

**BRUNSWICK HILLS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**December 13, 2022**

The Brunswick Hills Township Board of Trustees met in special session on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at Brunswick Hills Township Town Hall.

Board of Trustees Chair Christina Kusnerak, Vice Chair Patrica Murphy, Trustee John Witthuhn, Zoning Inspector Evelyn Czyz, Police Chief Tim Sopkovich, Fire Chief Anthony Strazzo, Service Foreman Paul Magovac, Fire Prevention Officer Matt Payne, Attorney Tonya Rogers, Developer's Attorney John Slater, with the Developer and other representatives in attendance, and members of the public present.

Kusnerak called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and noted the meeting was properly advertised.

**PRESENTATION:**

The attorney representing the Township, Tonya Rogers, explained that the original application in 2019 from the developer was denied. A variance was then applied for, but also denied.

Federal action was brought by the Developer— regulatory taking

We have a proposed agreement.

Property is not being rezoned.

Township is limited with respect to zoning. Health and safety justification is no longer viable to limit the zoning to 2 acre lots since water and sewer are both available.

John Slater, representative for the developer, explained the mediation process. He said there have been significant changes in the market and it will be six to ten years before the project is completed.

Tonya explained the concept plan and proposed settlement agreement.

Bob Norton - 1593 Marks Road, said that he is concerned about traffic and schools as well as the Police and Fire Departments.

Christine Guk - 1609 Marks Road, stated that she feels the existing Township homeowners should get compensated.

Ron Wetterman - 1085 Substation Road said that the Township has no control so it is not a legitimate agreement.

Evert Van Staden - 4954 Roscommon, thanked the Trustees for their work on this project and said that he now understands after an explanation of the law. He asked the Trustees what happens in the future with the Township's Comprehensive Plan and also has safety concerns about the increased traffic on the roads.

Kathleen Scheutzow – 3926 Foskett Road, asked about the impact on the Township's tax structure for

rental properties.

Lori Kraska - 5096 Hartwell, was concerned and advocated for the Fire and Police Departments, and asked if the Trustees have a strategy to keep them funded. In addition, Mrs. Kraska voiced her concern about flooding with all of the new homes and the stress that they will be placing on the sewer system.

Police Chief Tim Sopkovich voiced his concern over funding for the Police Department.

Fire Chief Anthony Strazzo said that the Fire Department is at critical staffing levels and the Governor set up a task force to help with the national crisis.

Pat Smith - 1786 Substation Road – said she owns 172 acres and the Loria property is not included in the development.

Ed Kelly - 298 Substation Road – voiced his concern about the storm water runoff basins overflowing.

Service Department Foreman Paul Magovac stated that Medina County Engineers do a good job of overseeing storm water systems being installed in developments.

Trustee Chair Kusnerak thanked the public for their comments and questions, and noted that the Brunswick Hills Township Board of Trustees did what they thought was best for the Township as a whole.

Kusnerak offered **Resolution 38-2022** to resolve two pending lawsuits, Federal and Medina County Court of Common Pleas, as a result of lengthy court-ordered arbitration. The Trustees believe this is in the best interest of Brunswick Hills Township. Witthuhn seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Witthuhn – yes. Resolution adopted.

Kusnerak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 PM. Witthuhn seconded. Murphy – yes. Kusnerak – yes. Witthuhn – yes. Motion carried.

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Christina Kusnerak, Chair Trustee

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Patrica Murphy, Vice-Chair Trustee

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John Witthuhn, Trustee

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Katherine Esber, Fiscal Officer