



Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 27, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

Attendance: Supervisors - Ricki Stumpo, Elaine DiMonte, Alice J. Balsama; Tom Bierl, Chairman, Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee.

Public in attendance: 3

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Stumpo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Sunshine Announcements:** no Sunshine Announcements.
3. **Announcements:** Stumpo attended the Kennett Area Regional Planning Commission meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup>. During the meeting, Susan Elks, Project Manager, presented the draft Chester County Comprehensive Plan Landscapes 3.
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Lieutenant Michelle N. Swantner, Station Commander, Avondale State Police, provided a monthly report of State Police calls to the Township. She commented that Troopers continue to provide security checks at Pocopson Elementary as part of their patrols. She noted that the automated patrol system will be updated to differentiate routine security checks. Board thanked Lieutenant Swantner for her service and noted appreciation by the Township for the work of everyone at the Avondale Station.
5. **Work Session August 21, 2018:** the work session was cancelled.
6. **Parks, Recreation and Trails Committee (PRT):** Bierl reported that the PRT discussed Lot 6/Hallelyn Trail connection to the County Trail and that based on the Township Solicitor's review, the developer will have to amend the approved subdivision plan in order to accommodate the connection.
  - a. **Proposed ordinance amendments -** Bierl reported that the PRT reviewed the proposed ordinance amendments during their August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Board discussed the PRT proposed amendments. Balsama noted that the amendment appears to address the park permit application process.
  - b. **Proposed resolutions -** Bierl discussed with the Board the mandatory resolution structure that was not part of the Township Planning Commission review of the ordinance amendment. He noted that the resolutions were drafted in an attempt to handle a fragmented process for addressing park permit applications without the necessity of bearing the expense of adopting new legislation for new facilities, rules, or special administration. Board agreed that the draft resolutions appear to provide for variable content for rules and administration. DiMonte noted that there are a number of formatting issues with the text and she asked what the PRT had in mind under "Policy Statement Posted Rules for Use of Pocopson Park" with regard to prohibiting riding a horse. Bierl indicated that the word substitution is "trot" as a safe gait for riders to travel through the park. DiMonte asked and Bierl provided explanation as to the administration of the resolution for posted rules compared to the resolution for general permits issued for the park as a means of delineating processing of infrequent requests. DiMonte requested that going forward, the Board receive proposed amendments in a track-changes format to allow for

comparison of what is proposed with the current legislation. MOTION: Balsama moved, Stumpo seconded, to authorize the submission of the Park Ordinance Amendment and proposed administrative resolutions to the Township Solicitor for review; motion unanimously approved.

- c. Appointment of Judy Lovell to the Committee - Board asked if there was a vacancy to be filled. Stumpo noted Ms. Lovell has been attending the public meeting as she is interested in the appointment. MOTION: Stumpo moved, DiMonte seconded, to appoint Judy Lovell to the PRT Committee; motion unanimously approved.
- d. Discussion: Board thanked Bierl for his hard work and that of the PRT in preparing the documents reviewed this evening. DiMonte noted that the PRT draft resolution setting forth park rules appears to permit drones and model aircraft at the Barnard House and Pocopson Creek Parks but not Pocopson Park. Bierl indicated that it appeared to the PRT that the FAA rules apply for use of unmanned aircraft and as such, populated space such as Pocopson Park may not meet FAA requirements. Board discussed liability concerns and quality of life issues that are associated with drones and other such unmanned aircraft. Board asked the Secretary to inquire as to the status of a proposed drone ordinance that may be under review by the Township Planning Commission.

7. **Planning Commission (PC):**

- a. Resolution 2018-20 Amending PC Bylaws - DiMonte requested that going forward the Board receive proposed amendments in a track-changes format to facilitate the Board's review. She noted it appears the Bylaw amendment changes the day for the public meeting. MOTION: DiMonte moved, Balsama seconded, to approve enacting Resolution 2018-20; motion unanimously approved.
- b. Report from August 1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting - Board reviewed and offered no comments.

8. **Public Works Report:** Board noted that a number of trees have come down over the past two weeks of heavy rain. Public Works Department repaired all damage including two trees uprooted on Parkerville Road.

9. **Facilities:** DiMonte reported that a planning meeting is scheduled to plan the public meeting to discuss the feasibility study.

10. **Zoning Official Report:** will be submitted for the September Board meeting.

11. **Kennett Fire & EMS Regional Commission Report (EMS Commission):** Stumpo attended the meeting held on August 14<sup>th</sup>. She reported that in part, the meeting discussion included consolidating the ambulance services provided by Kennett Square Borough (which is a basic life support service (BLS)) and Longwood Fire Company (which provides an advanced life support service (ALS)). Stumpo gave an example of a 9-1-1 call with regard to the type of services provided by an ALS versus a BLS. Balsama and DiMonte noted their concern with the progress of the EMS Commission to date in as much as there is seemingly a lack of cooperation between the two emergency service providers to work with the EMS Commission. Balsama noted that it is presumed that the role of the EMS Commission is to provide for regionalization and collaboration to improve efficiencies. The Board is perplexed by the lack of professionalism on the part of the emergency providers. PUBLIC COMMENT: Terry Gumpfer and Tom Bierl asked for clarification as to the districts served by the emergency providers and the training opportunities that might be provided to resolve service concerns. Gumpfer asked and Lieutenant Swantner confirmed the area of coverage by the Avondale State Police Station. Bierl and Lieutenant Swantner suggested that the County 9-1-1 operations center might be a resource to provide statistics for analyzing the number and the types of calls categorized as ALS versus BLS. Board noted that Longwood Fire Company provides ambulance service for Pocopson Township with Good Fellowship Ambulance as the back-up.

12. New Business:

- a. PA Act 172 Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit Ordinance (advertising) - proposed ordinance has been circulated by the Township Solicitor for real estate property tax credit. MOTION: DiMonte moved, Balsama seconded, to authorize the Township Solicitor to proceed with legal advertising in order to conduct the ordinance hearing to adopt the Act 172 Ordinance on September 24, 2018; motion unanimously approved.
- b. Stormwater Management Best Management Practices (SWM BMP) for 10 Bragg Hill Road Project - Township Engineer reviewed agreement for stormwater management in accordance with Township Code Chapter 178. Board approved signing of the SWM BMP as recommended. Secretary will contact the landowner regarding recordation.
- c. Stormwater Management BMP for 630 Red Lion Road Project - the SWM BMP was not submitted for signing.
- d. Marshalton Triathlon Road Contract for October 7, 2018 Event - Board approved signing of the Special Event Road Closing/Usage Request as submitted noting that the Township is in receipt of the certificate of liability documents. Public Works Department will open gated trail the day of the event.

13. Old Business:

- a. Comments re: MS4 Total Maximum Daily Load Plan (TMDL) Plan - Stumpo noted that the public comments received during the July 30<sup>th</sup> public meeting were forwarded to the Township Engineer and are incorporated in the TMDL Plan. The 45-day advertisement period will end on August 30<sup>th</sup> at which time the Township is mandated to submit the revised TMDL Plan. MOTION: Stumpo moved, Balsama seconded, to accept and sign the revised MS4 TMDL Plan prepared by the Township Engineer for re-submission to PA DEP as required, on or before the September 1, 2018 deadline; motion unanimously approved.

14. Correspondence: no correspondence submitted.

15. Treasurer's Warrants: Stumpo moved, Balsama seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for July 31 - August 27, 2018 recommended for payment by the Treasurer; General Fund: 33 bills paid totaling \$20,531.45; 6 debit card charges totaling \$245.74; Capital Reserve: 1 bill for \$46,890.00; Highway Aid: 4 bills totaling \$1,917.38; Parks, Recreation & Trails: 2 bills totaling \$179.98; motion unanimously approved.

16. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Stumpo moved, Balsama seconded, to approve the Meeting Minutes for July 30, 2018, as submitted; motion unanimously approved.

17. Adjournment: At 7:18 p.m., DiMonte moved, Balsama seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion unanimously approved.

  
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Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary

  
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Ricki Stumpo, Chairman