

**LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richard Scott-Harper
David Connors
John Lee Irwin
Stephen Zurl
Thomas Szakas

STAFF PRESENT:

Ken Battin, Township Manager
22 Audience Participants

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Scott-Harper called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and gave an overview of the Community Visioning process and called attention to the information packet that everyone received for a more in-depth look at the process. Mr. Scott-Harper then began call on the various Committees, Boards and Commissions that were in attendance.

Parks & Recreation – Paddy Neilson gave an overview of the committee. The committee is working on developing a Wishlist, based on a community survey. The committee also noted that this year Goddard Park will be celebrating it’s 10-year anniversary! Mr. Scott-Harper noted that he would like to see a community day this year and believes that the flag should be up sized. Mr. Connors stated that the Boy Scouts will be holding a “Day of Service” on April 13th and asked the committee to forward a list of projects to him.

Open Space - Paddy Neilson gave an overview of the committee’s efforts to preserve open space within our Township. Mr. Scott-Harper asked the committee to explain the parameters used to identify and prioritize suitable properties. Mr. David Sweet stated that they use an “Open Space Resource Plan” as part of a property’s evaluation. Mr. Scott-Harper asked how many properties in the Township are preserved? There was also a discussion on how long the process from finding a lead to a property being eased. Paddy suggested that providing a dinner to prospective property owners would be an alternative method of seeking properties.

Emergency Services Committee – Robert Weer provided an overview of the working of the committee. He explained that the primary path for the committee was determined by the Fire Study that was completed by VFSIS. Some of the components that the committee is reviewing is the Standard of Cover, data collection and the Strategic Action Plan.

Planning Commission – Frank Scarpato provided background on the Planning Commission. He also stated that he feels the largest weakness that they struggle with is – communication. He also outlined steps that have been taken to streamline the application process. He also believes that the Township should find a way to entice commercial businesses to move into the Township to increase the tax base. This also comes with increasing the infrastructure; water & sewer. The Planning Commission also believes that the Comprehensive Plan should be looked at regionally. They also commented on projects that have been approved and not yet acted on.

Inniscrone Golf Course Committee – Ed Wasno gave an overview of the committee and the golf course. Over the years Tom Bolko has made the course more “playable” to all ages and experience level. Other improvements have included new golf carts, repair and paving of cart paths. Coming in 2019 will be improved signage, tee markers and Tee Box Tour. Tee Box Tour is a subscription phone app that a player uses and when they play from the par 3 hole, if registered, a camera will

activate, and the golfer will be viewed. If the player scores a hole-in-one, then a prize will be given to the golfer. The Golf Committee also advised the group that the course has been ranked #6 in Golf Courses to play in Pennsylvania by Golfweek.

Once each group reported out and the Board of Supervisors had an opportunity to ask questions, there was an opportunity for open dialog between the evening's participants.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth N. Battin
Township Manager