

LOWER SALFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES
WORK SESSION

June 4, 2024

Chairman Keith Bergman called the Lower Salford Township Board of Supervisor's meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Chris Canavan, Kevin Shelly, Dave Scheuren and Kent Krauss. Also present were Joseph Czajkowski, Township Manager; Holly Hosterman, Assistant to the Township Manager; Mike Beuke, Director of Building and Zoning; Doug Jones, Public Works Director; Chief Tom Medwid, Lower Salford Township Police Department, and Stephanie Butler, Township Traffic Engineer.

Chairman Bergman asked those in attendance to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no public comment.

Doug Jones reported that the closeout of the Streetlight upgrade project was nearing completion.

Mr. Jones said that the County had awarded the contract for the Bergey Mill Road Bridge project. The bid was awarded to Haines and Kibblehouse for \$4.4 million dollars. The bid for the installation of the trail at Bergey Mill Park came in at nearly \$100,000 versus the estimate of \$61,000. Doug said that he and the Traffic Engineer would be reaching out to the County to see if there was a way to lower those costs.

Doug said that he has updated the 2024 road program with additional roads added to the list. He said that cape seal portion of the program is scheduled to take place in late June early July, and that paving of Indian Creek Road is schedule for late July.

Doug informed the Board that the poles and electrical conduit for the security camera at Alderfer Park have been installed. He said that he hoped the electricity would be installed in the very near future.

Mr. Jones said that he was working with the Perkiomen Watershed to install a floating plant island in Briarwyck Pond. It is hoped that this will help mitigate the algae bloom in the pond.

Mr. Jones said that the insurance details were completed and the lease for the storage barn at 804 Harleysville Pike was ready to sign.

Doug said that offers of full-time employment have been accepted by two individuals. They will be starting over the next few weeks. Additionally, we have been lucky to find 5 summer employees. These hires will go a long way to get us back on schedule for mowing and other summer projects.

Doug said that the tree-cutting class went well, and we were able to cut down a number of large dead trees that we would otherwise have had to pay for. He said that the chopped-up wood was put in the community wood pile near the upper lot of Bergey Mill Park.

Mr. Jones said that Park Avenue fields and the new Alderfer Park fields are all looking good. He said that he hopes that the Alderfer Road fields will be ready next year but recommends putting off using them for another year if their growth warrants it.

Chief Medwid reported that the updated solicitation ordinance was ready for the Board to authorize advertisement. He said that the ordinance removes some antiquated language and allows for the updating of the permit fee. Additionally, the ordinance will prohibit anyone from soliciting at a home that displays a no soliciting sign.

The Chief updated the Board on the just completed Country Fair Days. He said that overall, the event was a success noting however that there were a number of fights and incidents of underage drinking. He said that the new camera system that was installed at the Community Center was very helpful in the follow-up to some of the incidents. The Chief said that the department had 247 hours of overtime related to the event. Supervisor Krauss commended the Police Department for an outstanding job.

Mike Beuke reported that the Building and Zoning department issued 114 permits in May which is nearly double the monthly average. There will be a ZHB hearing in July for an application for a variance from the side yard setback related to the

proposed construction of a 2-car garage at 193 Kinsey Road. A new Sketch Plan has been submitted for 488 Harleysville Pk. - 26 dwelling units. Mike said that the only item for the Boards next meeting will be approval of the sewage planning module for 785 Cressman Road.

Mr. Czajkowski reviewed the minutes of the May 1, 2024, Board meeting and the agenda for the June 5, 2024, regular meeting.

Mr. Czajkowski introduced Stephanie Butler, Township Traffic Engineer, who reviewed the proposal for the phase 1 design of the Route 113 alternate route shared use path. Mrs. Butler said that the proposal includes survey work and environmental clearance for the entire length of the 113 alternate route and engineering and design will be for the first half of the project, Schlosser to Morris Road only. She said that the Greenways Trails Grant application has been submitted for the second phase of the project, Morris Road to Landis Road. The Board discussed the proposal and decided that they would like to authorize tasks 1, 2 and 3 at this time and to revisit tasks 4 and 5 at a later date when they feel those tasks would be appropriate. Chairman Bergman moved to approve tasks 1, 2 and 3 of the Bowman proposal dated May 31, 2024. Supervisor Canavan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Assistant to the Manager, Holly Hosterman updated the Board on the remediation of the Lower Salford Quarry by the EPA. She said that the bid for the remediation work had been awarded to the Conte Group of New Hope, PA. She said that the EPA would be scheduling an open house to give the public additional information about the project. Additionally, the EPA will be notifying nearby residents of the project and the details of the remediation process. Holly said that a preconstruction meeting will be scheduled once a notice to proceed date is set. She said that EPA hopes to start the project by the end of August and said that it should take about a year to complete. Holly said that Quarry Road will be closed for the duration of the project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Czajkowski
Township Manager

