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LOWER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER - The August 4, 2025, meeting of the Lower Mount Bethel Township Board of Supervisors was held at 6984 S. Delaware Drive, Martins Creek, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson DeBerardinis at 7:00 p.m. Also in attendance were, S. Disidore, C. Cook, D. Ascani (zoom) C. Briglia, Twp. Engineer, Briggs - Sebia, Township Solicitor, M. Hart, and M. Mastrogiovanni. There were approximately 8 members of the audience present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 14, 2025. Revision made to reflect J. Zator was present, not K. Briggs - Sebia. **MOTION** by S. Disidore, second by C. Cook to approve the minutes as amended. Vote: 4-0.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

1. Tara Mezzanotte – Tara gave an update on the Rt. 611 DWG and retaining wall. They are looking to amend the Resolution to list her husband as a liaison to be a consulting party. D. Ascani asked if they can meet her husband. Tara explained due to work commitments, he is unable to attend a meeting. S. Disidore asked if Tara can provide her husbands resume. Tara will provide that to the Board and the revised Resolution for the September BOS meeting.

SUBDIVISIONS / ZONING

OLD BUSINESS

1. Board of Supervisors to authorize and approve **Resolution 2025-11** for the execution of the contract with PPL Utilities for the LED Light Conversion. **MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by D. Ascani to approve Resolution 2025-11. Vote: 4-0.

2. Approval and Award of the Lower Mount Bethel Township Trail Reconstruction Project to the successful bidder Charlie Nansteel Tree and Excavation LLC in the amount of \$157,904.80. Two grants are secured for the project - 2024 Livable Landscapes \$75,000 & 2024 Greenways, Trail Recreation \$77,625 totaling \$152,625; Township will be responsible for the difference of \$5,279.80.

MOTION by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore to approve and award the Lower Mount Bethel Township Trail Reconstruction Project to the successful bidder Charlie Nansteel Tree and Excavation LLC in the amount of \$157,904.80. The remaining balance can come out of Road Department Projects. Vote: 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board of Supervisors to authorize and approve Resolution **2025-12** to submit a grant application in the amount of \$75,000 to the Local Share Account (LSA) Monroe County Program for the construction of a Bandshell/Amphitheater at Riverton Park. **MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by C. Cook to authorize and approve Resolution 2025-12 to have M. Hart apply for the grant. Vote: 4-0.

2. Board of Supervisors to authorize and approve Resolution **2025-13** to submit a grant application in the amount of \$75,000 to the Local Share Account (LSA) Northampton County for the construction of a Bandshell/Amphitheater at Riverton Park. **MOTION** by M. DeBerardinis, second by D. Ascani to have M. Hart apply for the grant. Vote: 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE - All Correspondence is located in the Township office.

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS –MOTION by M. DeBerardinis, second by S. Disidore to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$62,179.82. Vote: 5-0.

REPORTS

Township Engineer Report – No report.

Township Solicitor Report – Written report submitted, no further comments.

Chairman’s Report – No report.

Board Members Reports

C. Cook – No report.

S. Disidore – No report.

D. Ascani – Dave reported he was at the July Planning Commission meeting and didn’t like how the meeting was run. There was a lot of foul language from members of the audience, and comments by the Chairman. Dave recommended Committees be given a copy of the Code of Conduct.

Township Manager / Treasurer Report - Written report submitted, no further comments.

Assist. Township Manager / Secretary Report - Written report submitted, no further comments.

Road Department Report - Written report submitted, no further comments.

PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Keifer – Mr. Keifer asked about agenda items and being able to make comments on topics before a vote is taken. M. DeBerardinis noted he is going to follow protocol and hold meetings to a higher standard.

J. Matthews – Mr. Matthews asked how much the initial cost of the LED conversion is. M. DeBerardinis indicated there is no cost. He also asked the status of the Gravel Hill camera. There is no update.

ADJOURNMENT - The Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Mastrogiovanni, Township Secretary - Lower Mount Bethel Township