

**PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2020**

A special meeting of the Plainfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at the Plainfield Township Municipal Building, 6292 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth, PA 18064.

Chairman, Randy Heard, called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was performed.

ROLL CALL:

The following Supervisors answered roll call: Chairman, Randy Heard, Vice Chairman, Glenn Borger, Joyce Lambert, Jane Mellert, and Stephen Hurni.

Also present were Administrative Assistant, Paige Stefanelli and Township Manager, Tom Petrucci.

I. TOWNSHIP MANAGER–THOMAS PETRUCCI:

1. Interview Session- Vacant Board Position Openings:

Robert Farley: Mr. Farley is interested in both the Zoning Hearing Board and Recreation Board. He retired in February of 2017 and had a career in public service. In April of 2013, Mr. Farley became a Plainfield Township resident. Mr. Farley stated that a majority of his career dealt with housing and real-estate development. He also noted that he has a lot of experience with building, planning, and zoning due to his career.

Mr. Farley stated that he is very flexible for evening meetings. His preference is to become a member of the Recreation Board, however, he is willing to serve on any Board if needed. Members of the Board questioned Mr. Farley on his willingness to continue his education. Mr. Farley was in favor of attending concentrated courses for additional education. Additionally, the Board questioned whether there were any changes he may propose with the Recreation Trail. Mr. Farley noted that there have been multiple dogs on the trail that did not have leashes on. Mr. Farley added that possible periodic enforcement may help the various issues on the trail as he said there is signage, but not many adhere to the rules stated on the sign.

Mr. Petrucci noted that in the event that Mr. Farley were to become a Zoning Hearing Board member, he will need to fill out a Statement of Financial Interests form as well as an Oath of Office.

Don Moore: Mr. Moore is interested in pursuing a position on the Zoning Hearing Board. He also indicated to the Board of Supervisors that he may withdraw his position from the Environmental Advisory Council regardless of the outcome for the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Moore has a lot of experience in engineering and secondary education based on his past careers.

Mr. Moore discussed his reasoning and interest for joining the Zoning Hearing Board due to many issues he has witnessed in the past. Mr. Moore feels that he will be an asset to the Zoning Hearing Board to ensure that all processes and requirements are adhered to. He added that there are many important aspects to the Zoning Hearing Board including the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) and Case Law. Mr. Moore indicated that he would cease all community involvement including his blog if he were to be appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board. Members of the Board also questioned whether he would be willing to attend courses in order to continue his education. Mr. Moore indicated that he is more than willing to attend courses as needed.

Barry Portz: Mr. Portz is interested in the position for Zoning Hearing Board. He stated that he worked with a contractor and was also part of a trucking company for approximately 20 years. Mr. Portz was once a police officer for Palmer Township as well. He has been the Township Elected Auditor for the past 18 years. Members of the Board questioned his involvement with attending Zoning Hearing Board meetings. Mr. Portz noted that he has not attended any meetings but is very aware of the Board of Supervisors procedures. Mr. Portz noted that he has a lot of education when questioned about pursuing additional education for the Zoning Hearing Board position.

Mr. Stephen Hurni was excused from the meeting at 11:20 A.M.

Ira Hiberman: Mr. Hiberman has been a Township resident for the past 18 years. His main interest is to become part of the Recreation Board. Mr. Hiberman's education included Geography and Urban Planning as well as a Master's Degree in Management and Administration from Johns Hopkins University. He was also heavily involved in community organizations and customer service. Mr. Hiberman also assisted Paradise Township with their pavilion as well. He added that he has been involved with many agricultural events. Mr. Hiberman noted one experience he had being a teacher was that he taught students about the Census Bureau collection process and put together a "mock" data collection to engage the kids on how the process is done.

Mr. Hiberman noted that he will take part in other Boards, if necessary. However, he would rather be on the Recreation Board at this time. Mr. Hiberman indicated that he is

very interested in this position as he wants to make a contribution to the community. He was in support of continuing education, if needed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, motion was made by Glenn Borger and seconded by Joyce Lambert to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Vote 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Petrucci, Township Manager/Secretary
Plainfield Township
Board of Supervisors

These minutes were prepared with the assistance of the Administrative Assistant of the Township, Paige Stefanelli, under the direction of the Township Manager/Secretary.