

**LOWER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023**

SUPERVISORS:

Danielle A. Duckett, Chairman
Michael Twersky, Vice Chair
Janine Martin
Kathleen Hunsicker
Tessie McNeely

STAFF:

Mimi Gleason, Interim Township Manager
Jamie Worman, Assistant Township Manager
Michelle Farzetta, Assistant Secretary
Neil Stein, Esq., Solicitor
Fred Zollers, Director Public Works
Mike Gargan, Police Lieutenant

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The Chair called the hybrid meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Lower Gwynedd Township Building and virtually on Zoom and led those in attendance in the pledge of allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Board of Supervisors met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of personnel, real estate and litigation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments

GENERAL BUSINESS

Approval of trail easement from Gwynedd Mercy University

Ms. Worman explained that the township is acting as the applicant on behalf of Gwynedd Mercy University (GMU) for submission of a Montco 2040 Grant application with the contingency that public access to the campus trail system be formalized with an easement agreement. GMU has provided an agreement that is under Mr. Steins review. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to approve this agreement pending any changes Mr. Stein may have. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2023-07 Authorization to submit Montco 2040 Grant for Gwynedd Mercy University

Ms. Worman explained that Resolution #2023-07 will authorize the township staff to submit a grant application on behalf of Gwynedd Mercy University (GMU). The Montco 2040 Grant is for a proposed project that will extend the Lower Gwynedd trail system from Sumneytown Pike to the GMU stadium area. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hunsicker to approve Resolution #2023-07. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of 3-year commitment for health insurance

The township is transitioning from a PPO insurance plan to a high deductible health plan (HDHP) for all non-uniformed staff. Delaware Valley Health Trust is requiring a two-year commitment to offset the time they have spent getting everyone set up with the new plan and the health savings accounts. This commitment will last through December 31, 2025. Staff has asked for a rate cap in return for this commitment. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Ms. McNeely to execute the two-year commitment. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of minutes - February 8, 2023

The BOS received the minutes from the February 8, 2023 meeting. There were no questions or comments. Ms. Duckett made a motion, seconded by Ms. McNeely to approve the February 8th, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion passed 4-0. (Ms. Hunsicker abstained as she was not present for the meeting)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks and Recreation - Ms. Martin stated that they discussed summer camp registration and the master plan/strategic plan for the parks. The subcommittee also met with Gilmore and had a productive meeting discussing the plan. Other topics during the regular meeting were Little League opening day on April 15th, tennis/pickle ball camp and science explorers. Ms. Hunsicker mentioned that Parks and Recreation is still looking for counselors for the camp program. Last summer camp had to be cancelled, due to lack of staffing and we do not want that to happen again.

Fall Fest - Fall fest will be held on September 23 from 12-5 on Houston Road. Information for vendors and sponsors will be posted on the website very soon.

Historic Advisory Committee - Ms. Martin stated that they discussed their priorities for the year and policies and procedures for historical markers. Mr. Twersky asked when they will be coming to the BOS with a plan for Ingersoll. Ms. Martin explained the committee has been gathering information and insight into the property's history, as well as professional input from inspectors and realtors. Ms. Hunsicker asked about the historical markers, particularly in Penllyn. Ms. Martin explained that right now the committee is working on a process, using the state regulations as a guide. Once that is done then they will be able to better determine where markers could be put.

STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Worman stated that the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission met and reorganized. They are looking to extend invitations to join the commission to other communities. They are also looking at the recycling ordinance and tonnage reports. Residential waste is weighted more than commercial, so they are looking to see if the trash picked up at apartment complexes is being reported as residential or commercial. They are also looking at formalizing their grant programs for area school districts that offer recycling programs.

Ms. Gleason mentioned that there will be a meeting on Friday with Republic Services regarding the trash contract. There is an option for 2 one-year extensions, so they are meeting to see what Republics thoughts are. If we decide not to extend the contract, we will need to begin preparing to go out to bid.

SUPERVISORS COMMENTS

There were no comments from the supervisors.

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Adjournment

Ms. Duckett made a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm seconded by Ms. Hunsicker. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Farzetta

Administrative Assistant