

**BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
1114 BUSHKILL CENTER ROAD
NAZARETH, PA 18064**

**MINUTES
May 7, 2020**

The Bushkill Township Board of Supervisors held their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2020 via ZOOM. The meeting was held remotely due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the Stay-at-home order. The following Supervisors were present: Mr. Kocher, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kline, Mrs. Bender and Mrs. Hill. Also, present were Township Manager Belinda Roberts, Solicitor Asteak, Engineer Robert Collura, Chief McLouth, Capt. Scott Dempsey, and Open Space Coordinator Kerry Reider and no audience was present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Chairman, Brien Kocher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

SIGN INS: No sign ins and no one requested information to sign in.

SUBDIVISIONS: 2019-04 Wind Drift Real Estate Minor Subdivision – Mr. Ronca is requesting a waiver for the Lot Line drainage/utility easement. **Motion** by Jason Smith seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to approve waiver requested.

2019-09 Jones Minor Subdivision – Component 1 of the Planning Module to DEP for approval. **Motion** by Julie Bender seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to authorize Township secretary to sign and send Component 1.

2020-01 186 Rissmiller Subdivision – Component 1 of the Planning Module to DEP for approval. **Motion** by Julie Bender seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to authorize Township secretary to sign and send Component 1.

Approval of Minutes

1. **April 2, 2020– Motion** by Carolyn Hill seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to approve the minutes.

Reports

2. **Police** – Police Report was enclosed
3. **Treasurer** –Treasurer’s Report was enclosed
4. **Tax Collector** –Tax Collectors Report was enclosed.
5. **Zoning Officer** – No Zoning Meeting in April
6. **Public Works** – No Report
7. **Library** – No Report
8. **Recreation** – No report
9. **Fire Company** – No meeting for BTVFC due to COVID-19, EMS has provided reports Jan. through April
10. **Engineer** – Bob Collura provided the report.

11. **Solicitor** – Solicitor Asteak reviewed a call he received a call from the AFBA regarding the summer fest. If they should have the ABFA Summer Fest, they would be required to adhere to State/CDC guidelines.
12. **EAC** –
 - a. **Livable Landscapes Grant Resolution 2020-16** – Grant application to install 2 stormwater infiltration basins at Albert Ponds. **Motion** by Jason Smith seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to approve Resolution 2020-16.
 - b. **OS 52**- The EAC has recommended that this OS parcel be named Highlands Park. **Motion** by Harrison Kline seconded by Jason Smith and approved unanimously to name OS 52 - Highlands Park.
 - c. **OS 80** – An appraisal in the amount of \$31,500 has been received for OS 80. OS Coordinator Kerry Reider is asking for authorization to proceed with the acquisition of a conservation easement for 16.8 acres located on E. Moorestown Road. **Motion** by Jason Smith seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to proceed with the acquisition.
13. **NAZ COG** – No COG meeting due to COVID-19. Chairman Kocher stated that the LVPC is working on the Multi-Municipal Comp. Plan updates

OLD BUSINESS:

14. **Municipal Building Renovation** – Nothing to report
15. **Road Inspection Info** – Recommendation was to not overlay Colver at this time due to Scenic View West subdivision being started. Colver should be patched in the interim. Chairman Kocher directed the secretary to meet with Peter regarding any improvements to pipes to be replaced/drainage issues, shoulders that need to be cut or paved should be completed prior to overlaying.

NEW BUSINESS:

16. **Resolution 2020-14** – Chairman Kocher declared a Disaster Declaration on March 25, 2020 on the recommendation by the Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator. Resolution 2020-14 extends the Disaster Declaration to June 4, 2020. **Motion** by Jason Smith seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to adopt Resolution 2020-14.
17. **Resolution 2020-15** – **Motion** by Carolyn Hill seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to adopt Resolution 2020-15 approving the purchase of Beltz Property with Open Space Funds.
 - a. **Settlement Date Ext. Agreement (Beltz) - Motion** by Jason Smith seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to authorize the Township Chairman and secretary to sign agreement extending settlement date to June 16, 2020.
 - b. **Property Removal Agreement (Beltz) - Motion** by Jason Smith seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to authorize the Township Chairman and secretary to sign agreement to provide the Estate of Bruce Beltz, 60 days after settlement to remove remaining property. An escrow will be held by the Township.
18. **Insurance Carrier Change** – Life/ADD/STD/LTD. **Motion** by Harrison Kline seconded by Julie Bender and approved unanimously to approve changing Insurance carrier from The Standard to MetLife.
19. **Zoning Ordinance Amendments**- Authorization to send amendments to Planning Commission & LVPC for review & comment. **Motion** by Carolyn Hill seconded by Julie Bender and approved unanimously to authorize the Solicitor to send the Zoning Ordinance Amendments subject to one more final round of review by the Board of Supervisors.

20. SALDO Amendments- Authorization to send amendments to Planning Commission & LVPC for review & comment. **Motion** by Carolyn Hill seconded by Julie Bender and approved unanimously to authorize the Solicitor to send the SALDO Amendments subject to one more final round of review by the Board of Supervisors.

PAY BILLS: Bill List - \$154,621.96 – Motion by Julie Bender seconded by Harrison Kline and approved unanimously to pay the bills.

GOOD OF THE BOARD: Next regular Board of Supervisors meeting June 4, 2020

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Jason Smith seconded by Carolyn Hill and approved unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Belinda A. Roberts
Manager