

**SOUTH STRABANE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL MEETING**

September 19, 2023

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The September 19, 2023 Special Meeting of the South Strabane Township Board of Supervisors (“Board”) came to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building (550 Washington Road, Washington, PA 15301).

The following were present:

Board of Supervisors	Bracken Burns, Chair; Mark Murphy, Vice Chair; Russell Grego; and Richard Luketich; Bob Weber.
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Absent	None
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Also Present	Township Manager Jeff Ziegler and Fire Chief/Acting Assistant Manager Jordan Cramer.
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2. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board allocates a period of time during this item for those individuals who would like the opportunity to address the Board on agenda items. Each person addressing the Board of Supervisors is asked to limit their comments to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

Ms. Judy Panasik, resident of Green Crescent Dr., stated that Mike Gomber applied for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission and commented that she felt he would be great on the Board. She also stated that George Rowand applied a long time ago for appointment and has never heard anything in follow-up. Ms. Panasik further offered the following suggestions: established rules so it doesn’t become a political body and so that members cannot profit personally, suggests that no previous members be reappointed, background checks and child clearances for members, that non-residents should pay a fee and that residents have first opportunity on activities.

3. PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD DISCUSSION

Chair Burns directed the Board’s attention to Ordinance 3-22 provided by Mr. Ziegler, which established the Parks and Recreation Commission last year. Chair Burns asked if anyone had any thoughts toward changes to the ordinance. Mr. Murphy suggested that in addition to the Child Abuse History Clearance that a PA State Police background check also be done and that anyone who could not document a 10-year residency should also be required to secure an FBI clearance. He also noted that the language regarding the staggering of terms under Section 2.C should be made clearer. Mr. Murphy stated he will have other suggestions once he has had more time to review the ordinance.

The Board reviewed the list of applicants, provided by Mr. Ziegler who had already applied for appointment to the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as the names of those that served on the Community Park Master Plan Steering Committee. The Board asked the Manager to send a letter inviting members of the Steering Committee to consider applying for appointment. An announcement will be made at the next Township meeting to recruit applicants.

4. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Burns adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey L. Ziegler
Township Manager