NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Attorney Lisa A. Young called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:30 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance, via the internet, were Supervisors Mark Hills and Dennis Klusaritz, Manager Chris Garges, Engineer Steve Gitch and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder. Supervisor Heintzelman was absent.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meetings of August 3, 2020, the Conditional Use minutes and Special Meeting minutes of August 13, 2020 and the Conditional Use minutes of September 3, 2020 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Atty. Young announced that an Executive Session was held on August 3, 2020 to discuss personnel matters.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the August Treasurer's report and checks #15438-15509 were approved as presented. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Atty. Young recessed the regular meeting in order to conduct a Conditional Use Hearing and a Proposed Ordinance Hearing.

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION LCCC WWTP UPGRADES
The purpose of this hearing is seeking approval for an upgrade to the waste water treatment facility, by Lehigh Carbon Community College, situated at 4525 Education Park Dr. This would replace an existing waste water treatment plant with a same-capacity new plant. A stenographer recorded the proceedings; a copy of the transcript of the hearing shall be placed in the Minute Book.

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer dated July 23, 2020.
2. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated July 16, 2020.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated July 21, 2020.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of July 28,2020.

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the plan was approved.
Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

ORDINANCE 2020-1 ADDITIONAL RULES FOR THE USE OF PARK & RECREATION AREAS INCLUDING ACCESSIBLE PLAY EQUIPMENT & DOG PARK

Ordinance 2020-1 supplements Ordinances 2007-12 and 2015-3 by providing additional rules for the use of Kolapechka Park and recreation areas including accessible play equipment and dog park rules. Atty. Young noted that the Ordinance was duly advertised and gave a brief synopsis of Ordinance 2020-1. A stenographer recorded the proceedings; a copy of the transcript of the hearing shall be placed in the Minute Book. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, Ordinance 2020-1 was adopted. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

Atty. Young resumed the regular meeting.

LCCC WWTP UPGRADES WAIVER REQUEST

Jason Newhard representing the LCCC WWPT Upgrade Plan requested the following waiver:

1. A waiver request of SALDO Sects. 5.02 and 6.02 from the Land Development Planning and Review process.

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the waiver was granted. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION

Scout Isaac Daniels, of Troop 57, gave a presentation to the Board describing his proposed project for his Eagle Scout rank. Mr. Daniels proposed to replace the benches at Johnsons Pond with no-maintenance benches. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board gave their approval to the plan and authorized the township to assist in the disposal of the debris and for the Manager to sign all necessary project paperwork. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

JAINDL DIGESTOR PRESENTATION

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Jaindl presentation was tabled until the October meeting. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

SCHNECKSVILLE ELEMENTARY LAND DEVEL. WAIVERS & DEFERRALS REQUEST

Scott McMackin, Rich Sniscak and Jamie Bortz, representing the Schnecksville Elementary School Land Development Plan, requested the following waivers & deferrals:

1. A waiver of Sect. 5.02.A.1 that the plan is viewed as a Final as well as a Preliminary;
2. A waiver of Appendix F.04.E allowing for relaxed basin bottom slopes;
3. A waiver of Appendix F.04.F allowing for steeper basin side slopes with the condition that a decorative fence be provided;
4. A waiver of Appendix E.05 requiring a major traffic impact study or fee in lieu of the study; and
5. A deferral of SALDO 10.07 & 10.08 to defer the installation of curb and sidewalk improvements on the road frontages owned by Parkland Area School District.

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the waivers were granted. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

Schnecksville School Waivers Continued

- Brian Horwith, Springfield Dr., Coplay, asked about the student population and how much it could be increased and if the main entrance façade would be retained.

SCHNECKSVILLE ELEMENTARY LAND DEVELOPMENT PRELIMINARY/FINAL

Scott McMackin, Rich Sniscak and Jamie Bortz presented the Schnecksville Elementary School Land Development Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Plan was approved as a Preliminary/Final subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer dated July 23, 2020.
2. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated July 16, 2020.
3. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Zoning Officer dated July 22, 2020.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of July 28,2020.
5. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Secretary's checklist letter date September 9, 2020.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

STRAWBERRY ACRES/OVERLOOK RD REVISED LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT FINAL

Atty. Peter Lehr and Amit Murkherjee presented the Strawberry Acres/Overlook Road Revised Lot Line Adjustment Plan to the Board. Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Plan was approved subject to the following conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer dated August 20, 2020.
2. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Special Projects Engineer dated August 11, 2020.
3. Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the Sewage Enforcement Officer dated July 16, 2020.
4. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations of the Planning Commission Meeting of August 25, 2020.
5. The Developer shall comply with all of the provisions contained in the Planning Secretary's checklist letter date September 9, 2020.
6. The Developer agreed that additional right-of-way shall be considered as part of the AARC Land Development application.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Tom Van Vreede, Church Drive, Coplay, questioned the nature of the document submitted to the Planning Commission.
- Judy Stern Goldstein, Boucher & James, Special Projects Planning Consultant, clarified the submission of the aforementioned document.
- Dan Nemeth, Clearview Rd., Coplay, asked how the lot line adjustment effects the waste water treatment plant and piping and is the proposed caretaker's house subject to the 1-acre requirement.

RIDINGS AT PARKLAND PHASE II TIME EXTENSION

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board accepted an extension of time, until November 30, 2020, in order for the Board to review the Plan of the Ridings at Parkland Phase II. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RELEASE OF TEMPORARY C/O ESCROW 2810 RISING SUN ROAD

After consultation with the Planning Administrator and the issuance of a final certificate of occupancy the Treasurer Brenda Norder recommended the following temporary CO escrows be returned:

2810 Rising Sun Rd $1,000.00

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved the escrow refund. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RELEASE OF ESCROW FOR LEGAL & ENGINEERING SUNFLOWER APTS & SAND SPRING WEST APTS

After consultation with the Solicitor and the General Planning Engineer, Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder recommended the following escrow for legal and engineering be returned:

Sunflower Apartments	$ 3,917.51
Sand Spring West Apartments	$ 2,207.50

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board approved the escrow refund. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RELEASE OF ESCROWS FOR LEGAL & ENGINEERING SKEANS

After consultation with the Solicitor and the General Planning Engineer, Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder recommended the following escrow for legal and engineering be returned:

Skeans	$1,428.25

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved the escrow refund. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

RESOLUTION 09-14-20 DESIGNATION OF AGENT

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, Resolution 09-14-20 was adopted. Resolution 09-14-20 designates Township Manager Chris Garges as the Applicant Agent for the Covid-19 Disaster Relief Grant Application. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

AUTHORIZATION TO DISTRIBUTE BUDGETED ALLOCATIONS EMS & SR. CLUBS

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board ratified the 2020 budgeted allocations to the Emergency Service Organizations and the Senior Citizens Clubs as follows:

Schnecksville Senior Citizens	$ 950.00		
Laurys Station Keen-agers	$ 700.00	ESO	$ 5,000.00

The emergency services organizations will receive the balances of their 2020 allocation.

$ 30,000.00 to Northern Valley Ambulance Corp,
$ 19,168.75 to each of the four fire companies.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS
Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved the Township Engineer to finalize the additional municipal improvements diagram for improved widening and turning radius related to Independence Drive, Pennsylvania Drive and Route 309 and authorized the Attorney to prepare any necessary agreements. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Manager Chris Garges presented a report on the storm damage from Tropical storm Isaias;
- He noted the grand opening of the new dog park and the accessible playground area at Kolapechka Park was held on August 22, 2020;
- He announced the Planning Commission will meet on September 22, 2020;
- He also announced the receipt of a $6,360.00 PA Municipal Internship Grant to cover the cost of our summer GIS intern;
- Mr. Garges gave an update on the status of various requests from residents;
- He noted that a tree had blocked part of Woodlea Road as a result of the tropical storm on August 4. A resident took action and hired a contractor to remove the tree and was requesting the township pay half the bill he incurred. The Public Works Director agreed the tree was a hazard and needed to be removed.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved the reimbursement to the resident, for half the cost of the removal, in the amount of $600.00. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT
Atty. Young reported on a failed septic system in the Laurys Station area and requested Board action to remediate the situation.

MOTION: Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized the Manager to secure and confirm the pumping of the faulty septic system to mitigate further discharge of effluent. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - absent; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):

- Dan Linchuk, Shady Lane, Orefield, requested the township address the drainage problem on his property.
- Glenn Litchenwalner, Wood St., Schnecksville, commented on the water runoff damage and silt deposit on his property due to construction at the North Valley site.
- Barry Kuntz, Mohican Dr., Schnecksville, reported that the storm drain at the intersection of Mohican Dr. and Shawnee Blvd. is blocked and washing out the culvert. He also noted a tree was leaning into the street at 4457 Mallard Rd.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer