

SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 10, 2020

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Franco D'Angelo-Chairman	Present
Paul Fox-Vice Chair	Present
Jeanene Michener	Present
Nicholas Fountain	Present
Tammy Dagostino	Present

TOWNSHIP STAFF

Christopher Heleniak, Manager	Present
Barry Miller, Esq.	Absent
Joseph Zadlo, AICP	Absent
Tim Woodrow, PE	Absent

7:30 PM

I. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. D'Angelo announced that there was no executive session prior to the meeting.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Kathy LeSage-4123 Rittenhouse Lane — I would like to submit two public comments for the Wednesday, June 10, Township Board of Supervisors Meeting.

First, I would like to compliment the Board on the new Collegeville Road pedestrian bridge. It's an attractive and practical enhancement to the community that will encourage foot traffic to the Skippack Village business district. In using the bridge myself, however, I have noticed a potential safety concern. After pedestrians cross the bridge to leave Skippack Village, heading south on Collegeville Road, the sidewalk on the west, right side of the road abruptly stops 30 to 50 yards past the bridge. Pedestrians must then cross the street to access the sidewalk on the east side of the road. At the point where the sidewalk stops, the street curves sharply to the right, creating a blind curve that requires pedestrians to step out into the southbound traffic lane to look for oncoming northbound traffic. There is also a telephone pole at the curb and a large evergreen tree on private property, adding to the obstructed view at this blind curve. I have attached a series of photos illustrating the issue. Public safety could be greatly improved with a crosswalk marked on the roadway and pedestrian crossing signs installed so drivers know to look for pedestrians and so those pedestrians can more safely cross the street from one sidewalk to the other. Thank you for your consideration. My second, unrelated comment: I want to make sure the Board is aware that the mayors of 10 neighboring Montgomery County boroughs—Collegeville, Royersford, Lansdale, Pottstown, Hatboro, Jenkintown, Narberth, Conshohocken, West Conshohocken, and Ambler—published an open letter on Facebook condemning Montgomery County Commissioner Joseph C. Gale's false and slanderous statement claiming that supporters of the Black Lives Matter movement are "perpetrators of this urban domestic terror." To ensure that Black residents of Skippack know that their township elected officials and their non-Black neighbors value their lives, safety, and contributions to our community, I urge the Board follow the lead of those 10 mayors by issuing a public statement denouncing Mr. Gale's wrong and divisive rhetoric. The mayors' eloquent letter can be found

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here: <https://www.facebook.com/369194733194432/posts/2976067152507164/?d=n>

Mr. D'Angelo stated we would have our engineer's office look at the pedestrian crossing on Collegetown Road and thanked Ms. LeSage for her comments.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MAY 13, 2020 MINUTES

MOTION MADE BY MR. D'ANGELO TO APPROVE THE MAY 13, 2020 MINUTES.
MOTION SECONDED BY MS. MICHENER. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from Perkiomen Valley Library Regarding Their Building Renovation Project**

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

- A. Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2020**

MOTION MADE BY MR. FOUNTAIN TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT.
MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

- B. Interim Bills Paid on May 25, 2020**

General Fund	= \$37,043.85
Sewer Fund	= \$ 2,174.51
Parks/Open Space	= \$ 387.83

MOTION MADE BY MS. MICHENER TO APPROVE THE INTERIM BILLS PAID ON MAY 25, 2020. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

Bills for Payment on June 10, 2020

General Fund	= \$21,023.77
Sewer Fund	= \$97,429.09
Parks/Open Space	= \$ 8,649.85

MOTION MADE BY MS. MICHENER TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT ON JUNE 10, 2020. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOUNTAIN. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

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VI. REPORTS

A. Engineer

1. Stonegate Reserve – Taggart Subdivision – Escrow Release #2

MOTION MADE BY MS. MICHENER TO APPROVE STONEGATE RESERVE-TAGGART SUBDIVISION-ESCROW RELEASE #2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$47,022.70. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

2. Authorization to Seek Bids for the Garges Road/Edmonson Open Space Trail Project

MOTION MADE BY MR. D'ANGELO TO AUTHORIZE SEEKING BIDS FOR THE GARGES ROAD/EDMONSON OPEN SPACE TRAIL PROJECT. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

3. Authorization to Award Bid for Palmer Park Tennis Court Reconstruction Project
TABLED

B. Solicitor

C. Planner

D. Manager

VII. OLD BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lower Perkiomen Little League

MOTION MADE BY MR. D'ANGELO TO ALLOW LOWER PERKIOMEN LITTLE LEAGUE TO USE THE FIELDS IN PALMER PARK AND FRENCH PARK UNDER THE YELLOW PHASE OF PENNSYLVANIA'S REOPENING AND GAMES DURING THE GREEN PHASE. MOTION SECONDED BY MR. FOX. ALL IN FAVOR, MOTION CARRIED.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.