

June 25, 2019  
Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

Chairman Robert Rohner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Richard Vollmer, Vice Chairman, Theresa Laino, Supervisor and MaryAnn Conza, Assistant Secretary. Absent: Donald Karpowich, Township Solicitor and Jon Tresslar, Township Engineer.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2019:**

Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Vollmer to approve the minutes of June 11, 2019 as presented. Unanimous.

**APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2019:**

Motion made by Ms. Laino and second by Mr. Rohner to approve the minutes of June 18, 2019 as presented. Motion passed with Mr. Vollmer abstaining, was not at the meeting.

**AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS ON LIST #1, LIST #2 AND THE TRANSFERS AS PRESENTED:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve the payment of the bills on List #1, List #2 and the transfers as presented. Unanimous.

**ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS; ALL FUNDS, FOR THE MONTH ENDED MAY 31, 2019:**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to accept the financial statements; all funds, for the month ended May 31, 2019. Unanimous.

**LEHMAN TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

Present on behalf of Simone Collins were Bill Collins, Joe Wallace and Pankaj Jobanputra. Mr. Collins stated that they met with the Planning Commission on June 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss the comprehensive plan and distributed a public opinion survey for their input.

A power point was presented and a copy for the Supervisors to review and give their input. Discussed at this meeting were a review of the project schedule and scope, review of current observations, review of the June 13<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission meeting, review of the May 15<sup>th</sup> site reconnaissance, discussed components of the Comprehensive Plan and discussed the public opinion survey.

The survey will go live this week through November or December. Link to survey will be posted to the Township website. Link will be e-mailed to the Planning Commission and Supervisors for distribution. Physical copies of the survey will be available at the Township building for pickup/drop-off.

There are scheduled meetings. The next meeting with the Planning Commission will be September 12<sup>th</sup> and October 20<sup>th</sup> with the Supervisors.

The draft mission statement is, "This Update to the Lehman Township Comprehensive Plan envisions Lehman Township as a vibrant and thriving community with a prosperous future based on its amenities, services, places of employment, respect for its cultural heritage, scenic beauty and quality of life for all residents."

Current issues consist of Township relationship with National Park Service, potential for 'village center' cluster development, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, opportunity for a park and ride, sewer system in Lehman Park (for new development), the need for age-restricted housing, access and opportunities at new Bushkill Outreach, partnership with East Stroudsburg School District, conservation of large camps, redevelopment of Mountain Laurel Arts Center, improvements to Milford Road, emergency access road off of Minks Pond Road and commuting patterns to metro areas.

Demographics was discussed. Lehman's population grew by 42% between 2000 and 2010, and declined slightly between 2010 and 2017. Future development and growth patterns must accommodate the growing number of seniors as well as attract families with young children.

Recommendations for components of a Comprehensive Plan include transportation, land use, energy resource conservation, parks, open space, economic development, arts/culture, historic preservation, community facilities and compatibility with surrounding municipal plans.

After feedback from the public, a draft plan will be discussed around November with a final plan discussed at the February 25, 2020 Supervisors' meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. GUNITE PROJECT – BRISCO MT. & EAST SUGAR MT. ROADS**

Tabled.

**2. BUSHKILL OUTREACH BUILDING:**

Tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. ACCEPT ACCESS OFFICE TECHNOLOGIES QUOTE OF \$4,917.50 FOR THREE (3) WORK STATIONS. WINDOWS 7 TO BE NO LONGER SUPPORTED. COSTARS #003-084**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to accept the Access Office Technologies quote of \$4,917.50 for three (3) work stations. Unanimous.

**2. APPROVE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) 20' X 20' CU. YD. OPEN TOP HOOK LIFT CONTAINERS FROM HACKER'S PACKERS, INC. COSTARS #374076. RECYCLING GRANT FUNDS WILL BE USED**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve the purchase of four (4) 20' x 20' cu. yd. open top hook lift containers from Hacker's Packers, Inc. Unanimous.

**3. APPROVE DISABLED VETERANS REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION CERTIFICATION FOR PATSY ANN VARGA**

Motion made by Mr. Vollmer and second by Ms. Laino to approve disabled veterans real property tax exemption certification for Patsy Ann Varga. Unanimous.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**1. FREE CONCERT IN THE COMMUNITY PARK ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> FROM 2 – 6 P.M. TOM RICCOBONO WILL PERFORM**

**POCONO MT. & PIKE COUNTY COG REPORT(S):**

No reports.

**PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ROADMASTER REPORT:**

Tim Rohner, Public Works Director, reported working on trucks and equipment, mowing shoulders of township roads, clean up recycling sites at Tamiment, Pine Ridge and township building. Crew worked at park, took down old fence along parking lot, crew cut "1" beams at park and took steel to JFR in Wind Gap. Working on ice cream stand at park. Truck #916, #917 in for State inspection (both passed), pouring paint from clean up. Truck #921 was in for a recall at Ray Price, water line repair at park, cut shoulders, cleaned drains and graded Big Egypt Road. New batteries installed in grader. Hazard training at Hanson's was done for Stan and Austin. Garage door was installed at caretaker's house at park. Pot holes filled on township roads. Installed 2 culvert pipes in 5A on Skyline Drive. Graded and put stone on Sunset Lake Road from gas line to turn around.

Attended a Road Task Force meeting on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Pipe installations, cut, fills, some paving has been done on temporary road.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Mr. Rohner and second by Mr. Vollmer to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ann Conza*  
Assistant Secretary