

CEDAR CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2021

Supervisor Linda Aerts called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Motion by Kuziak, supported by Wright, to approve the Agenda, with the addition to new business for Poverty Resolution.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Wright, Foster.

PASSED.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Heather Jarvis, Stephanie Kuziak, Bob Wright, Linda Aerts, Peggy Foster.

RESIDENTS PRESENT: 11

MINUTES

MOTION

Motion by Wright, supported by Foster, to approve the minutes from January 12, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Foster; Wright.

PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer read her report and proposed to be placed on file.

MOTION

Motion by Kuziak, supported by Wright, to approve a Budget Meeting for February 16, 2021 at 5:00pm.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Foster; Wright.

PASSED.

DISBURSEMENTS

MOTION

Motion by Foster, supported by Wright, to pay all regular bills for the month.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Foster; Wright.

PASSED.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

NONE

CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

SUPERVISOR'S REMARKS: Supervisor Aerts announced she had a statement to deliver and that meeting participants, if they wished, could make comments during Public Comments regarding the Agenda Items: There is a current car commercial that speaks about its innovative design features. They do this in part while sculpting a clay model. I suspect this is

supposed to translate into sales by touching upon the uniqueness and individuality that lies within each of us. Designing a car is a hard job. Engineers and designers have to put all the pieces and parts together to make the car aesthetically pleasing, comfortable, secure, and safe. We expect nothing less of our car manufacturers. I have always referred to Cedar Creek as a four-season masterpiece. Winter is gorgeous with its snow-laden trees; it is breathtaking here -- a place in which people desire to live. It is made up of lots of different people with different ideas who have a common goal, they care about this community.

Municipalities were warned to use caution on Inauguration Day due to the potential of violence spilling over into local areas. I was on the fence about this – nothing can happen in little Cedar Creek – right? As Supervisor, one of my jobs is to look out for the welfare of the people of this community and the people who work for Cedar Creek Township.

We all have the right to freedom of speech (Remember that thing that we all treasure called the Constitution?) which gives us the right to agree and disagree. That is one of the best parts of our Country. However, I urge you to get the facts before making statements on social media in today's volatile environment. Recent posts were so inflammatory prior to the Inauguration, that it caused us to make a very difficult decision. I called all staff who were to work in the office that day and told them that, out of an abundance of caution, I wanted them to work from home for their own safety. This decision was not made lightly. In fact, we spoke with our legal counsel after the fact. It was at his suggestion that I am making these remarks.

Words matter – the consequences of words matter! Thank you.

Thank you – we will now resume the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Regulatory Ordinance #2021-02 for Noise Control

- This ordinance has seen more than its share of controversy. I will make this statement, this ordinance never, and I repeat for clarity, never, had anything to do with taking guns away or legal night hunting away. It simply was about the health, safety, and wellbeing of Township residents after dark. With that said, because there was so much controversy surrounding this, our legal counsel has suggested that we form a Task Force to further discuss the topic. I have suggested the following members and/or positions: Peggy Foster, Trustee; Jennifer Barnes, Planning Commission; Lorraine Grabinski, Zoning Administrator; DNR Representative; Steve Stafford (Sweeter Road Resident); Sheriff's Department Representative; and Linda Aerts, Supervisor.

This Task Force will be advisory only. It will have a three-month sunset date, which is about the time citizens will begin to open their windows and begin to let in the fresh air. Meetings will be held via Zoom and will comply with the Open Meetings Act. A report should be given to the Board no later than the June Board Meeting, the date which is

yet to be determined. There will be no compensation for this committee.

MOTION

Motion by Kuziak, supported by Jarvis, to form an advisory committee to review the Noise Ordinance and report back to the Board by the June Board Meeting.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Foster; Wright.

PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **Amend Accessory Building Ordinance from 20' in height to 35'**

MOTION

Motion by Kuziak, supported by Wright, to amend the Accessory Building Ordinance from 20' in height to 24'

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Foster; Wright.

PASSED.

➤ **Zoning Ordinance 2021-01 Land Clearing of Non-Residential Properties**

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit a non-residential construction project from clearing land prior to any site plan review and approval by the Planning Commission. This would NOT affect any residential clearing.

MOTION by Kuziak, supported by Wright, to approve the recommendation from the Planning Commission to Ordinance 2021-1 Land Clearing of Non-Residential Properties.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Wright, Foster.

PASSED.

➤ **Local Bids for New Flooring**

We have 1 bid from Latsch Flooring, they are not located in the Township but have done all the flooring for the Township. Our policy does state we should have 3 bids. Peggy offered to get two other bids before we make our final decision.

MOTION

Motion by Kuziak, supported by Wright, to have Peggy get two more bids for the flooring in the Township Hall and budget within the 2021/22 budget.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Wright, Foster.

PASSED.

➤ **Poverty Guidelines Resolution**

MOTION

Motion Foster, supported by Wright, to adopt Resolution 1-2021 Poverty Guidelines.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Wright, Foster.

PASSED.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Foster spoke about the Senior Millage activities meeting. Greg Scott was elected Chair and Marcia Hovey-Wright is the Co-chair. There is \$20,000.00 of unused money; that money went to the Alzheimer's Association. Peggy did talk to Linda about possibly doing a safe senior presentation for our seniors. Peggy also asked about the minutes being on the website before the meeting. Once the minutes are approved by

the Board they are put on the website within 7 days; they can not be put on before they are approved.

Clerk Kuziak thanked Mr. Allen Schoonbeck for attending the Zoom meeting, stepping up and admitting that he is the person shooting at night, and that we are not trying to take anyone's guns away. This is only about the noise, safety, and health of all our residents.

Treasurer Jarvis informed everyone that the tax bills are out and due by March 1st.

Supervisor Aerts informed everyone that we are getting a new Web Master to help with our website.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Stephanie Kuziak asked the Board to send back to the PC the dual zoning problem. Kuziak's property is one that is dual zoned. She pays taxes for R2 but is unable to cut, clear, or do anything to the back of her property because of the FR zoning. This should not have happened to small parcels like hers, and she does not feel the property owners whose properties were dual zoned incorrectly should have to pay to have the zoning fixed. Kuziak will recuse herself from any vote pertaining to this situation.

Steve Kocher and Steven Stafford, both neighbors of Mr. Allen Schoonbeck stated that he has come and talked with both of them and is trying to solve the problem.

Susie from Senator Bumstead's office was also in our meeting and let us know that the Senator will be starting office hours again in March; dates will be posted on their website.

ADJOURNMENT

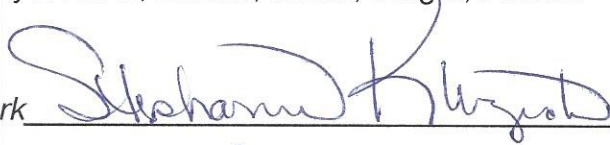
MOTION

Motion by Kuziak; supported by Jarvis, to adjourn at 7:41 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Aerts, Kuziak, Jarvis, Wright, Foster.

PASSED.

Stephanie Kuziak, Clerk



Linda Aerts, Supervisor

