

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held its Mid-Month Meeting, Monday, March 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., Municipal Building, 73 Reserve Lane, Lewistown.

Present

Chairman	Ronald E. Napikoski, Jr.
Vice-Chairman	Donald E. Warntz, II
Township Manager	Kelly Shutes
Park Manager	Josh Garver
Zoning Officer	Chris Dobson

R. Napikoski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Monday, March 4, 2024 Regular Township Meeting noting a correction to the Minutes regarding the closing of Mini Golf for the 2024 season, citing the fact that costs to repair the course are not worth opening for the season since there are preliminary plans being made to construct a new course for opening in 2025. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

SOLICITOR: Atty. Searer noted that Atty. Puchalski has finished reviewing the proposed Solar Ordinance with the D. T. Planning Commission. She is now moving forward with the proposed Wind Ordinance. Atty. O'Connor is monitoring the situation with Shy Bear Brewing's code compliance issues.

VISITORS:

Lucas Parkes, Juniata Valley Group, submitted a letter requesting the Board's extension of approval of the Pleasant Acres West, 16<sup>th</sup> Addition Subdivision/Land Development plan for sixty days. Mr. Napikoski informed Mr. Parkes that this would be the last extension, given the numerous times that extensions have been granted for the plan approval. He also noted that the D. T. Planning Commission has commented that the period of time that has elapsed since the plan was reviewed has been too long. Mr. Parkes said that taking this information into consideration, he thinks it would be better to ask for a ninety-day extension so that Juniata Valley Group engineers can complete the geotechnical review and get a Conditional Use Hearing scheduled. The D. T. Planning Commission will also need to review the newly revised plans. D. Warntz made a motion to grant a final extension for approval of the Pleasant Acres/16<sup>th</sup> Addition until June 18, 2024. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 – 0.

Dan Bishop, of Peaceful Mind Veterans' Adventures, submitted three Park Use Applications for veteran's fishing events at the park pond. He plans to bring veterans and hospice patients to the Kish Park Pond for fishing outings. The nursing homes or other responsible parties would transport them to and from the park. He stated that he plans to have groups of ten to twelve participants at the pond staggered throughout the entire day. Mr. Bishop submitted a letter of determination from the IRS verifying that "Peaceful Mind Veterans' Adventures" is a 501(c)(3) organization and a current Certificate of Insurance naming Derry Township as additional insured. D. Warntz made a motion to approve the Park Use Application for the first event to be held June 19, 2024 (rain date June 20, 2024) and waiving the park use and cleanup fees for this event. He noted that the remaining two Park Use Applications that were submitted by Mr. Bishop will be considered after the first event is completed. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 – 0.

**PARK MANAGER REPORT:**

Josh Garver, Park Manager, reported that he continues to collect donations for the Youth Trout Tournament.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

D. Warntz made a motion to accept a quote from Central PA HVAC in the amount of \$4,325.00 to install a new natural gas line and furnace at the Road Dept. Garage. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to grant an extension for approval of the Orchard Hills Storage Land Development Plan to May 28, 2024. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A realty company requested that Derry Township gives permission to the present owner of 63 Cottage Inn Lane (16, 01-0106CB, 000) to disconnect the public water line from the home. The house is more than 150' from the water main. The current owner paid to run the lateral to the main line, but a new buyer is requesting to be disconnected. The disconnection will be done at the owner's expense and will be properly capped off by the MCWA. D. Warntz made a motion to accept the request by the owner to disconnect from the public water line. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

R. Napikoski volunteered to serve on the Mifflin Co. Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee.

D. Warntz made a motion to donate \$250 to the PA Foundation for Free Enterprise Education Scholarship fund. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to pledge \$2,500 in 2024 to support Downtown Lewistown, Inc. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

The Mifflin County Library Summer Reading Program has requested Mini Golf passes for prizes. Because the Mini Golf course will not open for the 2024 season, D. Warntz made a motion to purchase and donate 10 Burnham pool passes in place of the Mini Golf passes. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to approve the offers for two properties in the Repository for Unsold Properties as follows:

- 1) Tax Map # 16 ,10-0100--,018 – Sunflower Lane \$400.00
- 2) Tax Map # 16 ,43-0080--,000 – Old Stine Lane (vacant lot) \$110.00

R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

A PLGIT Term Account matures on March 27, 2024 valued at \$453,963.43. D. Warntz made a motion to direct the Township Manager to invest the monies and split between two CD's, not to exceed \$250,000 each, at the best available rate on March 27, 2024. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

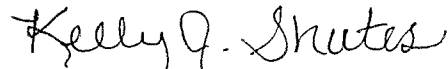
D. Warntz made a motion to approve the bills for February 2024 as presented. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

The office received a report from Signal Service, Inc. on the traffic signals in the Township. The Township Manager shared the report with Cliff Eich, TransAssociates, Inc., and he confirmed that most of the repairs required can be completed with the current ARC Grant the Township received in 2022.

D. Warntz made a motion to call an executive session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss potential litigation regarding zoning violations and enforcement. R. Napikoski seconded the motion. Motion carried 2 - 0.

D. Warntz made a motion to end the executive session and since there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

DERRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Kelly J. Shutes  
Township Manager