

LANCASTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MINUTES
June 8, 2020
Meeting held via Zoom

Each of the Board of Supervisors made personal statements prior to the start of the meeting. They are attached at the end of the minutes.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The duly advertised Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors meeting was held on Monday, June 8, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chair Steven P. Elliott, Vice Chair Benjamin H. Bamford, Treasurer Iber Guerrero Lopez, and Township Manager William M. Laudien were also present. Others in attendance included township staff and interested parties. Mr. Elliott led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comments on agenda items.

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes of the May 11, 2020 board meeting were approved by general consent.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Guerrero Lopez presented the treasurer's report as of June 8, 2020:

General Fund.....	\$5,681,359.52
Highway Aid Fund.....	1,001,731.50
Capital Reserve Fund.....	<u>905,627.21</u>
TOTAL.....	\$7,588,718.23

Mr. Elliott stated the treasurer's report would be filed for audit.

V. PAYMENT OF BILLS

On a motion by Mr. Guerrero Lopez, seconded by Mr. Bamford, the board unanimously approved the payment of bills (May 11, 2020 thru June 8, 2020):

General Fund.....	\$430,775.40
Escrow Fund	667.45
State Highway Fund.....	4,560.19
Capital Reserve Fund	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$436,003.04

VI. REPORTS

A. Lafayette Fire Company (east side):

May 2020: 4 calls

B. Lancaster Township Fire Department (west side):

May 2020: 22 calls in the Township; 7 calls for Mutual Aid; 163 Year-to-date Total

C. Police Report:

May 2020: 75 Criminal Reports; 345 Calls for Service; 46 Arrests; 32 Crash

Investigations; 88 Traffic Citations; 95 Traffic Warnings; No Overdose Incidents

- D. Recycling Report: May 2020: Not available
- E. Sewer/Other Reports: Reports are available on the township website. Printed copies are also available for a nominal fee.

WORKSHOP REPORTS

The following departments presented updates to the board:

- Planning & Zoning
- Township Engineer
- Public Works
- Township Manager

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Township Office: Closed Friday, July 3, 2020 (Independence Day)
- B. Woody Waste Drop-off Facility: Closed Saturday, July 4, 2020 (Independence Day)
- C. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2020.
Workshop at 6:00PM; regular meeting at 7:00PM, Lancaster Township.
- D. Historical Commission Meeting: Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:30PM, Lancaster Township.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IX. PLANNING AND ZONING BUSINESS

- A. **LTPC 298 – Millersville Bible Church – 1940 New Danville Pike – Stormwater Management Site Plan Waiver Request**
Mr. Bamford moved, Mr. Guerrero Lopez seconded, and the board unanimously approved a request for a waiver of the Lancaster Township Stormwater Management Ordinance (2014) Section 229-36 – Major Land Disturbance, for LTPC 298—Millersville Bible Church, 1940 New Danville Pike, conditioned upon township engineer Ben Webber’s May 6, 2020, review letter. At their meeting on May 19, 2020, the Lancaster Township Planning Commission recommended approval of this request.
- B. **LTPC 272 – Southern Village Phase IV Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan**
Mr. Guerrero Lopez moved, Mr. Bamford seconded, and the board unanimously acknowledged receipt of a time extension until September 18, 2020, from William Swiernik, David Miller/Associates, Inc., on behalf of Hogan Herr Wolf II, for the approval of the Land Development Plan for LTPC 272—Southern Village Phase IV. This extension was submitted in a letter dated May 12, 2020.

C. LTPC 275 – Bean Hill Road Subdivision – Final Subdivision and Land Development Plan

Mr. Bamford moved, Mr. Guerrero Lopez seconded, and the board unanimously acknowledged receipt of a time extension until September 18, 2020, from William Swiernik, David Miller/Associates, Inc., on behalf of WPE Partners, LLC, for the approval of the Land Development Plan for LTPC 275—Bean Hill Road Subdivision. This extension was submitted in a letter dated May 12, 2020.

D. LTPC 295 – Blue Rock Ventures – Stormwater Management Site Plan

Mr. Guerrero Lopez moved, Mr. Bamford seconded, and the board unanimously acknowledged receipt of a 90-day time extension, from James Sanchez, Sanchez & Associates, Inc., on behalf of Blue Rock Ventures, LLC, for the approval of the Stormwater Management Site Plan for 1780 Wabank Road, LTPC 295. This extension was submitted in a letter dated May 29, 2020.

E. LTPC 297 – 1429 Marietta Avenue – Stormwater Management Site Plan

Mr. Bamford moved, Mr. Guerrero Lopez seconded, and the board unanimously acknowledged receipt of a time extension until the July 13, 2020 Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors meeting, from Daniel Hershey, Hershey Engineering, Inc., on behalf of Stephanie Church and Michelle Harkanson, for the approval of the Stormwater Management Site Plan for 1429 Marietta Avenue, LTPC 297. This extension was submitted in a letter dated May 29, 2020.

F. LTPC 296 – Conestoga View – Lot Add-On Plan

Mr. Guerrero Lopez moved, Mr. Bamford seconded, and the board unanimously acknowledged receipt of a time extension until August 14, 2020, from Charles Suhr, Stevens & Lee, on behalf of Michael & Patricia D’Arcangelo and S&P Real Estate Company, L.P., for the approval of the Lot Add-On Plan for Conestoga View, LTPC 296. This extension was submitted in a letter dated May 29, 2020.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Handicap Parking Sign Application—1042 Clark Street

Mr. Bamford moved, Mr. Guerrero Lopez seconded, and the board unanimously approved an application for a handicap parking sign to be installed at 1042 Clark Street.

B. Agreement for Crossing Guard Services for 2020-2021 School Year

Mr. Guerrero Lopez moved, Mr. Bamford seconded, and the board unanimously approved an agreement between Lancaster Township and All City Management Services, Inc. for crossing guard services provided for the School District of Lancaster, at a shared projected cost of \$23,580.00 for the 2020-2021 school year.

C. Memorandum of Understanding for Crossing Guard Services for 2020-2021 School Year

Mr. Bamford moved, Mr. Guerrero Lopez seconded, and the board unanimously approved a memorandum of understanding between Lancaster Township, the School District of Lancaster, and All City Management Services, Inc. for crossing guard services provided by agreement with All City Management, for the 2020-2021 school year.

D. Resolution 2020-09 – Relocation of School Speed Zone

Mr. Guerrero Lopez moved, Mr. Bamford seconded, and the board unanimously approved Resolution 2020-09 to apply for approval by PennDOT for a traffic signal to relocate existing School Speed Zone traffic control devices along South West End Avenue due to the relocation of Buchanan Elementary School.

XI. GUEST RECOGNITION AND PARTICIPATION

- Benjamin Eller, West End Avenue: Submitted an email asking about the construction and roadway closures occurring due to the new Buchanan Elementary building project. Mr. Laudien stated that Mr. Eller was contacted and that all of his issues have been addressed and resolved.
- Diana Wolf, Vice President Southern Village HOA: Submitted an email asking about the status of a request for the HOA's proposed installation of a flag pole in the front entrance shrub bed at Southern Village. Mr. Laudien stated that Ms. Wolf was contacted and the issue has been resolved.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held after the meeting to discuss a contract.

Respectfully submitted,



William M. Laudien, Secretary

Board of Supervisors Personal Statements

Tonight our country is at a crossroads, the Presidency remains a void of unity and leadership, a void of compassion, a void of reasoning, and a void of facts. However, the stench of fascism and authoritarianism are alive and strong. In the aftermath of the senseless murder of George Floyd, protests have erupted across the country all claiming in one voice enough is enough. Americans who have taken to the streets are angry and they have a right to be. Here in Lancaster, protests have been peaceful, to quote the 44th President “they deserve our respect and support, not condemnation.” Law enforcement officers who have marched alongside the protesters embody change through dialogue, however, change must go beyond dialogue and become tangible policy.

Racial bias in the criminal justice system is real. Racism is real. Hate is real. Bigotry is real. Police brutality is real. As a township supervisor, I call upon our local conservative legislators at the federal and state levels, to support and expand reforms in the areas of criminal justice and policing practices; such as ending over criminalization, ending mandatory sentences, ending the drug war, banning the use of chokeholds and strangleholds, banning the shooting at moving vehicles, ending qualified immunity and the requirement of a policy of de-escalation and among others.

In Lancaster Township’s 2020 general fund budget, close to \$4 million was allocated in health and welfare, Infrastructure, recreation, and general government expenditures. It is my hope to continue assisting in expanding our community engagements efforts and Strengthening and expanding our anti-discrimination ordinances. I call upon my colleagues on the board to meticulously review not just the price tag of our next police contract (with whomever we be considering or reconsidering), but also have in writing for our consideration a use of force and de-escalation policies. Additionally, I call upon my colleagues to support a resolution or public statement condemning hate, racism, police brutality, and support for the protests across the county and the nation.

The wounds of this country’s past have been on full display this past week. Years of institutional racism that have been embedded in our country for hundreds of years need to be dismantled. Make no mistake, to those who would instigate and sabotage peaceful protests, stay away or go home. Moreover, as a township supervisor, I condemn firmly any type of hate, racism, or bigotry including white supremacy and white nationalism. Hate has no home in Lancaster Township, for it needs to be thrown away into the depths of history.

To those protesting across Lancaster County, as a member of the Lancaster Township Board of Supervisors, I stand firmly behind you. Keep marching. Don’t stop. Your cause is just and right, the system is beginning to shake, and the ruling conservative class is running scared. Recognition and demand for our most basic rights have come only through protests. Keep firm and do not relent.

Not one more Trayvon Martin, not one more George Floyd, not one more Ahmaud Arbery, Not one more Breonna Taylor, not one more Tony McDade, not one more Sandra Bland, and not one more life. Equal justice under the law, with liberty and justice for all, those are the American ideals we are STILL striving for in 2020.

All lives will NOT matter until ALL black lives matter.

Thank you Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Iber Guerrero Lopez
Lancaster Township Supervisor

The shocking, senseless death of George Floyd is tragic. My deepest sympathies are with the Floyd family and other families who understand and feel this pain and grief. Our neighbors in the communities where we work and live across America should feel safe and free from discrimination. George Floyd is not the only one. Scenes like this are played out over and over again.

My heart is broken for the tragedy that has occurred in our nation these past two weeks. The evil, brutal violence and even murder of African American men and women across the United States has been put in the spotlight and there it must stay. The protests that have risen are not due to just the horrific event in Minneapolis, but due to the daily experience of people of color at the hands of our society. It has been building for decades. This must change.

Sadly, the protests have been hijacked by a small minority of individuals who want to incite violence and their actions have led to bodily injuries, deaths and destruction of businesses including theft of merchandise. The collision of these three distinct actions - protest, violence, and theft - has clouded, politicized and confused the real issue.

That issue is freedom for all, equal opportunity for all and respect for all people. Our friends and neighbors who are persons of color experience different treatment on a daily basis and this needs to stop.

What can we do? Pray for peace. Pray for open minds and hearts. Pray for eyes that search for merit in individuals regardless of skin color, ethnicity or gender. We need to speak up when we witness injustice - no matter how small or big.

Silence is the same as condoning.

We cannot be silent anymore. We need to stand up when we hear and see bigoted and hateful speech and actions from others and call them out.

Our country needs change and that change begins with each of us.

We need to be the difference. This is not a political issue. It is about doing what is right and expecting that same behavior from everyone around us, including our government agencies, businesses, neighbors, friends and family. We cannot tolerate racism of any kind in our society any longer.

Thank you.

Ben Bamford

Lancaster Township Supervisor

Lancaster Township believes that Black lives matter. We stand with the black community and all communities facing racial injustice. There is no place for hatred or inequality in this township, county, state or country. We are committed to take action within our power to fight racial injustice, and where action is beyond our power, we will work with those who do have power to take action.

Steve Elliott

Lancaster Township Supervisor