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Landfill Committee: May 20, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m.
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Planning Commission: May 27, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
Parks & Recreation: June 7, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission: June 28, 2021 @ Upper Saucon @ 6:00 p.m.
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I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at 6:32 p.m., via Zoom, with Mrs. Sandra Yerger, presiding. Mrs. Yerger said the Township building remains closed to the public. This meeting is being held through Zoom. Information to join the meeting is provided on our website.

ROLL CALL: Present: Sandra Yerger, President; Jason Banonis, Vice President; Kristen Stauffer and Priscilla deLeon, Council Members; Leslie Huhn, Township Manager; Cathy Gorman, Director of Finance; Thomas Barndt, Chief of Police; Roger Rasich, Director of Public Works; Linc Treadwell, Township Solicitor; Brien Kocher, Township Engineer. **Absent:** Thomas Carocci, Council Member; & Jr. Council Member.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE) – Mrs. Yerger said Council did not meet in Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY – 3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT – NON-

AGENDA ITEMS – Mrs. Yerger said we do welcome input from everybody but we ask that you keep your comments to three minutes per item. If you want to speak, please raise your hand.

➤ Mr. George Gress, 3703 Old Philadelphia Pike, said the Governor announced yesterday relaxing COVID-19 restrictions effective May 31st with the exception of wearing masks. Has there been any talk within the Township as to returning to in-person meetings. He knows several other municipalities have begun that and have begun talking about it as well as doing it and Bethlehem Township is one of them. He's curious if the Township had any thoughts or plans moving forward as to a timeline or a possibility of returning in-person. Mr. Banonis said his thoughts on that are for in-person meetings to take place, we'd have to open up the Township building. The news of the Governor's announcement yesterday kind of came as a surprise as he didn't think there wasn't any advance notice given. He hasn't considered an appropriate timing for it, but he would think we need to first open up the Township building and we certainly don't want to put Township employees in jeopardy if there are still restrictions in place in regard to them. We'll continue to have conversations and discussions about it. It's good news that we are headed in the right direction and hopefully the numbers continue to stay low and everyone stays safe. Mr. Gress said thank you, he appreciates the update. Mrs. deLeon said she concurs with Jason. She thinks we have to be careful and we still have to disinfect the buildings and there's things that have to be in place. Mrs. Yerger said it has to be a very well thought out process to return to in-person meetings and she's sure the staff will do that well. Mr. Gress said he didn't know if there was any talk at all. Obviously, he just announced it yesterday so he knows it's probably premature, but with the hope of getting life back to normal, obviously we would want to do that eventually. Mrs. Stauffer said that's something really to hope for – normal. Mr. Gress said for sure.

➤ Mrs. Donna Louder, Steel City, said she would like to ask Council to possibly request another air quality test in Steel City. She was looking at the 2016 study that was done and the landfill was not accepting sewage sludge at the time. We did have an odor issue here from the sewage sludge and again, she would like Council to request the Board of Health to do another study. She would also like the Township to make sure that you tell them that one was done in 2016 and that there were recommendations done by the Epidemiologists in those studies to use different types of equipment for the testing. Her reason for requesting this is because at the time the landfill did not use the sewage sludge and it made a horrific odor event a couple weeks back. Actually it was the 10th of April, it's in the minutes of the Landfill Committee. Mrs. deLeon said it wouldn't hurt to ask the department to do that in regards to the recent event, a letter to them asking as a follow-up, things have changed. Mrs. Stauffer said likewise. Mr. Banonis said do we know if this has been discussed with the Landfill personnel at any of the Landfill Committee meetings? Mrs. deLeon said she didn't know, she's not the representative anymore. Mr. Banonis said right, he's not at this meeting, so he's directing this to Donna, maybe she was at the last meeting. Mrs. Louder said she was at the last meeting. She did not mention it. The discussion regarding the odor problem with

the sludge and Astor had said on that Saturday he had gotten a delivery of sludge. It's all in the minutes. She just pulled up the report and was rereading it and thought to herself, this is not the same anymore, we are not dealing with the same situation. That is why she is considering the request for this. She did not mention it to the Landfill, but she brought it to Council first. Mr. Banonis said he's wondering if it is appropriate to bring it to the Landfill Committee and have it addressed there first exactly what is going to be involved in trying to fulfil your concerns. It might be best to have a dialogue first with them. Maybe there's already studies in the works that we aren't aware of. Let's have it go through that channel and find out what the outcome is and readdress it here if necessary. Mrs. deLeon said she thinks that step is going to delay it a little bit longer. The Landfill really had nothing to do with it, it was all State of Health and various other departments in the State of PA that did the study and the Landfill really had nothing to do with it, if she remembers correct, right Donna? Mrs. Louder said basically the residents requested that the Township do it and she believes Jack Cahalan agreed to it and was basically when they were trying to rezone everything that this came about. This is regarding the sludge. This report from the Board of Health is actually available to anyone, she has a copy in front of her. It's available to anyone with a Right-to-Know from the Township, they should have it as well. Mrs. Huhn said it's very possible it's still on the website. Mrs. Louder said there's a lot of recommendations in here. There's a lot of things that throw red flags. She also wants it mentioned that there's a railroad going through as a couple of the tests performed basically said there were toxic hits nothing that was connected to the Landfill. They didn't find any of that substance in the Landfill, so she's wondering if the trains going through here throwing some stuff up. Again, all about the sludge, that odor problem we had on that one day, she's assuming Astor lowered the amount he was taking in, so she really wishes that Council would move forward with this and contact the Board of Health and see where we could go with this.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved that she's in support of asking the Department of Health to redo the study and follow up with some of the recommendations.

Mrs. Louder said make sure that they have acknowledged that there was a prior one done and the recommendations by Dr. Ahmed is being taken into consideration in this second test because it was mentioned that some of the testing equipment wasn't available to do what they needed. Mr. Banonis said he just wants to be clear about the history here. So there was an odor problem one day, a single day, and now you are requesting we get an air quality test done because of that odor problem of one day. Mrs. Louder said correct, and it's not only the one day, the Landfill is taking in 400 tons of sludge a month. One of the months she thinks it was maybe February, they took in 800 tons and that really threw a monkey wrench into it. You have to realize how high they are and when the wind picks up and how it carries it. We are down in a gulley, so we are exposed to it, big time, and she would not even be surprised with the amount of tonnage of that they are taking in that on the perfect storm, you would get it over by Stabler. She's dead serious on those, it was atrocious. She's been dealing with this a long time, Jason. She's been following up, she has a rapport with the Board of Health. In fact, Dr. Ahmed actually sent her a copy of this report prior sending it to the Township. Please, she requests that you move forward on this. Mr. Banonis said he's not trying to be dismissive with this Donna of your concerns and what you are bringing here, he's just not sure what we are asking for, as you identified an odor problem on one day and then you mention that they have been taking in 400 tons of sludge. As he understands it, where they are working, is away from Steel City at this point and those cells that are closest to Steel City have been closed up. So again, he thinks this is something that needs to be discussed at the Landfill Committee meeting and by no means is he against air quality, he just doesn't know that we need to jump to an air quality test without having imbedded this through the Landfill Committee. What was the date this odor problem occurred? Mrs. Louder said they've been taking 400 tons every...Mr. Banonis said no, that wasn't his question, his question is what was the date you said there was an odor problem one day, what was the day of that? Mrs. Louder said she will check her calendar. She said it was a Saturday in April, she's looking at her calendar and not seeing it. Mrs. deLeon said it doesn't matter what date it was Donna, because it's been a recurring issue. The people in Steel City are tired of smelling the odors and calling and having nobody respond. She

thinks it's time to do this again. Like you said they are taking in the sludge additional stuff and there's been complaints of other odors, we don't know where the odor is coming from. Mr. Banonis said Donna, can you tell him that Saturday when you had the odors, was it before April 21st? Mrs. Louder said yes. Mr. Banonis said we had a Council meeting on April 21st and this wasn't brought up then, so he doesn't understand the urgency of this now, two Council meetings later. Mrs. Louder said she doesn't always get to the Council meetings. She was going to hold back until the Landfill Committee and she basically decided this thing is sitting on her desk here and that she was going to do it tonight as it's fresh in her mind. The bottom line is they are accepting the sewage sludge, it's a new trash whatever is in there. Sewage sludge also has the potential to weaken the channels up there because it has a lot more water in it, do some research on the sewage sludge. Mrs. Stauffer said how much would the typical cost be for this type of report. Mrs. Louder said it doesn't cost anything, it costs the Township time, that's what it costs, it costs Leslie her time. It costs Council to make a vote and make it yes or no, that's what it costs. Mrs. deLeon said there's a motion on the floor. Mr. Banonis said just so he's clear, the odor you are describing happened on that Saturday that was a sewage odor. Mrs. Louder said Jason, if you are going towards the sewage treatment plant, don't even think about it, I'm telling you. Mr. Banonis said no he's just trying to understand what the odor is. You are asking us to get an air quality test for what was sensed on a Saturday almost three weeks ago, if not longer, and then you said there's 400 tons of sludge ...Mrs. Louder said go to the...Mr. Banonis said hold on, let him finish. You talked about 400 tons of sludge coming in. He's trying to understand what it is that we are looking for here. That's why he's suggesting it goes before the Landfill Committee to have a discussion at that point and with the right people to address some of these issues and focus on what it is that air quality test is supposed to be looking at. Mrs. Louder said if there are any new toxins within the air down here in Steel City just below the landfill and she doesn't care that the section that is closest to them is temporarily closed in violation. The bottom line is when that air picks up it brings it this way. Mr. Banonis said he's not debating that Donna. Mrs. Louder said the bottom line is Astor confirmed that Saturday they had a delivery of sewage sludge, it's in the minutes. Mrs. Yerger said of the Landfill Committee? Mrs. Louder said yes. Mrs. Yerger said when is the next meeting of the Landfill Committee? Mrs. Louder said it is on May 20th at 1:00 p.m. Mrs. deLeon said the Landfill Committee has nothing to do with the Health Department study. Mrs. Louder said the Township is representing the people of Lower Saucon Township, she has a problem as a taxpayer. She would like her Council, her representatives, to look into why and what her air quality is in Steel City. That's what she is asking for. Mrs. Yerger said we can ask, but it's not necessarily going to be a guarantee. Mrs. deLeon said exactly. Mrs. Louder said she would like a letter written. Mrs. deLeon said then we'll find out whether they will do it or not, it's simple as that. Then the landfill can participate if it's a yes. Mrs. Louder said basically what they do is they test the air at the landfill, pick up what's on their test and then they come over here and do a test here and then they compare the test and then there's a report. Mrs. deLeon said last time we had to wait our place in line because they only had one or two of these testers and they had to be scheduled. It might not happen for six months. The sooner we get the letter in the sooner they will be able to do the test. Mrs. Louder said the test was done in August 2015 and we did not get the results until December 2016. Mrs. deLeon said it took a while. Mrs. Louder said it wasn't released because there's so much to it. Mrs. deLeon said there's a motion on the floor. Mrs. Yerger said she has one more question, Leslie, do you have a copy of the letter that we sent on record. Mrs. Huhn said we should. Mrs. Yerger said it would not be an overly diligent task to send a repeat of that letter. She doesn't want her to be putting in two weeks of time in it. Mrs. Huhn said she will look at what we did in the past. Mrs. Louder said let them know a prior study was done so they can look at it and compare and make sure they make the changes to what was done last time.

Ms. Victoria Opthof-Cordaro, 1682 Woodfield Drive, said she just wanted to add to Sandra's comments that she did attend the Landfill Meeting and there was a quite hefty discussion about the odor and the sludge that was delivered and the connection between the two. There was also another resident who attended that meeting who was very concerned about odors as well. Even

though she doesn't live in Steel City, she thinks it's pertinent that we have this air study done to protect them. Mrs. Yerger said you are talking the last Landfill Committee meeting? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said obviously she was not there. Mrs. Yerger said she wanted to clarify that. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said there was more than Donna's complaint there were more residents that also complained.

SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

III. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS

A. RESOLUTION #39-2021 – RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK – MAY 9 – 15, 2021

Mrs. Yerger said Resolution #39-2021 has been prepared honoring peace officers for their bravery, dedication and heroism and designates May 15, 2021 as "Peace Officers Memorial Day" with May 9 – 15, 2021 designated as "Police Week" in Lower Saucon Township.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of Resolution #39-2021 recognizing National Police Week – May 9 – 15, 2021.

SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

B. RESOLUTION #40-2021 – RECOGNIZING NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK – MAY 16 – 22, 2021

Mrs. Yerger said Resolution #40-2021 has been prepared to recognize the Public Works employees for their hard work and dedication and to recognize May 16 – 22, 2021 as Public Works Week in Lower Saucon Township. She read the resolution recognizing National Public Works Week. Council thanks Public Works and Police. Mrs. Huhn said she will pass that on.

MOTION BY: Mrs. Stauffer moved for approval of Resolution #40-2021 recognizing National Public Works Week May 16 – 22, 2021.

SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

A. RESOLUTIONS FOR NOMINEES OF THE 2021 HONORS & HORS D'OEUVRES AWARD CEREMONY PRESENTED BY THE HELLERTOWN-LOWER SAUCON CHAMBER

1. RESOLUTION #41-2021 – RECOGNIZING BLACK RIVER FARMS FOR RECEIVING THE SMALL BUSINESS AWARD

Mrs. Yerger said Resolution #41-2021 has been prepared to recognize Black River Farms for receiving the Small Business Leadership Award. They will be honored at the 2021 Honors & Hors d'oeuvres Award ceremony being held at Dimmick Park on May 25, 2021.

MOTION BY: Mrs. Yerger moved for approval of Resolution #41-2021 recognizing Black River Farms for receiving the Small Business Award.

SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

2. RESOLUTION #42-2021 – RECOGNIZING LOWER SAUCON FIRE RESCUE AND STEEL CITY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANIES FOR RECEIVING THE COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD

Mrs. Yerger said Resolution #42-2021 has been prepared to recognize Lower Saucon Fire Rescue and Steel City Volunteer Fire Companies for receiving the Community Partner Award. They will be honored at the 2021 Honors & Hors d'oeuvres Award ceremony being held at Dimmick Park on May 25, 2021. Council thanked the fire companies.

MOTION BY: Mrs. Stauffer moved for approval of Resolution #42-2021 recognizing Lower Saucon Fire Rescue and Steel City Volunteer fire companies for receiving the Community Partner Award.

SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

3. **RESOLUTION #43-2021 – RECOGNIZING SAUCON VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER FOR RECEIVING THE CHAMPION NON-PROFIT AWARD**

Mrs. Yerger said Resolution #43-2021 has been prepared to recognize Saucon Valley Community Center for the Champion Non-Profit Award. They will be honored at the 2021 Honors & Hors d’oeuvres Award ceremony being held at Dimmick Park on May 25, 2021.

MOTION BY: Mrs. Yerger moved for approval of Resolution #43-2021 recognizing Saucon Valley Community Center for receiving the Champion Non-profit Award.

SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

4. **RESOLUTION #44-2021 – RECOGNIZING THE TEAM AT HEINTZELMAN FUNERAL HOME FOR RECEIVING THE COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE AWARD**

Mrs. Yerger said Resolution #44-2021 has been prepared to recognize the Team at Heintzelman Funeral Home for receiving the Community Lifestyle award. They will be honored at the 2021 Honors & Hors d’oeuvres Award ceremony being held at Dimmick Park on May 25, 2021.

MOTION BY: Mrs. Stauffer moved for approval of Resolution #44-2021 recognizing the Team at Heintzelman Funeral Home for receiving the Community Lifestyle Award.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

5. **RESOLUTION #45-2021 – RECOGNIZING WESTLEY MORRIS FOR RECEIVING THE GOOD SAMARITAN AWARD**

Mrs. Yerger said Resolution #45-2021 has been prepared to recognize Westley Morris for receiving the Good Samaritan Award. He will be honored at the 2021 Honors & Hors d’oeuvres Award ceremony being held at Dimmick Park on May 25, 2021.

MOTION BY: Mrs. Yerger moved for approval of Resolution #45-2021 recognizing Westley Morris for receiving the Good Samaritan Award.

SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis

ROLL CALL: (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

6. **RESOLUTION #46-2021 – RECOGNIZING RICKY GOWER FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE COMMUNITY**

Mrs. Yerger said Resolution #46-2021 has been prepared to recognize Ricky Gower for his dedication as a devoted volunteer to the Hellertown-Lower Saucon community.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for approval of Resolution #46-2021 recognizing Ricky Gower for his dedication to the community.

SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS

V. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS

A. WILLIAM MCINTYRE – 1271 SEIDERSVILLE ROAD – REQUEST FOR WELL ISOLATION DISTANCE EXEMPTION

Mrs. Yerger said the applicant is requesting a well isolation distance exemption request for the replacement of the septic system located at 1271 Seidersville Road.

Mr. McIntyre was present. He said he has a failed septic system at 1271 Seidersville Road. The property is very hilly, a very steep incline, and HEA came up and the only place he can put it is on his side yard next to 1267 Seidersville. There’s 100’ isolation distance requirement by the PA DEP, but the local agency, the Council, can sign off on it. His neighbor has already signed off on it, its 80’ to his well. His septic system would run between the new septic system and his well

anyway. The distance to his well at 1271 would now be 44', it's currently 10', and they are asking for a waiver exemption.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved to approve the waiver for well isolation distance exemption request for William McIntyre located at 1271 Seidersville Road

SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

B. RETIREMENT OF K9 ATOS AND INTRODUCTION OF K9 TITUS

Mrs. Yerger said the Lower Saucon Police Department would like to recognize K-9 Atos for his seven years of service to the department.

K-9 Officer Kunigus introduced K-9 Atos, and said K-9 Titus is at home. Mrs. Yerger said he's enjoying his retirement already. Officer Kunigus said yes, he did really nice. Mrs. Stauffer said obviously he's well behaved, those glasses would have never lasted five minutes on her dog. Officer Kunigus said he is well behaved, he can honestly say that. Mrs. Yerger said he's a very handsome gentleman. Mr. Banonis said he wants to personally thank Steve for all of his efforts with Atos and with our new K-9. It's a lot of work and you put the work in to make him a rock star for so many years and you are doing that with our new K-9 and he doesn't know if the residents of the community know the effort you put in, and the importance of the K-9 to the community, not just for drug interdiction but also as a deterrent in our community as well as the surrounding communities. It's a lot of work, it's a testament to you, and it's a testament to our Police Department. We really do have top notch people who are highly trained and well equipped and part of your equipment for a lack of a better term, is Atos and he's glad we are able to continue that K-9 program as it is important. He wants to thank him sincerely for all that he does as it makes a difference. Officer Kunigus said its most appreciated and well said. Thank you so much. We feel really welcome here and we put in a lot of time on and off duty but it all pays off. Mrs. Yerger said as Jason had mentioned, yes, you both are very important within our community but we know that you are recognized way beyond just Lower Saucon and that you contribute to the police efforts in those surrounding cities as well, so you guys are rock stars. Mrs. deLeon asked when was this program started? Officer Kunigus said the program was approved by Council back in 2000. Mrs. deLeon said she remembers she was a big supporter of doing this in our community and she's so glad it took off and is what it is today and that's because of your efforts and the doggies and she's very proud of our K-9 unit and what you do. Officer Kunigus said thank you so much. Chief Barndt said he wants to take some time to personally thank Officer Kunigus for his hard work and dedication for this program. He truly is and his K-9's are an asset to this department and the residents of this Township. He would be amiss if he didn't thank the current Council for this support and all the past Council's for their support over the last 21 years for this program. Jason you said it best, this K-9 is a true asset, to not only the Officers and the department but to the residents of the Township and surrounding communities. About three hours ago, Steve was over in the City of Bethlehem with Titus doing a narcotic search, so this guy never rests. He eats, sleeps, and drinks police K-9 and he can truly say that and he just wants to thank everybody for their support and wish Atos a happy retirement and hope he enjoys it. Officer Kunigus said thank you, he appreciates it. Mrs. Yerger said it looks like he's getting used to his retirement. Officer Kunigus said he is, and one of his favorite things to do now is sit at home and watch the front door for any critters that might go by. Mrs. deLeon said we have a lot of them. Officer Kunigus said he's really enjoying hanging out with the family. Mr. Banonis said pass along our thanks to your family as he knows the K-9's are part of your family but there's also burden and responsibility to them too and you certainly deserve a tremendous amount of credit but they do as well as they support this in a slightly different way. Officer Kunigus said they definitely do and he appreciates that and he will definitely pass that along. Without their support, he would not be able to contribute what he does to the program. Mrs. Yerger said that's great. Mrs. Huhn said we will share information on our Facebook page and with the public as we start to come out of the pandemic as Titus gets out and about and we'll share if there's anything in the community where

you may be able to stop and see Titus. We'll keep you posted. Officer Kunigus said absolutely, they are looking forward to doing some community outreach stuff coming up in the near future, as soon as everything gets opened up. Chief Barndt said we were fortunate enough to have a generous donor from the Township to donate our new K-9 Titus and without that support he doesn't know where we would be at this time, so kudos to that anonymous resident and thank you for all their support for this program over the years. Mrs. Yerger said that's great to hear, thank you for mentioning that Chief, it's really appreciated.

Mrs. deLeon said did we ever thank the donor with a letter from Council regarding his donation. Mrs. Huhn said she believes the Police Department thanked them. Mrs. deLeon said can Council do that? Mrs. Huhn said she can do that through Chief. Mrs. Yerger said why don't you do that as they don't want a whole lot of attention, that's a good idea. Mrs. deLeon said they should know we are supportive. Mrs. Yerger said she agrees, we should send a letter but it should go the way Leslie is saying. Mrs. deLeon said that's fine, she doesn't care how it goes. Mrs. Yerger said thank you Leslie.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF APRIL 21, 2021 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mrs. Yerger said the April 21, 2021 minutes are ready for Council's review and approval.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the April 21, 2021 Council minutes.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

VII. COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

A. MANAGER – Mrs. Huhn – No report

B. COUNCIL & JR. COUNCIL REPORTS

Jr. Council – Absent

Mr. Carocci – Absent

Mr. Banonis

- The Parks & Rec. meeting was on Monday and there were a couple of topics that came up. One was a very thorough, detailed and informative presentation from Kristin Lockett who is a resident who has been spearheading a program called "Blessing Boxes". He's not even going to try to fully explain what they are. She anticipates Kristen will come before Council at the next meeting and explain, but essentially what Blessing Boxes are, they are an opportunity for residents to leave generally food items or things of that nature for residents who are in need. There are various Blessing Boxes that have been set up in Hellertown and her hope is to establish a similar program with some boxes in Lower Saucon. Among the locations that were discussed were at Steel City as well at Town Hall. We can anticipate hearing from Kristen at the next meeting and he hopes Council will get behind it as it's a real interesting and compassionate program that she's putting together.
- Another topic was that a design has been prepared and approved by the Parks & Rec. committee for a Little Free Library at Southeastern Park. It's a nice design that was prepared and it has a kind of a rural red barn style to it. For those who may not be familiar, the Little Free Libraries is a small remote place, a storage place for books, where residents can take books out and put books in and share different materials that they think may be interesting to other people. A motion was made on Monday and he'll read it to you. It was made by Dave Spirk to recommend to Council to allow this design and location either near or by the entrance to the parking lot at Southeastern Park where the driveway hits the main parking area or at the end closer to the park and they asked for Council's advice on the position and they would like to have the installation done identical to the Polk Valley Park installation in conjunction with Public Works. He thinks Leslie already checked with Roger about that. Mrs. Huhn said Roger will look at the two locations suggested by Parks & Rec. and just make sure there is nothing underground or anything that would prohibit it

by placing it there. She doesn't see any problem with having it installed. It would be back from any snow plowing or any piles of snow. Mr. Banonis said the motion that was made at the Parks & Rec. meeting was seconded by Nilo Aflatooni and it passed 6-0, and he would make a motion here.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval to similarly adopt that motion subject to placement decision by Public Works.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

Mrs. deLeon

- She'd like an update on the Swint property. Apparently, it's getting worse out there. Mrs. Huhn said she can let you know that Jim did speak to the resident that you said contacted you. The resident said what their concern is off of the ROW so right now she doesn't know if there's anything we can do to take care of that. Jim is looking at the parking situation in front of the fence but the fence has been installed so it would just be he has to look at the parking situation with the trucks along the road.
- She asked if there was anything about the businesses on Easton Road with the trash and garbage. Mrs. Huhn said she has not received any responses from them, but they did take a drive out and look and it appears that a lot of the trash has been cleaned up. Mrs. Yerger said it does look like the trash has been cleaned up.
- She knows in the past when the Township issued a Cease and Desist order, Council would usually get a copy of that. She'd like to know if that policy is still in existence as she had to ask for one. Mrs. Huhn said she doesn't know if it has been changed, it's more of the day-to-day operations but she'll look into that. Mrs. deLeon said the thing is that if something is going on in the Township and somebody is getting one of those notices of violation and a resident calls you up, it kind of makes us look foolish if we don't know what they are talking about. It's almost like we're being spoon fed and she doesn't like being put in that situation, so she thinks when something is serious and you get a notice like that, a courtesy copy to the Council is warranted. Mrs. Huhn said sure we can do that. Mrs. deLeon said she would appreciate that in the future.

Mrs. Stauffer

- She said the Saucon Valley Conservancy had a recently monthly meeting and are looking to resolve a couple of outstanding items administratively and plan a couple of events for the summer now that things are starting to open up. Mrs. Yerger said good to hear.

Mrs. Yerger – No report

C. SOLICITOR – No report

D. ENGINEER – No report

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NON-RESIDENTS ONLY - None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for adjournment. The time was 7:19 p.m.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Carocci – Absent)

Submitted by:

Leslie Huhn
Township Manager

Sandra B. Yerger
Council President