

**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT Michael Hudak, President
Malissa Davis, Commissioner
John Gallagher, Commissioner
John Merhottein, Commissioner

MEMBERS ABSENT Thomas Nolan, Vice-President

OTHERS PRESENT James Broughal, Township Solicitor
Doug Bruce, Township Manager
Brian Dillman, Township Engineer

CALL TO ORDER President Hudak called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., and led those in attendance in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

**MICHAEL GROSS
1954 VINTAGE DR.** Mr. Gross said he is very concerned about the speeding on Merlot Drive. He said that as of very recent, his neighbor's dog was killed.

**TONY BILLONE
1816 MERLOT DR.** Mr. Billone said that on September 8th, his puppy was killed in front of his home by a hit and run driver who was speeding. He said his young daughter witnessed the entire scene. Mr. Billone said that Wagner Drive has become a raceway and will do whatever it takes to get 3 way stop signs posted. Solicitor Broughal told Mr. Billone that stop signs cannot be used for speed control and it is up to the board to do a traffic study to see if the stop signs are warranted.

**RANDALL BERGMAN
1777 ZINFANDEL CT** Mr. Bergman said that speeding is occurring on Chardonnay Court and would like to see something done to slow down the drivers before someone is seriously hurt. Mr. Gallagher advised him to lobby his State Representative to get laws changed.

**BARRY ROTH
4323 CHETWIN TERR.** Mr. Roth said he believes that speed humps would get drivers to slow down and in turn prevent accidents.

**KIM MENTUCK
4160 DOUGLAS** Ms. Mentuck asked the Board to rescind the Anthony Court Field Use policy as she believes she and her neighbors were not properly notified. She handed the Commissioners a signed petition. She says she has witnessed bad things at the park such as drug deals and prostitution

**GENE BOYER
3223 FARMERSVILLE
RD.** Mr. Boyer asked if rumble strips could be used to slow down traffic on Wagner Drive. President Hudak said he will check with the Township Solicitor, Police Department and the Township Engineer.

**ROD LAW
4241 ANTHONY DR.** Mr. Law said he is not opposed to the Anthony Court Field Use policy.

**FRANK GRILLO
4445 BAYARD ST.**

Mr. Grillo said that as President of the Bethlehem Township Athletic Association, he understands the policy and told the residents that if they have any concerns not to approach the coaches but to call him directly.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Solicitor Broughal announced that the Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session on September 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss litigation matters pursuant to Section 708a of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

Upon motion (Gallagher-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 regular public meeting as presented. Mr. Nolan was absent.

**CONDITIONAL USE
HEARING**

RESOLUTION R070-18

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED
CONDITIONAL USE PLAN FOR A HELIPAD AND FLIGHT TAKE-OFF
AND LANDING PATTERNS (ST. LUKE'S UNIVERSITY HEALTH
NETWORK)**

Upon motion (Gallagher-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to approve Resolution R070-18 granting approval of the proposed conditional use plan for a helipad and flight take-off and landing patterns (St. Luke's University Health Network). Mr. Nolan was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING

ORDINANCE 11-18

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
BETHLEHEM WITH THE ADDITION OF CHAPTER 191, LITTERING,
AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH**

Upon motion (Davis-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners voted unanimously by voice vote to adopt Ordinance 11-18 amending the code of the Township of Bethlehem with the addition of Chapter 191, Littering, and repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith. Mr. Nolan was absent.

**SUBDIVISIONS &
LAND
DEVELOPMENT**

RESOLUTION R069-18

**A RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL PRELIMINARY/FINAL
APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL EXPANSION
(TOWER 2) CONDITIONAL USE PLAN**

Upon motion (Gallagher-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R069-18 granting conditional preliminary/final approval of the proposed St. Luke's Hospital expansion (Tower 2) conditional use plan. Mr. Nolan was absent.

RESOLUTION R071-18 A RESOLUTION GRANTING CONDITIONAL FINAL APPROVAL OF THE BIRCHWOOD COMMONS LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Upon motion (Merhottein-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Resolution R071-18 granting conditional final approval of the Birchwood Commons land development plan. Mr. Nolan was absent.

MOTIONS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MOTION

A MOTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT BETWEEN BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP AND BETHLEHEM AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Upon motion (Merhottein-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve a motion authorizing and approving a school resource officer agreement between Bethlehem Township and Bethlehem Area Vocational-Technical School. Mr. Nolan was absent.

MOTION

A MOTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING A TIME EXTENSION TO DECEMBER 28, 2018, GRANTED BY PC LAND DEVELOPMENT INC. FOR A FORMAL DECISION ON THE MILL CREEK CORPORATE CENTER

Upon motion (Merhottein-Davis), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to approve a motion accepting and approving a time extension to December 28, 2018, granted by PC Land Development Inc. for a formal decision on the Mill Creek Corporate Center. Mr. Nolan was absent.

APPROVAL OF BILL AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

Upon motion (Merhottein-Davis), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve the Bill Agenda of September 12, 2018. Mr. Nolan was absent.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS

PO 20182233 – Mad Science of Lehigh Valley – BTCC – \$2,250.00
PO 20181939 – Rachel Shubert – PPIS – \$3,000.00
PO 20182371 – Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel Inc. – Public Works – \$3,136.75
PO 20182394 – Stotz & Fatzinger Office Supply – PPIS – \$2,661.51
PO 20182408 – Deep Run Aquatic Services Inc. – BTCC – \$2,506.30
PO 20182417 – PA Chiefs of Police Association – Police – \$4,088.57
PO 20182302 – Hydra-Numatic Sales – PPIS – \$8,744.00

Upon motion (Davis-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve Purchase Orders 20182233, PO 20181939, PO 20182371, PO 20182394, PO 20182408, PO 20182417 and PO 20182302 as presented. Mr. Nolan was absent.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT OF AUGUST 31, 2018

Upon motion (Gallagher-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to approve the Treasurer's Report of August 31, 2018 as presented subject to audit. Mr. Nolan was absent.

**ZONING HEARING
BOARD MEETING OF
SEPTEMBER 26, 2018**

Mr. Bruce said asked the board to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting of September 26, 2018.

Upon motion,(Merhottein-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to authorize the Township Solicitor to represent Bethlehem Township at the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting of September 26, 2018. Mr. Nolan was absent.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
MONTHLY REPORTS**

Upon motion (Merhottein-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to accept all monthly reports except the Finance Department's Monthly Report as presented. Mr. Nolan was absent.

Upon motion (Davis-Merhottein), the Board of Commissioners voted by voice vote to accept the Finance Department's Monthly report as presented. Mr. Gallagher opposed. Mr. Nolan was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, upon motion (Merhottein-Gallagher), the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Mr. Nolan was absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Zapata
Recording Secretary

