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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES August 15, 2018

Call to Order:

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Dea, Morris, Snyder and Torres. Also in attendance were Township Solicitor Mark Thompson, Assistant Mgr. Jeff Eastburn and Secretary Sharon Norris. Two members of the public arrived at 7:20 p.m.

The meeting was commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Announcements: There will be an executive session after tonight's meeting to discuss potential litigation.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes:

- a. *BOS Minutes of July 18, 2018:* Mrs. Morris moved, seconded by Mrs. Dea, that the Board approve the July 18, 2018 Minutes, as presented by the Township Secretary. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. *Disposition of Records – Resolution 2018-19:* Mrs. Dea moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder, that the Board approve Resolution 2018-19 regarding the Disposition of Records for the July 18, 2018 BOS Meeting and the June 7, 2018 Planning Commission Meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports:

- a. *Treasurer's Report for July 2018:* Chairman Auerbach moved, seconded by Mr. Torres, that the Board approve the July 2018 Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$110,103.99; the Park & Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$5,258.39; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,768.42; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$41,458.47; the Highway Aid Fund with disbursements of \$10,502.06; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$1,157,966.80. Motion passed 5-0.
- b. *Zoning Officer's Report:* Mr. Snyder reported that during the month of July, 5 permits were issued and 41 building inspections were completed. Building fees collected were \$809.57; Recreation, Open Space & Impact Fees collected were -0-; and miscellaneous fees collected were \$500.00. There are four ongoing zoning issues. The Zoning Officer's entire report is on the Township website at www.franklintownship.us.
- c. *Planning Commission Report(PC):* Mrs. Dea, an alternate member of the PC, summarized their August 2nd meeting at which the applicant's engineer, Mr. Matt Mack, made an initial presentation of a land development plan for the property at 476 Chesterville Road. His purpose was to obtain guidance from the PC regarding proposed waivers and other issues prior to submitting his final plan. The approved minutes of the PC meeting will be posted on the Township's website.

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- d. HARB/HC Report: Chairman Lagasse was not in attendance but provided a summary of the August 1st HC meeting which was read by Supervisor Morris. The main topic of discussion was the Kennedy House at 3327 Appleton Rd. Local talks coming up include one in November regarding the 1918 influenza epidemic and another in May 2019 related to the history of milling. Approved minutes of the meeting will be on the Township website.

Business:

- a. Ordinance Discussion - Bamboo: The Solicitor has provided a revised draft ordinance, incorporating points from last month's discussion for the Board's review. The revised ordinance restricts the planting and growing of bamboo and enforces its maintenance within 40 ft. of the road's edge and 10 ft. from the property line. Chairman Auerbach advised that he is in favor of the 40 ft. setback from any roadway but not in favor of the 10 ft. setback from any property line because he feels it is overregulating personal property. The other 4 supervisors, however, are in favor of the ordinance as written. After additional discussion and clarification of the ordinance, Mrs. Dea moved, seconded by Mrs. Morris, that the Board authorize the Solicitor to advertise the Bamboo Ordinance regarding the planting and maintenance of bamboo for enactment at a future meeting. The motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Auerbach voting Nay.
- b. 117 Peacedale Road: This discussion involves a 2.280 acre property that was part of a subdivision plan approved in 1977. Mrs. Boyle and her husband, now deceased, have owned the property since that time. Mrs. Boyle wants to sell the parcel but has been told by the Health Department that the soil is too wet to support a septic system. Mrs. Boyle is proposing that the Township purchase the parcel for open space. Elizabeth and Michael Boyle, Mrs. Boyle's adult children, were in attendance representing their mother. After consideration, the Board was unanimous in their opinion that the parcel is not suitable for an open space investment and as pointed out by Supervisor Torres, even if the Township was interested it would be in the form of an easement from which the Boyle's would only realize approximately \$11,000. Other suggestions included selling it "as is" with full disclosure or engaging an engineer to create a development plan with an alternate septic system to sell with the lot. The property is listed for Sheriff's sale in 2019.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Norris
Township Secretary

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