

Robinson Township
Board of Supervisors
Regular Monthly Meeting and Public Hearings
June 13, 2022
Beginning at 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Robinson Township Board of Supervisors met on Monday, June 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. for ordinary business and three public hearings. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was conducted.

Present at the meeting were Chair Mary Donaldson, Vice-Chair Dave Foley, Supervisor Chris Amodeo, Solicitor Gretchen Moore, Township Engineer Duncan Nickles, and Township Manager Crystal Brown. Absent was Zoning Officer Mark Dorsey.

COURT REPORTER KIM STRNISA WAS PRESENT TO TRANSCRIBE THE DIALOGUE OF THE THREE HEARINGS. ANY PERSONS POTENTIALLY GIVING TESTIMONY WERE DULY SWORN-IN.

LAND DEVELOPMENT HEARING OF REAXIS, INC.

At 5:00 p.m. the Robinson Township Board of Supervisors assembled for the Land Development Hearing of Reaxis, Inc. for the addition of a new warehousing building on their existing facility at 941 Robinson Highway. Applicant's engineer, Greg Banner, provided explanation and description of activities, including the pursuit of third-party permitting related to the development. Township engineer explained that other development related matters were addressed in previous processes. The board had no additional questions and the hearing was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ZONING AMENDMENT

At 5:30 p.m. the Robinson Township Board of Supervisors undertook a hearing for a proposed zoning amendment. The substance of this matter was to add the use "Contractor's Garage and Yard" into the Light Industrial zoning district as a Conditional Use. There was no discussion or questions, and this hearing closed at 5:35 p.m.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING OF TIMOTHY MOTTE

At 5:45 p.m. the Robinson Township Board of Supervisors revisited the application of Mr. Motte for the use of "Landscape Material Manufacturing and Supply" at 8620 Noblestown Road. Mr. Motte explained his business activities as receiving tree trimmings and branches and processing the resulting material into mulch for commercial resale. He attested that when he began the business he was under a misconception as to zoning district and allowable use. He also maintained that he received incomplete information from the DEP as to his obligations. Supervisor Amodeo questioned details and environmental impacts of the activities. Landowner John Zirwas then addressed the board. The solicitor explained that a condition of Mr. Motte's approval was the contingency that Mr. Zirwas himself make application and obtain a Conditional Use **approval** for "Multiple Commercial Uses on One Lot" within 90 days of today's date. Mr. Zirwas expressed agreement with this requirement. This meeting closed at 6:00 p.m.

These notes are not intended to capture the totality of proceedings on public hearings, as professional transcripts were taken by Kim Strnisa. Ms. Strnisa may be contacted at kstrnisa@comcast.net if necessary.

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The Call to Order and Pledge was repeated at this time.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION Chair Donaldson asked for public comment on agenda items only. There were no comments.

MINUTES Foley made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Public Hearings of May 9, 2022. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo-Yes

BILLS AND PAYROLL Foley made a **motion** to authorize payment of the May bills and payroll. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo-Yes

CORRESPONDENCE Foley made a **motion** to accept correspondence for May. Donaldson itemized them verbally. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley – Yes, Amodeo-Yes

REPORTS

- Fire Department-** Midway 11 calls, McDonald 7 calls.
- Police-** 84 calls, itemized by attending officer.
- Zoning-** report on file and briefly described by Zoning Assistant Gail Matus.
- Animal Control-** Dane Culley patrols township, 3 call this month.
- Supervisors-**Foley noted the successful installation of the facility generator. Donaldson noted that the requested lighted stop sign for the Noblestown / Ft. Cherry Connector is backordered but expected in July. She also noted the change in employment status of Christian Illig to full-time.
- Solicitor-** Gretchen Moore reported on assisting with general day to day legal business of the township.
- Public Works-** Donaldson referenced the public works log and noted roadside mowing is the primary activity of the public works at this time.
- Engineer-** Duncan Nickles report on file and briefly explained the many matters he is reviewing for the township.
- Manager-** described field trip with Conservation District technician to evaluate for possible grant projects, establishment of Little Lending Library on Panhandle Trail / Noblestown intersection. This is in cooperation with the County of Washington. Mary Duranti was in attendance and provided more information on this item. Manager called attention to the proposed redistricting of magisterial areas and directed residents to a link for public comment. She and Donaldson discussed the addition of AED first response devices at Raccoon Presbyterian Church, Robinson Church, and on the fire truck on Bigger Road.

Foley made a **motion** to accept reports. Seconded by Amodeo.
RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo- Yes

OPENING OF BIDS Foley announced the receipt of bids as follows, and opened them:

One bid received for 2022 Microsurfacing Project from Peter J. Caruso and Sons in the amount of \$70,405.80. This is a joint bid with Midway Borough, and the Borough's portion totals \$30,136.80 which means Robinson's portion totals \$40,269.80.

Two bids received for the 2022 Seal Coat Project on N. McDonald, Summit, Home, Hudson, and Raccoon Creek Roads:

Russell Standard of Mars, Pa bid \$62,654.50
Youngblood Paving Inc bid \$68,341.48

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Formal acceptance of all bids will be completed after engineer's review and recommendation and at a subsequent meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Foley made a **motion** to approve the Land Development application of Timothy Motte for Landscape Material Supply and Manufacturing. This approval is contingent on the application and approval of landowner Zirwas Conditional Use application on the lot for Multiple Commercial Uses on One Lot, among other items as outlined in engineer's comment letter. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo-Yes.

Foley made a **motion** to approve the technical correction to the previously approved Ridge Road South Plan of Lots, now called Ridge Road Plan of Lots Revision No. 1. Engineer John Wright explained the correction to plan as resulting from misinterpretation of area taken by turnpike as right-of-way. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo - Yes.

NEW BUSINESS

Foley made a **motion** to approve Ordinance 3-2022, Amending the Township Zoning Ordinance by adding Contractor's Yard into the Light Industrial District as a Conditional Use. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo - Yes

Foley made a **motion** to approve the Land Development application of Reaxis, Inc, contingent on the satisfaction of all engineering comments in letter dated June 13, 2022. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo - Yes

Foley made a **motion** to direct the issuance of a letter to Washington County Special Courts Administrator in opposition to redistricting of Magisterial Court Districts. Seconded by Donaldson.

RCV: Donaldson- Yes, Foley- Yes, Amodeo - Yes

Foley made a **motion** to engage services of Mayce Donaldson, a high school student, as occasional office cleaner of municipal offices at a pay rate consistent with previous janitorial contractors. Donaldson clarified that the subject of motion is her daughter, and that she, Donaldson would have no direct supervision or influence on the pay of Mayce Donaldson. She further stated her intention to abstain from voting on the matter, and presented an abstention memo to the secretary. Amodeo clarified the frequency of services and the pay. Manager explained that previous cleaners received \$125.00 each time they cleaned and this takes many hours. At this time, the frequency of need is undetermined, but will be as-needed and set by the office staff. Seconded by Amodeo.

RCV: Donaldson- ABSTAIN, Foley- Yes, Amodeo - Yes

PUBLIC DISCUSSION OF OTHER MATTERS

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis of Ridge Road expressed frustration with ongoing heavy truck traffic on Ridge, which is a township road with a weight limit of 10 tons. General discussion began on this wide ranging problem which also affects Old Steubenville Pike, Campbell, Foley, Maple Grove, and King Road. Manager reports that signage is in place but is being disregarded, and sometimes removed. Mr. Curtis described many trucks as being red tractors pulling white trailers and suspects they are delivering from the Findlay Industrial Park / Gordon Foods. The McDonald Police have accelerated their patrols and are increasing citations, but this problem remains ongoing.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business to come before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m. which was seconded by Foley.

Respectfully submitted: *Crystal Brown*, Manager and Secretary