

MINUTES
RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
April 26, 2021

The Richland Township Board of Supervisors met for their regular meeting on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Richland Township municipal building, 322 Schoolhouse Road, Johnstown PA 15904.

All COVID 19 restrictions for social distancing and masks were followed.

PRESENT

Robert Heffelfinger, Chairman	Gary L Costlow, Solicitor
Keith W Saylor	Kimberly Stayrook, Secretary
Gary Paul	
Brian H Lehman	
Jeffrey D Wingard	

Mr. Heffelfinger introduced the newly hired Executive Director Bryan Beppler.

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Heffelfinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021 as distributed and corrected, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

APPROVE AGENDA - ANY CHANGES TO WRITTEN AGENDA

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON AGENDA ITEMS - The Public has the right and the opportunity to comment on any agenda item. – No Comments

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Luke Rozich – Request To Speak To The Board Re; Easter Egg Hunt (Highland Park or Luray Avenue Park)

Mark Rozich was present to speak to the Board on behalf of his son, Luke Rozich. In addition, Sarah Rex also was present to speak on behalf of Luke Rozich.

It was noted that the Board can only address the request to use Luray Avenue Park. Highland Park is a separate entity, operated by three municipalities and the Supervisors cannot make decisions on their behalf.

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Mr. Heffelfinger stated that Luray Avenue Park is not an acceptable venue for this type of event. The Park is in the middle of a residential neighborhood. There is not enough parking, and residents would not be happy with cars parked along the roadways, and people walking through their yards, etc. He noted that the event seems to be planned for dusk, if not darkness and that causes some red flags. The event is for anyone and everyone that wants to attend, not just Richland/Geistown/Stonycreek etc. By word of mouth, this event could bring volumes of attendees wanting these great prizes.

A discussion was held on the number of cars that may be present, dependent upon the people that attend which an estimate was given anywhere up to 250-300 and it was noted that the Highland Board was told it could be as many as 450 plus. It was noted again that Highland Park is not out of the picture, they meet Wednesday and could discuss their request further. Mr. Saylor noted that Highland Park, as well as the Township would have to be named additional insured for an event such as this.

Mr. Rozich and Ms. Rex stated that the event is meant to be fun and be a positive impact for the Township. They want to work with the township and do all that is required, ie insurance, etc. They have a lot invested in the event and are trying to do the right thing.

Mr. Paul questioned Covid guidelines that may apply as well.

Mr. Rozich indicated that they can require masks, and people would have to stay in their cars until told it was given permission to participate. They are provided glow sticks, or they cannot participate. He stated that the event that was held previously went well and there were no problems that he was aware of.

The Board asked Mr. Rozich and Ms. Rex to attend the Highland Park meeting as seek their permission. Luray Avenue has limited space and they will not grant permission to use the park for this event. They wished them the Best of Luck with their project.

OLD BUSINESS

Clean Up (2nd) – Bid Opening

No bids were received under the original advertisement, therefore the Board authorized advertising a second time, with the bid specifications to be changed slightly. One bid was received –

Pro Disposal, Inc.	\$ 53.00 per ton
Portage, PA	\$138.00 per hour

The dates selected are noted as June 7th for the South Side of Scalp Ave
June 14th for the North Side of Scalp Ave

- Mr. Saylor moved to award the bid for Spring Clean Up to Pro Disposal, Inc. for their bid as recorded above, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

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Line Painting Bid Opening

Due to the rising costs of services and materials, the line painting was bid this year, it was not able to be quoted as in the past.

Highway Markings, Somerset PA bid \$9,500 for the services to provide line painting, and \$600 additional for follow up truck if necessary.

Mr. Barker explained the situation with the paint itself being scarce and contacting Sherwin Williams directly, etc. Highway Markings has ordered paint drums and if they can get them, they would have enough to provide Richland Township with the paint as well.

- Mr. Lehman moved to award the bid for lining the roadways to Highway Markings, Inc. expressly conditioned upon the township getting the paint, if available, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Payment of the Bills

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the general fund bills totaling \$123,971.97, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor. There were no out of meeting checks, and no other funds listed.

Cambria Somerset COG Spring Materials – Bid Results

- It was moved by Mr. Paul to award the bids for spring materials to the lowest bidder for the materials Richland Township requested, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

Tresnicky Minor Two Lot Subdivision/Adjoining Land Merger (Erickson Drive/Fawn Lane)

The Richland Township Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the Tresnicky Minor Two lot Subdivision/Adjoining Land Merger located on Erickson Drive at Fawn Lane. The proposed plan calls for the subdivision of a 25.31 acre parcel into a 12.22 acre lot (to be purchased by Justin Ostrich) and a 13.09 acre residual lot (to remain owned by Tresnicky). The 13.09 acre lot will then be merged with their existing 3.21 acre lot, which contains their home (Wyndemere Dr). The lots are zoned R-3. The 12.22 acre lot has 50' of frontage on Erickson Drive at Fawn Lane. This minor subdivision does require a PA DEP Component 1 Sewage Planning Module as it will be serviced by onlot septic. An application has been submitted to the PA DEP and they are waiting for approval of said submission.

- Mr. Lehman moved to approve the Tresnicky Minor Two Lot Subdivision/Adjoining Land Merger Subdivision on Erickson Drive, contingent upon receipt of an approved Component I SPM, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

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Berwind/Brumbaugh Minor Two Lot Subdivision/Adjoining Land Merger (Terlyn Drive)

The Richland Township Planning Commission reviewed, and recommended approval of the Berwind/Brumbaugh Minor Two Lot Subdivision/Adjoining Land Merger located on Terlyn Drive. The proposed plan calls for the subdivision of 1.33 acres from an existing 46.65 acre tract owned by Berwind (Tract 446). The new 1.33 parcel will then be merged with an existing adjacent 0.62 lot resulting in the lot totaling 1.95 acres, owned by Brumbaugh. The lots are located along Terlyn Drive. The lots are zoned R-1.

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the Berwind/Brumbaugh Minor Two lot Subdivision on Terlyn Drive, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

Berwind/Parkwood Estates Minor Subdivision and Adjoining Land Merger (Hoffman Farm Road)

The Richland Township Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the Berwind/Parkwood Estates Minor Subdivision/Adjoining Land Merger on Hoffman Farm Road. The proposed plan calls for the subdivision of 0.18 acres (Lot A), leaving a 5.82 acre residual (Parcel A), owned by Berwind Corporation. Parcel A will be merged with an adjacent lot of Berwind Corp. Lot A will be merged with an adjacent parcel owned by St. Peter and Paul Russian Greek Catholic Church. The lots are zoned R-3 and are located along Hoffman Farm Road.

- It was moved by Mr. Lehman to approve the Berwind/Parkwood Estates Minor Subdivision and Adjoining Land Merger (SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church located on Hoffman Farm Road, seconded by Mr. Paul. All in favor.

David Layman Minor Adjoining Land Merger – Colonial Ridge Road

The Richland Township Planning Commission reviewed, and recommended approval of the Layman Minor Adjoining Land Merger located on Colonial Ridge Road. The proposed land merger indicates the merger of an existing parcel consisting of 0.325 feet to be merged with an existing 0.641 acre lot, also owned by David Layman, creating one 0.966 acre lot (lot 19A). The 0.325' parcel has a home on the property. The lots are located along Colonial Ridge Rd and are zoned R-2.

- Mr. Saylor moved to approve the David Layman Minor Adjoining Land Merger located on Colonial Ridge Road, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

Skyview Estates Phase II, Lot #38 Duplex (112/114 Bella Lane) Minor Subdivision at Common Party Wall

The Richland Township Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the Skyview Estates Phase II, Lot #38 (112/114 Bella Lane) minor subdivision of a duplex at the common party wall. The proposed plan calls for the subdivision of an existing 17,757 sq ft parcel into two lots. Lot 38A consisting of 8465,764 sf & 38B consisting of 9291.747 sf) along Bella Ln for the purpose of dividing a duplex at the common party wall, for individual ownership. The subject lot is zoned R-2. The rear setbacks were approved by the Z/H Board 11/8/2007.

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- Mr. Paul moved to approve the Skyview Estates Phase II, Lot #38 A & B minor subdivision at the common party wall, seconded by Mr. Lehman. All in favor.

Skyview Estates Lot #5 Duplex (117/119 Bella Lane) Minor Subdivision At Common Party Wall

The Richland Township Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the Skyview Estates Phase II, Lot #5A and #5B (117/119 Bella Lane) minor subdivision of a duplex at the common party wall for individual ownership. The proposed plan indicates a 17,273.723-sf lot being divided into two parcels creating new Lot 5A to be 8638.065 sf and new Lot 5B to be 8635.658 sf. The lot is zoned R2. The rear setbacks were approved by the Z/H Board 11/8/2007.

- Mr. Paul moved to approve the Skyview Estates Phase II, Lots #5A and #5B minor subdivision of a duplex at the common party wall, seconded by Mr. Wingard. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rian Barker noted that the repairs to the meeting room wall, and the hallway wall have been completed.

Mrs. Hillegas, Bertmin Street expressed concerns about the vacant home across the street from her home. She feels there should be some type of enforcement to keep the property presentable for the neighborhood.

Karen Miller, Erickson Drive informed the Board that there is speeding on her street and the speed limit needs to be enforced. There are stop signs, but the motoring public drifts through them and does not stop.

Bonnie Bash, Erickson Drive stated that the section of Erickson Drive towards Eisenhower Blvd has no guiderails, and the one side is steep and drops off.

Both Ms. Miller and Ms. Bash thanked the Roadcrew for street sweeping.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly D Stayrook, Secretary
Richland Township