

LOWER POTTS GROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 2, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of Lower Pottsgrove Township held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, July 2, 2018 at the Lower Pottsgrove Township Municipal Building, 2199 Buchert Road, Pottstown, Pennsylvania. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The following were in attendance:

Board of Commissioners: Earl E. Swavely, Jr., Raymond W. Lopez, Robert Mohollen and Michael McGroarty. Bruce Foltz was not in attendance

Edward C. Wagner, Manager; Michael A. Foltz, Chief of Police; Charles Garner, Solicitor; Chad Camburn, Township Engineer and Sharon Colletti, Secretary.

Solicitor Garner announced that prior to the meeting the Board met in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss a matter of real estate. No action was taken.

Commissioner Swavely announced the meeting would be recorded and asked speakers to please state their name, address and nature of business for the record.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lopez made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the regularly scheduled June 7, 2018 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Vote was 4-0 in favor.

Michael Lane of Pottstown Regional Recreation and Craig Colistra of Pottstown Health & Wellness made a presentation in regards to the PARRC position and its funding for the next five years.

Bill Keohane of the Lower Pottsgrove Park & Rec Board believes the program is a worthwhile investment and very beneficial to our Township.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Tony Doyle, 1745 Kepler Road wanted to know if there was a better option for the pending cell tower as he feels it may be somewhat of an eyesore in the township. Mr. Wagner stated that the reason this location was chosen is that the cell service in this immediate area is very poor.

Mr. Doyle asked the Board if they thought the street light tax would ever be eliminated. Mr. Wagner stated that the Township collects approximately \$20,000 from the tax.

REPORTS:

Chief Foltz presented the Police Report for the month

CALLS FOR SERVICE	1,015
ASSISTS:	
Given by Lower Pottsgrove PD	8
Received by Lower Pottsgrove PD	5
TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT:	
Violations Indicated	104
DUI Arrests	5
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS:	
Violations Indicated	158
Adults Arrested	24
Juveniles Handled	1

- Limerick Township for the Fourth of July festivities at Waltz Golf Farm (*see attached request from Chief Skelton of Limerick PD*). I am authorizing fire police to assist but would seek the Boards approval as well per Chief Skelton's request.
- Lower Pottsgrove Police in conjunction with Upper & West Pottsgrove PD's held our first kids Cop Camp from June 18 to June 22 at Pottsgrove High School. 22 children ages 10 & 11 attended. The camp was well-received and as much fun for staff as it was for the children.
- On June 11, police conducted active shooter/ALICE training with Pottsgrove School District staff as part of their in-service training. West Pottsgrove PD and Upper Pottsgrove PD also participated in the training.
- Ofc. David McKechnie is pursuing his Master's degree in Criminal Justice through Liberty University online. He has submitted tuition reimbursement request in the amount of \$ as per the police contract for his next (2) courses
- Lower Pottsgrove PD has been awarded \$2,700 for PA Aggressive Drive Wave #3 campaign to be run from July 9 through August 26, 2018. Focus of enforcement is on red light running, the Steer Clear Law, tailgating and speeding.

Criminal Investigations/Arrests:

- Strong armed robbery occurred at Turkey Hill Store at approx. 11:45 PM on Sunday June 3, 2018. Subject stole cigarettes and food items. Detectives made an arrest within under 48 hours.
- A subject was arrested on June 12, 2018 after indecently exposing himself to store employees inside the Liberty Thrift Store, 2200 E High Street. Police are investigating the possible connection to an earlier similar incident at the store in which several juveniles were targeted by the offender in that case.
- On June 19th, officers responded to a tip of illegal drug manufacturing in the Rolling Hills Apartment complex. Officers arrived and subsequent to their investigation they made numerous arrests and dismantled a methamphetamine manufacturing operation. LPPD was assisted by Montgomery County Detectives and PA State Police Clandestine Lab team.

Emergency Management

- There were no EOC activations for June.
- On Wednesday June 20th, Ray Lopez attended the monthly EMC training at the Montgomery County Public Safety Training Campus. The County has rolled out a new web-based software program for Identifying Hazardous Materials sites by municipality. This training session revolved around learning this new software.
- Ongoing projects: Preparation continues for the live testing of our notification system with our township staff, which was held up in June because of a few technical issues. It is hoped that we can complete this test in July.
- The Montgomery County 2017 Hazard Mitigation Plan will be ready for adoption by the Township Commissioners at our next public meeting on July 26.
- In July, Ray Lopez will be participating in a software beta test of another new web-based application named Veoci. Veoci is a web-based software for managing communication and coordinating activities in crisis and emergency situations. Five Emergency Management Coordinators from around the county having been selected to test drive this new application to determine if this software meets our needs in Montgomery County.

Fire Marshal

Low Babel highlighted the following statistics from his June report:

Station	Total Calls	Total Hrs. of Service	Total Personnel Hrs.	Total Personnel Training Hrs.	Total Fundraising Hrs.
Sanatoga (Station 58)	32	30 hrs 2 min	59 hrs 8 min	84 hrs 20 min	
Ringling Hill (Station 59)	30				

(Hours are approximate)

Mr. Babel stated that the H&K Group had donated a farm house located on Evergreen Road to be used by the fire companies for on-site trainings. The departments, along with the SWAT team, have been doing various drills and exercises over the past month.

Highway—Public Works Department: Mr. Wagner presented the June report and stated it will be posted on the bulletin board.

C.O.G.—No report.

Engineering—Chad Camburn of Bursich Associates provided a written Engineers' Report updating the Board on various projects and activities going on in the Township. He highlighted the following projects:

- Sanatoga Green: Our first review of the Final Plans was issued on June 7 and included a review of the overall site. We understand they will be coming in with a Phased application and we anticipate the first phase will be submitted within the

next couple weeks. The draft Sewage Facilities Planning Module package was reviewed on June 21 and is available for public comment.

- Spring Valley Farms: House construction is ongoing. Lot plans for four additional lots are under review. Amended Phase 2 plans were received on June 19 and are currently under review. The amended plans include a 2,700 SF clubhouse and a parking lot.
- Gerald Richards Park Improvements: A review letter from the MCCD was received on June 26. The application will be revised and resubmitted to the MCCD for approval.
- Rupert Road Bridge: There was a pre-construction meeting on June 19. The contractor intends to close the bridge on July 23. Signs with the closure date will be installed at least 15 days prior to the bridge closing.
- Limerick Generating Station: The proposal includes a 70 feet by 70 feet storage building and stormwater management improvements. Plans and reports were received on June 19 and are currently under review.

Treasurer—Mrs. Marsteller was not present.

Solicitor—Solicitor Garner provided a written report with a synopsis of all projects his office worked on during the month of June and but took a minute to discuss the upcoming Final P3 Tower Agreement.

Parks and Recreation Mr. Wagner stated that there will be a meeting on Monday, July 9th with DCNR officials at the Schuylkill River Headquarters to discuss our \$175,000 DCNR Grant for Phase II of Gerald Richards Park. As mentioned by Chad previously, we received a review letter from the Conservation District and was very favorable. The second concert is on Sunday, July 8th at 6:00 p.m. and will feature Flamin' Dick and the Hot Rods. Last night's concert unfortunately was rained out after about only an hour.

Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Planning Commission Mr. Wagner stated the last meeting was held on June 27th. A presentation was made in regards to of the Multi-Regional Gateway and Stewardship plan.

Lower Pottsgrove Township Authority

Mr. Wagner reported that the Authority will be reviewing our Community Block Grants for possible replacement of sewer mains along Sunnyside Avenue. We are in the process of scheduling a meeting to discuss the 2003 Lease Agreement with the Borough. We are working to make all the Pottsgrove leases with the Borough identical.

CORRESPONDENCE AND INFORMATION:

2018-06 Zoning Hearing Application for 1934 Bleim Road Partners, LP requesting a special exception for club or fraternal institution use and two variances for dimensional width and size.

2018-07 Zoning Hearing Application for 830 Duckworth Drive requesting a dimensional variance from the side yard setback.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to award the Oil & Chip Contract for work to be done on Donna Lane, Diane Court, Barbara Way & Noel Circle to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions for \$53,848.94. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

Commissioner Lopez made the motion to reimburse Officer David McKechnie \$4,079.75 for tuition @ Liberty University. This is part of the Police Contract. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

Commissioner Lopez made the motion for the Fire Police to assist Limerick Fire Company during the July 4th festivities. Commissioner Mohollen seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

None

Warrant 873 - Commissioner Mohollen made a motion to approve Warrant #873 for the month of May. Commissioner McGroarty seconded the motion; all in favor (4-0)

Mr. Wagner stated that **Warrant #874** for the month of June would be available next week.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Commissioner McGroarty offered his congratulations to Mike Foltz on the success of the Cop Camp program and stated that the active shooter training at the high school was very well received and appreciated.

Commissioner Mohollen commended the Chief and the Department for the awareness and professionalism in apprehending and shutting down the drug lab in the Rolling Hills neighborhood. Bob asked Lew to thank the fire departments for the great job they have done over the past couple of weeks.

Commissioner Lopez also congratulated Chief Foltz on the success of Cop Camp and also acknowledged the great job the fire companies have been doing.

Commissioner Swavely asked if Active Shooter drills would be occurring on a regular basis. Chief Foltz stated there is SWAT training with Patrol Officers scheduled in July and there would also be continued activities throughout the district at the various other schools. Commissioner Swavely shared a thank-you note from President Foltz to the Township Staff from when he was out.

Mr. Wagner reiterated that the Rupert Road Bridge would be closed starting July 23rd and the message board would be set up later this week; it also will be advertised on the Sunnybrook sign, Sanatoga Firehouse sign and the Township website and Facebook page.

Commissioner Swavely thanked and wished everyone a good holiday. There being no further business, the public meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Colletti
Township Secretary