

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

6:00 p.m.

July 10, 2024

4230 Iroquois Avenue

In Attendance: Commissioner B. Rodemaker, Commissioner T. Buchleitner, Commissioner D. Williams, Commissioner J. Golden, Engineer A. Holland, Sgt. S. Baker, Secretary C. Cunningham. **Absent:** Commissioner T. Benovic, Chief J. Morell

~Commissioner Rodemaker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was performed~

REPORTS:

Engineers Report:

1. Soudan Lift Station Replacement Status
 - a. Bid opening June 21 – Konzel Construction low bidder.
 - b. Urban continues to coordinate with USDA and Township
 - c. Pending USDA authorization – Urban requests Commissioners to award contract to Konzel Construction
2. Cunningham Lift Station Grinder
 - a. WQM Permit submitted 5/10.
 - b. DEP review pending – typical review time is 85 days (4 months)
 - c. Administratively complete
 - d. Notice published in PA Bulletin (July 6th), 15-day comment period.
 - e. Permit pending – July 22 or July 29 are earliest dates.
3. Streets Paving
 - a. Milling began July 9th.
 - b. 3 tons of base repair (as directed by Urban inspector)
 - c. Today, July 10th Scratch and wearing course begin.
 - d. Field Street ADA ramps awaiting schedule update.
 - e. Asphalt wedge curb on Field Street
4. Chapter 94 Report for Erie WWTP
 - a. No Update

Police Report:

Totals calls for service in the month of June was 767 with an increase of criminal investigations. Also drug and firearms arrests have been on the increase. Sgt. Baker stated that there have been officers out in the community doing bicycle patrols and interacting with the residents. The 4th of July did not have any major issues. The children's bike parade was a large success with many more participants than in previous years.

~Commissioner Buchleitner motioned to approve all reports as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion; the motion carried~

Visitors: Jim VanDyne, Mark Riggle, Chris Buchleitner, Dale Durst, Paula Cassady, Joe Michalegko, Charles Curtis, Rick Garman, Mary Brown, Cheryl Smith, Doug Keefer, Katherine Rusk, Kate Griffin

Signed in to speak: Jim VanDyne, Chris Buchleitner

~ Jim VanDyne addressed the board concerning numerous large fireworks being shot off on the fourth of July down at the boat ramp. He stated that for 2 years in a row this has been happening. VanDyne said that he called county dispatch and was informed that the LPPD was tied up with Fireworks being set off in town and could not respond. He also stated that someone had a fake Facebook page and posted on there all the fireworks that they had set off, and a day later the page was taken down. VanDyne voiced his concern that this will become common practice and that something needs to be done regarding this and that a police officer needs to be present at the launch area at that time. ~

~ Chris Buchleitner commented that the bike parade was awesome, and the picnic afterward was wonderful. She was concerned however that during the parade one of the floats shot off confetti cannons and that it left a terrible mess in the street. Residents let her know that while some residents cleaned up the debris from their yards, others do not and the material gets down into the drains and creates clogs and other issues. She is asking that the Township ask participants to refrain from any such debris being put onto the streets in the future.

Bills:

- Commissioner Williams made a motion to pay bills as presented, Commissioner Golden seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Minutes & Resolutions:

- Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve BOC Minutes from June 12, 2024, Commissioner Buchleitner seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Soudan's Bid Opening on June 21, 2024, Commissioner Rodemaker seconded the motion; the motion carried.
- Commissioner Rodemaker read aloud Resolution 2024-14 the Broadband Program Application with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; "aye"; Commissioner Buchleitner; "aye"; Commissioner Rodemaker; "aye"; Commissioner Williams; "aye"; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-14 was duly approved.
- Commissioner Rodemaker read aloud Resolution 2024-15 the Township Grievance Procedure with the following roll call VOTE taken by Secretary C. Cunningham; Commissioner Golden; "aye"; Commissioner Buchleitner; "aye"; Commissioner Rodemaker; "aye"; Commissioner Williams; "aye"; with all in favor, Resolution 2024-14 was duly approved.

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

- Commissioner Benovic has received information regarding the Iroquois Homecoming Parade that will take place on September 20th at 5:30 PM. The route will include Main St., Priestley, and Field. Christmas in July which will happen on the 25th in Napier Park is scheduled, as well as Shakespeare in Napier Park happening on August 19, 20 and 21. The Board approved all events as listed.
- Commissioner Williams motioned to award the Soudan's project to Konzel Construction pending authorization from USDA.

~Commissioner Golden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m., Commissioner Williams seconded; the motion carried. ~

Respectfully Submitted:

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Board of Commissioner's Secretary