtain better documentation for the revenue generated by the Program. The reason Township Staff was present was to ease any burden placed on Pat McGuire, the Director, with this newly required documentation. Agostine agreed that this Board does not intend to make money on the Program.

Lou Benko, 7771 Pagan Road, suggested a committee be created to address this issue and make recommendations. Mr. Benko expressed concern that numbers and calculations can be manipulated to obtain specific results.

Marj Hudak, 2471 New Road, stated that, as a former employee, she had watched this program throughout the years and suggested it may be getting a little stale. Mrs. Hudak asked the Solicitor if it is possible to limit the registration, or charge a higher rate for non-residents. Solicitor Sennett responded that public programs are prevented from discrimination by the Federal Government.

Audrey Dick, 190 Townhall Road W., reported that there may be a problem with the website, as she tried to access the minutes and received an error message.

Jim Chojnacki, 9481 Old French Road, noted that the free lunch program is provided by the Fort LeBouef School District.

Agostine responded that her concern is that the free lunch programs are geared for low income families, and the Fort LeBouef program is having trouble meeting quotas in order to maintain the service.

Debra Church, 9565 Footmill Road, stated that under privileged children can become a target of ridicule if free lunch programs are not extended to the entire group of children. Mrs. Church expressed concern that preparation costs are not included in the cost of the senior picnic. She added that the teen employment the Program provides also benefits the community, and that to encourage other Fort LeBoeuf School District families to attend, flyers should be distributed to Waterford and Mill Village. Mrs. Church asked who is attending the program outside of the Fort LeBoeuf School District residents.

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Supervisor Agostine requested suggestions and solutions rather than adversarial comments. Mrs. Church objected to being referred to as adversarial.

Joe Kuzma, 8550 Old French Road, expressed concern that Supervisor Agostine has been interrupting, and not allowing residents to finish speaking. Agostine apologized.

Mike Pace, 770 Townhall Road W., as a member of the Summit Township Recreation Board, stated that, with the resignation of Gina Erbin, he would welcome the appointment of Lou Benko to the Summit Township Recreation Board. Mr. Pace also expressed concern that government mandates contribute to the cost of programs.

Logan Ford, 100 Kayla Way, expressed disappointment when the solicitor advised the Board that this is not a question and answer session. The Board of Supervisors work for the public that elects them, and consequences will be felt during the six-year evaluation.

Motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to rezone the portion of Parcel ID No. (40) 11-29-6 zoned R-2 (Residential) to B-1 (Business).

Vote: 3/0

BSI PETITION FOR REZONING

Supervisor Lee explained that improvements to the Route 99 corridor from Hershey Road to Interchange Road will include input from PaDOT, Millcreek Township, Summit Township and Erie County. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has proposed a feasibility study and is requesting Summit Township participate.

ROUTE 99 FROM HERSHEY TO INTERCHANGE RD. IMPROVEMENTS

Motion by Lee, seconded by Welka, to participate with PaDOT, Millcreek Township and Erie County with costs incurred to complete a study proposed by Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP (WRA) in the amount of \$14,250.

Lou Benko, 7771 Pagan Road, verified that \$14,250 was one quarter the entire cost.

Vote: 3/0

Zoning Administrator Miller reported that the sidewalk at 8829 Marlee Way (homeowner requested Board assistance with the developer to install) has been constructed. Engineer Jonas has inspected the sidewalk and the bond release will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

8829 MARLEE WAY SIDEWALK

Solicitor Sennett reported that he is waiting for Board review and comments regarding the draft Cable Franchise Agreement.

SOLICITOR

- Cable Franchise Agmt.
- Hoffman Subdiv.
- PA Sunshine Act

Solicitor Sennett reported that the Hoffman Subdivision process is proceeding.

Solicitor Sennett, in response to Logan Ford's disappointment tonight advice to the Supervisors that they are not required to respond during the business meeting, explained that the PA Sunshine Act allows public comment, but does not require the Board to respond. His role, as solicitor is to keep the meeting under control and to advise the Board on matters of law. Solicitor Sennett added that this Board does not typically limit discussion.

ENGINEER

Engineer Jonas reported that the bridges have been installed on the trails at Picnicana. The north bridge is open, the south bridge is closed until concrete cures.

- Picnicana Bridges
- Picnicana Parking Lot

Engineer Jonas reported that the paving for the Picnicana Parking Expansion should be completed by the end of the week.

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Supervisor Lee expressed his frustration with the discussion regarding the Program. He added that voting threats do not influence any of his decisions. His job is to do what is best for the entire community. Supervisor Lee confirmed he never said anything to anyone about closing the Program. You cannot make everyone happy.

SUPERVISORS:

Kelly Ford, 100 Kayla Way, and a member of the Summit Township Recreation Board announced that the Rec. Board meets the third Wednesday of the months March through September at 5pm at the Township Municipal Building. She encouraged anyone interested in serving or with questions to attend. Ms. Ford added that this coming weekend is Residents Weekend with events scheduled Friday through Sunday morning. A large Chinese Auction and inflatable slides, along with the Summer Rec. Program Carnival, is on Friday the 22nd. Saturday is the outdoor movie, bonfire, and bingo, along with corn-on-the-cob, hotdogs, cotton candy, popcorn, and more. Sunday is the Pass the Pancake 5K Run, followed by a pancake breakfast hosted by the Fort LeBoeuf Boys Volleyball. Mrs. Ford added that volunteers are also appreciated

PUBLIC INPUT

- Residents
Weekend

Downia Glass, 9242 Old French Road, also reminded the public in attendance, of the 4th Annual Art Show also on Friday, July 22nd, here at the Township Municipal Building. There will be some refreshments and you can meet our local artists.

Tom Greene, 8553 Dundee Road, encouraged the public to participate in the Township budget process.

With no further business to come before the Board, motion by Welka, seconded by Lee, to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Vote: 3/0

Respectfully submitted,

Christene S. Yeast
Recording Secretary
07/21/2016