

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on February 21, 2007. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: Ron Smith, Chairman
 Greg Caiola, Vice Chairman
 Steve Santarsiero, Secretary/Treasurer
 Grace Godshalk, Supervisor
 Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager
 David Truelove, Township Solicitor
 James Majewski, Township Engineer
 Kenneth Coluzzi, Chief of Police

Mr. Smith introduced Ms. Lisa Shiller and her fourth grade students at Edgewood Elementary School who attended the meeting to observe the process and question Board Members on community issues. Mr. Smith also introduced Mr. Matt Fleischman as a reporter/interim editor for the Yardley News.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mason Houriet- 4th grade student-Edgewood Elementary School: stated that he would like a new Recreational Center with lots of arcades and pizza. Mr. Smith said he wasn't sure about the arcades or pizza but that next Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 7:30 pm, there is going to be held a Parks and Recreation Special meeting to discuss these types of items and invited Mr. Houriet and his parents to attend the meeting.

Courtney Thayer-4th grade student-Edgewood Elementary School: stated that she would like to know if the train whistles could be silenced at night. Mr. Stainthorpe stated that the Township has applied for a Certification with the Federal Rail Administration for Quiet Zones, but the Township has to make some improvements to the roads and allow for additional safety measures, and if the Township gets the Federal Rail Administration approval, the trains wouldn't need to blow their whistles at night. Mr. Stainthorpe stated it was a very lengthy process and that there was no guarantee that the Township would get the approval but that they were working on it. Mrs. Godshalk verified that Ms. Thayer resides in Mill Road Estates.

Kayla Crumbaker-4th grade student-Edgewood Elementary School: stated that she would like better soccer fields. Mr. Smith clarified that Ms. Crumbaker was interested in better soccer fields not necessarily more soccer fields. Mr. Smith stated that this was on the agenda for the Tuesday, February 27, 2007 Special Parks and Recreational meeting.

Mr. Smith also informed Ms. Crumbaker that there was currently a project in the works for an area in the northern end of the township, near Elm Lowne, called the Snipes tract. It is in the planning stages currently.

Benny Decembrino-4th grade student-Edgewood Elementary School: stated there is a small field by the mulch pile near Afton Chase and wondered if anything can be done with that field to make it more useable. Mr. Santarsiero stated that they were looking into the possibility of putting baseball fields there or behind where the water tower is there might be tennis courts. Mr. Santarsiero said that there will discussions at next Tuesday's meeting to discuss these items.

Colin Petroziello-4th grade student-Edgewood Elementary School: asked if there were going to be any new basketball courts. Mrs. Godshalk stated that there are new basketball courts near Memorial Park and that there will be more going in. Mrs. Godshalk also stated that there are some near Edgewood Park as well. Mrs. Godshalk stated that at Memorial Park, there are also volleyball courts and playing fields and in the future there will be tennis courts.

Kaitlyn Jacklin-4th grade student Edgewood Elementary School: asked if there was going to be a bubble put over the Lower Makefield Township pool. Mr. Caiola stated that item has been discussed and unfortunately, other more important things come up during the year, that end up taking precedence over this item. Mr. Caiola stated that the Township hasn't forgotten about the idea of installing a bubble over the pool, but that currently there are things that need to come first.

Mr. Smith stated that he hopes that the Edgewood students either attend next Tuesday's Special Parks and Recreation Meeting or watch it on Channel 22 since there seemed to be a recreation theme with most of their questions.

Mr. Aria Vakili- Esther Lane: thanked the Board for allowing the kids the great experience they had at tonight's meeting and how nicely it was conducted. He also stated that the videotaping of the board meetings has been wonderful. Mr. Smith jokingly stated that right now its TV sweeps month. Mr. Smith stated that he and Mr. Caiola and everyone on the board were happy with the videotaping and that he hopes that increases communication with everyone, especially Seniors in the township might not be able to make it out to the evening meetings. Mr. Vakili also mentioned that the school pools are open to the public as well and wanted to remind everyone of that. Mr. Smith stated that the gentleman who was spearheading the bubble proposal had moved but that when it gets back on the agenda, the public can let the Supervisors know how they feel about it.

Mr. Sam Conti-President of the Farmland Preservation Corporation: asked for clarification on the appointment of Howard J. Woods & Associates, LLC as a Consultant for the potential sale of the sewer system. He wanted to know why the consultants were not introduced to the public during the last Board of Supervisors meeting and why they did not make a presentation to the public.

Mr. Conti asked if they made a presentation to the Board of Supervisors prior to the last public meeting. Mr. Smith informed Mr. Conti that there was not a presentation made prior to the last Board meeting. Mr. Fedorchak explained that this was a bid process and that the Township received two bids, one of them from Howard J. Woods & Associates. Woods & Associates provided the Supervisors with a detailed work program and that no questions were raised during the meeting, so they didn't believe their awarding the contract to Woods & Associates was an issue. Mr. Conti stated that he did pose a question during the last Board meeting but that it went unanswered. He also stated that the representatives attended the meeting, received the award and then proceeded to leave without any response. Mr. Fedorchak thought that the Board recognized the representatives. Mr. Caiola stated that in other situations such as this, the representatives don't normally come to the meetings, but that if there was an issue with their award then something should have come from the audience at that time. Mr. Fedorchak mentioned that part of the detailed work program is attendance by the Consultants at various Supervisor meetings. Mr. Conti asked if any special analysis was performed and asked about an article that appeared in the Bucks County Courier Times and proceeded to quote the article. Mr. Smith and Mr. Caiola stated that the Consultants will be doing the analysis. Mr. Conti asked Mr. Stainthorpe what other sewer or water functions have been acquired by the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority. Mr. Stainthorpe stated that although he was not personally involved in the acquisitions, he was aware that they acquired Bensalem Sewer System, Middletown Water and Sewer System and that they also run the Upper Dublin Sewer System in Montgomery County. Mr. Smith stated that this time is for public comment and that if Mr. Conti would like to add this to the agenda at a future meeting, the Supervisors can arrange for that. Mr. Fedorchak stated that the questions that Mr. Conti is posing should be answered by the Consultants with their analysis. Mr. Conti asked when he could anticipate getting the answers to the analysis. Mr. Fedorchak stated that he wasn't sure exactly when their timeline called for the answers but that he expects it might be in about two months.

Colin Petroziello-4th grade student-Edgewood Elementary School: asked if the Supervisors could help him because he and his brother had been banned by a website called Club Penguin.com. Mr. Caiola stated unfortunately the Internet does not fall under the jurisdiction of the Supervisors but that Colin could discuss it with his teacher at school.

Michael Sun-4th grade student-Edgewood Elementary School: asked if any adjustments could be made to the nature trails by the Lower Makefield Township Pool to make them more desirable. Mr. Santarsiero stated that volunteers maintain such places like the Five Mile Woods. He stated that they can talk about this item at the Parks & Recreation meeting next week. Mr. Santarsiero stated that maybe this could become a project. Mr. Smith stated that this might be an idea of something for Community Service participants with the Chief. Mr. Sun stated that the trails by Brock Creek are a lot of fun.

Mr. Hank Wu-4th grade student-Edgewood Elementary School- asked if the Township could provide a meeting for Boy Scout Meetings. Mr. Caiola stated that the Supervisors are working on an idea of a Community Center which could possibly benefit the Seniors, and different organizations in the Community, such as the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. Mr. Smith and Mr. Santarsiero stated that this is something that the Board is working really hard on and seem to be getting closer.

Mr. Mason Houriet-4th grade student-Edgewood Elementary School- asked about the possibility of a BMX/Skating Park. Mr. Smith stated some families have indicated they would like to have a roller park and is on the plan for the Snipes Tract, but if he felt that a lot of kids would like to have a BMX/Skating Park, to ask his friends and parents to come out to the meeting on Tuesday and they can discuss it. Mr. Smith stated that hopefully the Supervisors can incorporate something like that if people are interested in it.

The Supervisors thanked Mrs. Shiller for bringing the students from her classroom to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Santarsiero moved, Mr. Caiola seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the February 7, 2007 Regular Public Meeting.

Mr. Santarsiero moved, Mr. Caiola seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the February 5, 2007 and February 20, 2007 Warrant Lists and the January 2007 Payroll.

Mr. Smith asked about funds that appeared on the Warrant List. Mr. Smith wanted to verify the Potter & Dixon fees of \$8,000 plus and wanted to know if that was money that was previously approved. Mr. Fedorchak stated that the funds were approved and were for the appeal on the FAA Decision as it relates to the forty million dollar expansion project at the Mercer County Airport. Mr. Smith asked about item relating to Pickering & Courts on Lindenhurst. Mr. Fedorchak stated that they were the Engineers managing the project and are finishing up the project at this time.

DICUSSION OF REQUEST BY TANGLEWOOD FOR EXONERATION OF LEAF COLLECTION TAX

Mr. Stainthorpe stated that he will be recusing himself from taking part in the discussion and the vote thereafter due to the fact that he resides in the Tanglewood development. Mr. Smith asked if anyone else was in attendance at tonight's meeting from the Tanglewood development, but no one was present. Mr. Fedorchak explained that the residents of the Tanglewood development retained an outside contractor to do their leaf collection and would like exoneration from the Township's Leaf Assessment Fee. He stated that there is precedence for this back in 1995.

Mr. Smith also stated that there was something similar in nature done recently for the Makefield Glen development. Mr. Fedorchak agreed that they did. Mr. Santarsiero moved to exonerate the development of their Leaf collection in light of the fact that they will be contracting this service out themselves. Mr. Caiola seconded the motion. Mrs. Godshalk stated that it isn't a gated community and that someone should make the residents aware that the Township will not be collecting their leaves and that the Township's Road Crews will need to be trained properly due to the fact that the Tanglewood development butts up to other homes that will have their leaves collected by the Township. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Fedorchak if there was a resident at Tanglewood that the Supervisors could send a letter and maybe they could put this information in their Newsletter. Mr. Fedorchak stated that they could do that.

Ms. Helen Bosley-546 Palmer Farm Drive- asked where the leaves go when they are collected and if they go to the mulch pile. Ms. Bosley asked if the contractors, whom are not collecting for the Township, are permitted to dump the leaves at the mulch pile. Mrs. Godshalk asked if the leaves are put behind the Township building and who was responsible for grinding them up. Ms. Bosley stated that these outside contractors should not be allowed to have the leaves to remain in the township. Mr. Fedorchak stated that he thinks the area behind the Township building is policed. Mr. Santarsiero stated that the leaves collected by Township contractors are deposited out at Patterson Farm, grinded up and ultimately spread on the farm. Mr. Caiola stated that private contractors have agreements for these types of services that do not necessarily involve the Township. Mr. Caiola stated that the situation is similar to that of a roofer who is removing shingles and how they dispose of them. Ms. Bosley asked what the approximate tax relief amount would be for the homeowners in Tanglewood. Mr. Fedorchak stated that it will be approximately \$6000 and that the Township receives approximately \$276,000 a year as a result of the Township's Leaf Assessment Fee, which amounts to about \$30 per lot. Mr. Fedorchak stated that the amount covers the labor costs, and the job is very labor intensive. The fee also covers the equipment. Mr. Smith stated that after sitting on the Farmland Preservation Corporation, he realized that leaf disposal is a big issue. He would ask that the Supervisors keep their vigilance up to control this issue. Mrs. Godshalk stated that the Township paid for the equipment that Mr. Patterson uses to spread the leaves on his property.

Mr. Zachary Rubin-1661 Covington- stated that he was in support of this motion. He also stated that he is not a member of Mrs. Shiller's 4th grade class. Mr. Rubin stated that in 1995, the Homeowner's Association for Makefield Glen started the process of exoneration from leaf collection in which the leaves are dumped outside of the Township. He stated that the Homeowner's Association pays landscapers for this service and it would end up being a double taxation issue for the homeowners.

Mr. Santarsiero wanted to make sure that the motion reflected the Resolution 2140.

Mr. Smith called the question and it was approved unanimously with Mr. Stainthorpe abstaining from the vote.

CANAL INTERCEPTOR RELINING PROJECT

Mr. Mike McRee from CKS Engineers was present to discuss this item. Mr. McRee requested that the Board reject the current bids for the Canal Interceptor Relining Project and to authorize the re-bidding for the Canal Interceptor Project. Mr. McRee stated that the project was advertised to bidders in December and in response to questions by prospective bidders, they issued an addendum to the plans and specifications on January 23, 2007 and it was opened to bids on January 30, 2007. The company which had submitted the lowest cost bid proposal had not acknowledged receipt of that addendum. Therefore their bid could not be considered as responsive. The second bidder indicated that they would lodge a protest to award of the bid to the lowest bidder based on that irregularity with their bid, so in interest of obtaining the best price and avoiding possible legal action, they are recommending the rejection of the bids and re-bidding the project. Mr. Truelove stated that after discussions with Mr. McRee, we concur with Mr. McRee and agree that this is the best course of action.

Mr. Smith asked for any questions from the Board or the public. There were none.

Mrs. Godshalk moved to reject the bids on the Canal Interceptor Project, Mr. Caiola seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Caiola moved to authorizing re-bidding on the Canal Interceptor Project, Mrs. Godshalk and Mr. Stainthorpe seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved authorizing of the re-bidding for the Canal Interceptor Project.

DISCUSSION OF THE TOWNSHIP SIGNAGE ORDINANCE

Mr. Truelove stated that they are still reviewing the project and received more information from the Township to add to their database. Ms. Torbert also has provided information that is helpful. Mr. Truelove stated that they are trying to determine whether the ordinance needs to be amended or rewritten. Mr. Truelove stated that they are not sure if billboards should be a separate subsection which could address the billboard issue. Mr. Truelove stated that they are trying to come up with as much information as possible to be able to present to the board the most comprehensive set of options before they make a recommendation. Signage is a first amendment issue so it's not just an issue of aesthetics. Commercial signs are a lesser protection than the political signs for the first amendment. Mr. Smith asked if Mr. Truelove could commit to presenting something at the March 21, 2007 meeting. Mr. Smith asked if this needs to go before another area before it is presented to the board. Mr. Truelove stated that it should probably go before the Planning Commission prior. Ms. Friedman, Secretary for the Planning Commission, stated that their next meeting is March 12, 2007. Mr. Smith asked if they could prepare a presentation to the Planning Commission on that next meeting.

Mr. Truelove stated that they would try and present something at that meeting prior to coming to the March 21, 2007 Board of Supervisors meeting. Mr. Smith asked Ms. Friedman if she could put that on the Planning Commission's next agenda. Mr. Smith then tabled the discussion to the March 21, 2007 meeting.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF NATIVE PLANT ORDINANCE

Mr. Jim Bray, Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Council requested that the Board advertise the Native Plant Ordinance that is winding its way through the legal process in the Township. Mr. Bray stated that on December 6, 2006 the ordinance was heard by the Board of Supervisors and was well received. Mr. Bray stated that on January 3, 2007 it went before the Bucks County Planning Commission who had nice things to say about the ordinance and also provided a list of concerns and suggestions that have been for the most part incorporated into the ordinance. Mr. Bray stated that the changes that were made were subsequently submitted to the Lower Makefield Township Planning Commission who did not make any additional recommendations. Mr. Bray stated that all of the original Board of Supervisor recommendations have been made and the Environmental Advisory Council feels it is now a very strong ordinance. Mr. Bray stated that the Bucks County Planning Commission made seven recommendations, five of which were incorporated into the ordinance. Mr. Bray stated that the Township Engineer, Mr. Majewski; Landscape Designer, Ms. Laura Brandt; Registered Landscape Architect, Rick Becotagi and Mr. Bray all reviewed and agree with this ordinance.

Mr. Bray stated that there were two items that the council took exception with from the Bucks County Planning Commission. Mr. Bray stated that one of these was the suggestion regarding "plantings under and near overhead electrical lines". Mr. Bray stated that the Bucks County Planning Commission also had recommended the ordinance specify the types of trees that can be planted, but that they felt that any decent registered architect will know what trees are appropriate for these situations. Mr. Bray stated that they believed that the person in the field has to make that judgment. Mr. Bray stated that another suggestion was to add wording to make sure these trees were planted outside of the utility lines, which they thought was excellent wording, and incorporated it into the ordinance. Mr. Bray stated that the Bucks County Planning Commission suggested that they might want to consider adding for selective non-native plants. Mr. Bray stated that the council felt that was not appropriate. Mr. Bray stated that this ordinance was a Native Plant Ordinance and they felt that by doing so would dilute it. Mr. Bray stated that another suggestion was regarding farmland buffers, that there should list specific types. Mr. Bray stated that after speaking with Mr. Sam Conti, they felt that there was some controversy surrounding farmland buffers, and that it should not be in the ordinance at this time.

Mr. Bray stated that he would answer any questions regarding the ordinance.

Mr. Stainthorpe asked who the Township town expert is that was referred to in the ordinance. Mr. Bray stated that it was a registered Horticulturist or a Registered Landscape Architect. Mr. Stainthorpe asked why the ordinance lists specifics about sizes of plants and how they should be planted. Mr. Bray stated that Mr. Becotagi brought that section up to snuff and it is the current thinking and practice as far as planting is concerned. Mr. Stainthorpe asked if this was the second or third time the ordinance has been advertised. Mr. Bray stated that they did not actually advertise it previously because the Bucks County Planning Commission wanted changes. Mr. Bray stated that they had approval to advertise it, but it didn't actually get advertised yet.

Mrs. Godshalk asked who exactly is going to make sure that the plants are planted properly and wondered how the Township was going to police it. Mr. Bray stated that a registered Landscape Architect will have to approve it and the developer will pay for that service. Mrs. Godshalk stated that the developer agreement will have to be updated. Mrs. Godshalk asked about the wording in the ordinance and if the wording in the heading was too strong. Mr. Bray stated that yes, they were strong words approved by their attorney. Mrs. Godshalk asked if the wording would then prohibit non native plants from being used. Mr. Bray stated that there is a waiver process that could be used but that the developer would have to give good reason as to why non native plants were being used. Mr. Truelove stated that the language is fairly standard in most ordinances that deal with issues because the language is actually borrowed from second class township code. Mrs. Godshalk asked if the wording should be listed as "to require for the use" instead of "to provide for the use". Mr. Truelove stated that he would defer that to the commissions that have reviewed it to this point. Mr. Truelove stated that as Mr. Bray mentioned there are waivers in place and it is consistent as to what has been done with other ordinances of this nature.

Mr. Santarsiero commended Mr. Bray and the council on their work on this ordinance.

Mr. Smith asked where else nearby has something similar in nature. Mr. Bray stated that Solebury Township, the State of Washington, and the State of Maryland had similar ordinances, but that they weren't as robust. Mr. Bray stated that this puts the Township on the cutting edge. Mr. Smith asked about something that was mentioned during Mr. Bray's interview regarding wording on invasive plants and if that was something on the horizon. Mr. Bray stated that the council has a very aggressive agenda this year and that their concentration will be on the Cool Cities proposal but that it is hoped and anticipated that they can look at this at a later time. Mr. Smith stated that at the March 21, 2007 Supervisor's Meeting, there will an item on the agenda regarding the Cool Cities Proposal. Mrs. Godshalk asked when the Supervisors could expect that proposal. Mr. Bray stated that they should receive it about a week before the March 21, 2007 meeting. Mr. Smith asked if there were any comments from the audience. Mr. Santarsiero moved to authorize advertising this ordinance, Mr. Caiola seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Bray thanked the Board for the strong Environmental conscience.

ZONING, INSPECTION & PLANNING

Consider approval of Fiorello Grove Final Subdivision Plan

Mr. Truelove stated that the plan was before the Board for Preliminary approval on October 6, 2006. Mr. Van Blunt and Mr. Marrazzo requested approval of Fiorello Grove Final Subdivision Plan. Mr. Van Blunt stated that the proposal deals with an approximate ten acre site located at the intersection of Big Oak Road and Derbyshire Road. Mr. Van Blunt stated that the proposal calls for three residential lots. Mr. Truelove proposes that the Board would be approving the final plan regarding the Fiorello Grove Subdivision, township plan #555, tax map #20-34-92. Mr. Truelove stated that the plans are dated July 7, 2005, and last revised November 3, 2006, are subject to the following conditions:

- 1) Applicant shall comply with Lower Makefield Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances, Lower Makefield Township Zoning Ordinances, and all applicable local, state and federal ordinances, statutes or laws.
- 2) Receipt of all permits, authorizations, or approvals from all agencies with jurisdiction including but not limited to PADEP and DPES.
- 3) Where applicable, applicants shall comply with all comments from the appropriate authorities responsible for approval of the proposed utilities.
- 4) The applicant to pay pursuant to SALDO section 178-92 the fee in lieu of Recreation Land set amount to be determined.
- 5) The applicant to pay pursuant to SALDO section 178-39, an impact fee payable for offsite public transportation capital improvements as authorized the impact fee ordinance adopted by Lower Makefield Township under Article V-A of the Municipalities Planning Code, that amount to be determined.
- 6) Compliance with the Schoor De Palma review letter dated January 15, 2007.
- 7) Compliance with the Lower Makefield Township Planning Commission review memorandum dated January 23, 2007.
- 8) Compliance with deed restrictions regarding impervious surface conditions for lots, 1, 2 and/or 3 of the respective plans which are more specifically defined and set forth in the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions drafted pursuant to discussions between the counsel for the applicant and the Township Solicitor's office.

9) The following waiver has been granted per the applicant's request from SALDO 178-93.A(5) to reduce the allowable percentage of impervious coverage in order to allow less disturbance in the construction of the basin.

10) General compliance with the Environmental Advisory Council letter dated January 12, 2007.

11) Compliance with Remington, Vernick & Beach letter dated December 27, 2006.

Mr. Truelove asked Mr. Van Blunt if there was anything that needed to be covered in the motion that was not mentioned. Mr. Van Blunt stated that there was nothing additional.

Mrs. Godshalk asked who will taking possession of the 4.87 acres of the open space lot. Mr. Marrazzo stated that the ownership will remain with him at this time. Mr. Marrazzo stated that it was offered to the township at one time. Mrs. Godshalk asked if this will remain an open lot.

Mr. Van Blunt stated that it was a heavily wooded lot and that it was unbuildable land. Mrs. Godshalk stated that she felt that there should be some sort of plan on maintaining the land so that the township wasn't responsible for it's' maintenance. Mrs. Godshalk stated that the township does have problems with maintaining lots of heavily wooded areas. Mrs. Godshalk stated that the problems that had occurred in the past where the township had to take out fallen trees and remove forts and such. Mr. Caiola stated that it would be the same responsibility of any owner of a lot in the township. Mrs. Godshalk stated that she was concerned that the owner could abandon the property. Mr. Smith stated that the owner could do that at this time, but its' the owner's responsibility to maintain the property regardless. Mrs. Godshalk asked why the lots that were being sold were not made larger so that the prospective homeowners would be responsible for the land. Mr. Van Blunt stated that it couldn't be divided up that way because of the way the land is set up and it is unbuildable. Mr. Van Blunt stated it was done this way to preserve the wetlands. Mr. Van Blunt stated that initially the plan was to build a dam in the creek and the land would go to the township, but that the plan has since gone away. Mrs. Godshalk stated her concern that it could be a problem down the road.

There was no public comment.

The Supervisors voted 4-1 to approve the Fiorello Grove Final Subdivision with Mrs. Godshalk voting no.

Consider accepting the withdrawal of application for Clover Tract

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to consider accepting withdrawal of application for the Clover Tract.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Santarsiero moved and Mr. Caiola seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved to accept the withdrawal of the application for the Clover Tract.

Consider granting an extension of time to Harmony Lane Subdivision

Mr. Smith asked for a motion to consider granting an extension of time to June 7, 2007, to Harmony Lane Subdivision.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved and Mr. Caiola seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved to grant the extension.

ZONING HEARING BOARD MATTERS

Mr. Truelove stated that the first matter regarding Norman and Patricia O'Rourke requests the matter be continued to the March 20th meeting.

Mr. Truelove stated that in the second matter regarding Robert and Tracy Thompson there is no Board action needed.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Mr. Smith announced Zoning Hearing Board last meeting was cancelled, next meeting is in March. Mr. Smith stated that the Pension Commission did not meet last month. Mr. Smith stated that the Regional Traffic Task Force will have the Open House the end of April. Elm Lowne meets next week and needs volunteers, if anyone is interested. Special Events Committee moving ahead with the meeting for the Spring Fling which will be in May. There is a flag retiring at the VFW Post on Sunday at 1:00 pm on Route 332. It is an interesting event and they would love to have township residents there to observe.

Mr. Caiola stated the Economic Development Commission will meet next week and Carter McKnight will be there and talk about Edgewood Village. Mr. Caiola stated he also serves the Bucks County Performing Arts Center, and on March 2, 2007. They will have a concert at Pennsbury High School with a blues' guitarist Guy Davis. It would be great if they could have the support of the community. It is a great time, tickets are only \$8.00 and you will be able to see a concert at Pennsbury High School.

Mr. Santarsiero stated the Park & Recreation Board meeting was postponed in lieu of the Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 27, 2007.

Mrs. Godshalk stated that many hours were spent at the Planning Commission last Monday going over the Edgewood Village Plan which is forthcoming. She stated the Historic Commission will meet next month.

Mrs. Godshalk stated the Sewer Authority meets this Thursday. Mrs. Godshalk stated the Garden of Reflection Committee is preparing to go out to ask the community to purchase benches in memory of loved ones. Mrs. Godshalk stated that the Towns Against Graffiti (TAG) will be having a fundraising Art Auction at Elm Lowne on Friday, March 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. with refreshments. Tickets are \$20.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated that the Farmland Preservation meeting was cancelled. Cable TV Advisory had Comcast rep present and had a decent discussion about the cable.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Truelove reported that they did submit on behalf of the Township, the request for the referendum for the small games of chance to the Bucks County Board of Elections and the Solicitor's Office. Mr. Truelove stated that they did receive approval from both the Board of Elections and the Solicitor's Office to have the matter listed for the referendum on May 15, 2007. Mr. Smith asked how many items were going to be referendum based on the primary election. Mr. Truelove stated that there will be at least one required by Act One by the school district and locally this particular referendum. Mrs. Godshalk asked what the deadline was for filing referendum items. Mr. Truelove stated that he thinks it is March 15, 2007. Mrs. Godshalk asked if the games are the same as the regular. Mr. Truelove said he checked with Mr. Rabina and Ms. Donna Snyder who were both very helpful. Mr. Truelove stated that the Board and Mr. Fedorchak will receive a copy of the letter that he sent them. Mrs. Godshalk asked who is circulating the petition for the games of chance. Mr. Truelove stated that there are two ways to get it on the ballot, and with speaking with Mr. Maloney, this was the way to proceed. Ms. Godshalk stated that she heard some rumblings about a referendum regarding the Township going "wet". Mr. Truelove stated that they would have to go through the same process to get the referendum filed. Mr. Truelove stated that he has not heard anything to this effect. Mr. Smith stated that he heard some rumblings as well regarding an Octoberfest. Mrs. Godshalk stated that she didn't hear anything like that, but that the rumblings she heard were more to do with being able to sell liquor at establishments.

Mr. Smith reminded everyone of the Special Parks & Recreation meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2007.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD AND COMMISSIONS

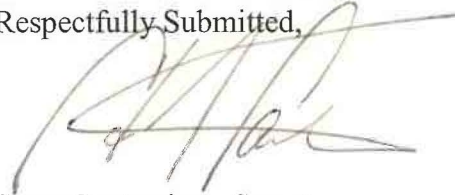
Mr. Caiola asked Mr. Fedorchak regarding the seven people that were interviewed if any of their terms were not up yet. Mr. Fedorchak stated that he could not say for certain. Mr. Smith stated that some of the interviews were for openings. Mr. Caiola stated that they should probably only make motions on the openings that they are certain on. Mr. Smith stated that they should make the appointments for the other positions after clarification.

Mrs. Godshalk made a motion to appoint Suzanne Kearn to the Farmland Preservation Corporation. Mr. Caiola seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved Ms. Kearn's appointment to the Farmland Preservation Corporation.

There being no further business, Mr. Santarsiero moved, Mr. Caiola seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Santarsiero', written over a horizontal line.

Steve Santarsiero, Secretary



Township of Lower Makefield

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Ron Smith, Chairman
Greg Caiola, Vice-Chairman
Steve Santarsiero, Secretary/Treasurer
Grace M. Parkinson Godshalk, Supervisor
Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor

**FEBRUARY 2007 WARRANT LISTS AND
JANUARY 2007 PAYROLL COSTS FOR APPROVAL
FEBRUARY 21, 2007 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

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| 2/5/2007 Warrant List | \$ 510,723.34 | |
| 2/07 Manual Checks | 405,805.10 | |
| 2/20/2007 Warrant List | 567,435.75 | |
| Total Warrants & Prepaids | | 1,483,964.19 |
| <u>PAYROLL COSTS:</u> | | |
| JANUARY 2007 Payroll | 252,327.46 | |
| 1/07 Payroll Taxes, etc. | 115,338.55 | |
| Total Payroll Costs | | <u>367,666.01</u> |
| TOTAL TO BE APPROVED | | \$ <u>1,851,630.20</u> |

