

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2006**

A special meeting of the Lower Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 for the purpose of interviewing individual candidates for renewal and vacant Township Board and Commission positions. Chairman Santarsiero called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Caiola called the roll noting four of the five Supervisors were present.

Those present: Steve Santarsiero, Chairman
 Ron Smith, Vice Chairman
 Greg Caiola, Secretary/Treasurer
 Grace Godshalk Supervisor (absent)
 Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager

Individuals were interviewed in the following order:

Alan Dresser, EAC
Laura Brandt, EAC
Joseph Sundeen, EAC
Geoffrey Goll, EAC
Sam Conti, Farmland Preservation Corporation
Yvonne Calabro, Historical Commission

ALAN DRESSER

Mr. Santarsiero stated that Mr. Dresser is interested in serving on the Environmental Advisory Council. He stated the EAC has been changed to a review board with seven members, which will review Township environmental issues. Mr. Santarsiero asked Mr. Dresser if he wanted to add anything to his resume. Mr. Dresser stated in his line of work he is kept abreast of changing environmental requirements and regulations. He stated he is aware of a change in mercury emissions regulations. He stated the Township has the opportunity to comment on the new regulations with the DEP and any new regulations that may come up in the future. Mr. Caiola asked Mr. Dresser how much he knows about Low Impact Development. Mr. Dresser stated he attended a workshop at Falls Township and Bowman's Hill recently, noting he is not an expert but would like to learn as much as he could about the subject. He stated he is experienced at reviewing submittals on environmental impact relating to federal and state rules. Mr. Santarsiero asked Mr. Dresser if he has contact with the DEP. Mr. Dresser stated yes, on a regular basis. Mr. Caiola asked Mr. Dresser if he had any questions. Mr. Dresser stated no but commented he agrees with the expanded role of the EAC. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Dresser if he has an interest in any other Boards or Committees because they have had more people apply for the EAC than spots available. Mr. Dresser stated his strength is environmental issues but he would be interested in the Planning Commission. Mr. Stainthorpe noted his environmental background could be helpful in the Planning Commission.

LAURA BRANDT

Mr. Santarsiero stated that Ms. Brandt is interested in serving on the Environmental Advisory Council. He stated they are interviewing for four positions available on the EAC and noted the expanded role of the EAC to review plans like the Planning Commission, especially when the Low Impact Development ordinance is enacted. Mr. Santarsiero asked Ms. Brandt if she wanted to add anything in addition to her resume and she noted no. Mr. Stainthorpe noted to Ms. Brandt that she made a career change and asked what motivated her. Ms. Brandt stated her interest in landscaping grew over the years, which led her to taking landscaping classes at Del Val College. Mr. Stainthorpe noted Ms. Brandt has a degree in eco landscape design and asked how that is different than traditional landscape design. Ms. Brandt stated the premise of Del Val's landscape and educational programs are very ecologically correct. She stated she learned not just to design landscape to look good but to look at the stormwater management impact, impervious impact and using native species. Mr. Smith asked Ms. Brandt what she could add to the EAC. Ms. Brandt stated her background at Del Val, adjunct with professors and landscape professionals and she constantly attends seminars to stay current on new ideas and concepts. Mr. Santarsiero asked if Ms. Brandt had any questions. Ms. Brandt asked when decisions on the interviews would be made. Mr. Santarsiero stated decisions would be made at the April 5th Board of Supervisors meeting.

JOSEPH SUNDEEN

Mr. Santarsiero stated that Mr. Sundeen is interested in serving on the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Santarsiero stated the Board has had an overwhelming number of applicants for the EAC and described the new expanded role of the EAC. Mr. Santarsiero asked Mr. Sundeen if he wanted to add anything in addition to his resume and he noted no. Mr. Stainthorpe noted that Mr. Sundeen is active in the Bucks County retired program and asked if he is retired. Mr. Sundeen stated he would be retiring in June. Mr. Stainthorpe noted Mr. Sundeen served as a judge on a lab design contest on green building and asked how much of expert is he in that field. Mr. Sundeen stated he had to become knowledgeable on the green building process and materials used. Mr. Sundeen mentioned a book for the to look into about the principal of green building design. Mr. Stainthorpe stated green building is becoming more prevalent in communities and it is helpful to have a person knowledgeable in green building. Mr. Santarsiero asked Mr. Dresser what he sees a Low Impact Development Ordinance doing for Lower Makefield Township and asked if he is interested in being involved in drafting the ordinance. Mr. Sundeen stated he would like to see all new impervious surfaces constructed with a material that drains water. He stated the Township should consider revising its zoning ordinance to require this type of impervious surface material. Mr. Caiola stated they have had more people apply for the EAC than spots available and asked if he would be interested in the Zoning Hearing Board or Planning Commission. Mr. Sundeen stated he would like to be placed where he would be most useful.

GEOFFREY GOLL

Mr. Santarsiero stated that Mr. Goll is interested in serving on the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Santarsiero described the new expanded role of the EAC especially in connection

with the Low Impact Development Ordinance. Mr. Santarsiero noted that Mr. Goll has a substantial background in water and stormwater issues and asked about his knowledge of Low Impact Development. Mr. Goll stated he is the vice president of Princeton Hydro and he oversees his engineering department. He stated he recently prepared Low Impact Development documents for another municipality, presented a paper at the Princeton Symposium on Low Impact Development, is an environmental consultant for New Jersey and Pennsylvania municipalities, he is familiar with the geology in the area, an expert in stormwater runoff and teaches continuing education classes at Rutgers on all of the discussed issues. Mr. Goll stated he could assist the Township with drafting the Low Impact Development Ordinance and advise on the pitfalls. Mr. Stainthorpe asked Mr. Goll what are the pitfalls of Low Impact Development. Mr. Goll stated he had a municipality in New Jersey where the developer hit bedrock, tried to infiltrate and said they could not or would go any further. He stated they have implemented a mitigation plan where the municipality develops a list for water quality impact if the developer cannot meet the Low Impact Development requirements. If the requirements cannot be met, the developer is required to look at another area in the municipality that needs drainage. Mr. Smith asked what are the most pressing environmental issues he sees in Lower Makefield. Mr. Goll stated sediment discharge is a problem in Silver Lake. He stated the stormwater is not managed as well as it could be. He also noted the streams in the Township are in need of repair. Mr. Smith stated they have had many well-qualified applicants for the EAC positions and asked Mr. Goll if he would consider being appointed to another committee or board. Mr. Goll stated he would like to use his expertise for Low Impact Development, but would consider serving on other boards.

SAM CONTI

Mr. Santarsiero stated that Mr. Conti is seeking re-appointment to the Farmland Preservation Corporation. Mr. Santarsiero asked Mr. Conti why he resigned and why he wanted to come back. Mr. Conti stated he was interested in getting involved in another aspect of the Township but saw that no one applied for the Farmland Preservation Corporation and things needed to be finished. He stated there has not been any growth with the Corporation and there is a need for the group to be spearheaded by someone like him. Mr. Smith asked if the Township could accomplish three things, what would they be. Mr. Conti stated that would be for Farmland to acquire more properties such as Patterson Farm and open space land, improve the Farmland finances by looking at fund investment to better replace things such as fences and he wants to see relief on property taxes on the farms. Mr. Stainthorpe asked if Mr. Conti had any other goals. Mr. Conti reviewed a list of goals Farmland accomplished last year and goals for 2006 such as install farm signs where needed, seek grants, address deer issues, create a web-site and deal with encroachment problems. Mr. Santarsiero asked Mr. Conti if Farmland does a semi-annual walk around the Township farms. Mr. Conti stated they have not done the walk in a few years but will do it this year with Mr. Caiola and Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith asked the Board to look into the problems with trees on farmland buffers.

YVONNE CALABRO

Mr. Santarsiero stated that Ms. Calabro is interested in serving on the Historical Commission. Mr. Santarsiero asked Ms. Calabro about her interest in the Historical Commission and what she knows about what the Historical Commission does. Ms. Calabro stated she has read about the Commission's desire to save historic structures within the Township and believes the Township's charm is attributed to the many historic properties within. She stated she values the charm of the historic properties and believes they should be saved if feasible. Mr. Stainthorpe asked Ms. Calabro's opinion on what should be preserved and what should not and where she falls on the subject of historic preservation. Ms. Calabro stated that all historically significant structures within the Township should be preserved so long as it is economically feasible or find another alternative for the structure or property. Mr. Smith stated the concept of Edgewood Village is the impetus of the Historical Commission and Board of Supervisors. He asked Ms. Calabro if she is familiar with the concept of Edgewood Village and likes the "quaintness" of the concept or wants to see big box development. Mr. Smith asked Ms. Calabro's opinion of Yardley and "realtor row". Ms. Calabro stated that Yardley was not planned well and has a poor mix. She stated that Edgewood Village has merit if the right mix is put in and she does not want to see anymore big box development. She asked if the Historical Commission spearheads ideas on their own or do they take direction from the Township. Mr. Stainthorpe stated a bit of both and they give their expertise on historical matters. Mr. Smith stated the Historical Commission meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. and asked if that is a problem. Ms. Calabro replied no.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Greg Caiola".

Greg Caiola, Secretary