

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – JUNE 2, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held remotely on June 2, 2021. Ms. Blundi called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and called the Roll.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors:

Suzanne Blundi, Chair  
James McCartney, Vice Chair  
John B. Lewis, Secretary  
Frederic K. Weiss, Treasurer  
Daniel Grenier, Supervisor

Others:

Kurt Ferguson, Township Manager  
David Truelove, Township Solicitor  
Andrew Pockl, Township Engineer  
Kenneth Coluzzi, Chief of Police  
Monica Tierney, Park & Recreation Director

#### COVID 19 UPDATE

Mr. Ferguson stated at the last meeting he discussed re-opening the Township Administrative Building, Public Works, and the Community Center on June 15; and that is still the plan. He stated for the time being, those entering the buildings should be masked, and the Township staff will be masked when assisting the public as well. Updates can be made if the situation changes.

Mr. Ferguson stated with regard to the American Rescue Plan, the COVID Relief Bill, the Township received notice today that we have five days to put our Application in. He stated he has participated in several seminars including one with the Department of Treasury. The Township is eligible for about \$3.2 million, and there is limited scope for what we are eligible for. Money is available for reimbursement for short-falls from the past year and also short-falls for the next four years based upon a series of calculations for the Revenue the Township may have had if COVID had never happened. Mr. Ferguson stated half of the money would come to the Township this year, and the second half next year. Once that money is received it will be put into its own account and it would require annual audits of that money. Mr. Ferguson stated the Application will go in for potential short falls for stormwater and infrastructure projects. Mr. Ferguson stated that

while there are number of stormwater projects, the Department of Treasury has only released guidance at this time, not rules and regulations. He stated they will need to have more discussion with the Commonwealth and the Treasury regarding the rules and regulations which can be “cumbersome.” Mr. Ferguson stated the Application will be submitted by next Monday, and he will have several other Zoom meetings with officials over the next few days.

#### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Tierney stated during this portion of the Agenda residents and Youth Organizations may call in to make a special announcement or they can contact the Township to request a special announcement be added to the Agenda.

Ms. Tierney stated information about Park & Recreation digital and in-person recreation opportunities including Sunset Yoga, Goat Yoga, Art, and Zumba can be found on the Township Website.

Ms. Tierney stated there will be a Food Truck Festival on June 5, 2021 from 12 to 7 at Memorial Park. There will be fifteen food trucks, vendors, and music.

Ms. Tierney stated the Pool opened last weekend, and Registration information can be found on the Township Website.

Ms. Tierney stated Community Day will be held on August 28, 2021 and we are looking for vendors, clubs, organizations, and businesses wishing to participate in the event or by sponsorship. Information can be found on the Township Website.

Ms. Tierney stated the next Yard Waste Clean-Up Day will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ms. Tierney stated the Farmers’ Market returns to Charlann Farms on Thursday, June 3, 2021.

Ms. Tierney stated there is an Electronic Recycling Day on Saturday, June 12, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of St. John the Evangelist Church at 752 Big Oak Road.

Ms. Tierney stated the LMT Walking Group will start on Saturday, June 12 and those interested should meet at the Community Center at 10:00 a.m. for a two and a half to three mile walk. No pre-registration is required.

Mr. Grenier thanked the Yardley Borough VFW and American Legion for putting together the events related to Memorial Day.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. McCartney moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2021 as written.

#### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH IN LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP AND APPROVAL TO HANG A PRIDE FLAG

Mr. Grenier moved and Mr. Lewis seconded to approve the Resolution celebrating Pride Month in Lower Makefield Township.

Ms. Blundi read the Resolution.

Mr. Grenier stated in honor of Pride Month, Yardley Borough raised a Pride Flag, and asked if the Board would consider hanging a Pride Flag on the flag pole at the Township Building for the month of June. Mr. Grenier stated he would agree to donate the flag.

Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to hang a Pride flag at the Administration Building for the month of June.

#### SEWER ENGINEER

Mr. Fred Ebert, Sewer engineer, was present.

#### Approve Payment of Request No. 3 from Blooming Glen Contractors for the Brookstone Pump Station Upgrade-Mechanical Contract

Mr. Ebert stated the pump station is operating very well, and the only money remaining on the Contract is the retainage which will be requested to be released next month after they complete the final punch list item and the

Maintenance Bond. Mr. Ebert stated the Sewer Authority recommended approval of the Payment Request by the Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Weiss moved and Mr. Grenier seconded to approve Payment Request No. 3 from Blooming Glen Contractors for the Brookstone Pump Station Upgrade Mechanical Contract in the amount of \$45,331.33.

Mr. Grenier asked if the retainage will be sufficient to cover outstanding costs, and Mr. Ebert agreed.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Payment of Request No. 4 from AJM Electric, Inc. for the Brookstone Pump Station Upgrade Electrical Contract

Mr. Ebert stated this is for the Electrical Contract. He stated the pump station is functioning well and this is for release of all money other than the retainage and a close-out line item. Mr. Ebert stated the next item on the Agenda is for the Release of the retainage and all remaining funds.

Dr. Weiss moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Payment Request No. 4 from AJM Electric, Inc. for the Brookstone Pump Station Upgrade Electrical Contract in the amount of \$7,579.33.

Approve Payment Request No. 5 (Final) from AJM Electric, Inc. for the Brookstone Pump Station Upgrade Electrical Contract

Mr. Ebert stated this is payment for the close-out line item and release of all retainage. He stated this was recommended by the Sewer Authority for approval by the Board of Supervisors and was also reviewed by the Sewer Authority's solicitor, Ms. Kirk. All paperwork is in order and all operation and maintenance manuals have been received.

Dr. Weiss moved and Mr. Grenier seconded to approve Payment Request No. 5 (Final) from AJM Electric, Inc. for the Brookstone Pump Station Upgrade Electrical Contract in the amount of \$3,379.

Mr. Grenier asked how this compared to the Budget. Mr. Ebert stated the combined Contract would have been \$315,000 for the Brookstone Pump Station, and the Bid amount was \$270,000. He stated there were total Change Orders of \$3,149. He stated for the Electric Contract, the Contract was in the amount of \$48,195, and total Change Orders were \$378. Mr. Ebert stated both contractors did an excellent job.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Award of Contract SWR 21-3 2021 Buck Creek Interceptor CIP Pipe Liner

Mr. Ebert stated this was a line item in the 2021 Budget and also part of our Corrective Action Plan with PADEP to reduce the flows going to the Morrisville area. Five Bids were received. The low 2021 Budget for this item was \$283,250, and the engineer's estimate was \$247,450 without the 10% contingency and \$271,000 with the 10% contingency. The low Bid was from Vortex Services LLC in the amount of \$215,425. Mr. Ebert stated access is challenging and the Township will be clearing this for the contractor, and that will come out of the Budgeted amount. Mr. Ebert stated this contractor won a previous Contract and now they can complete a larger project all at one time so that there is only one mobilization and they will move from one project into the other. He stated as noted previously, they are close to the Township so their employees can be home every night, and they Bid the job very aggressively.

Dr. Weiss moved and Mr. McCartney seconded to approve Award of Contract SWR 21-3 in the amount of \$215,425 to Vortex Services LLC.

Mr. Grenier asked if Township staff will be handling the clearing noted by Mr. Ebert, and Mr. Ebert stated the Township has a land clearer who will be going out to do this as the Township forces do not have the equipment or time to do that. Mr. Grenier asked if there is a risk that they will go into the rear yards if Township staff is not doing the work, and Mr. Ebert stated the Township staff will be controlling that. He stated the areas needed to be done have been flagged as well as how they will gain access to make sure they are staying within the Easement. Mr. Truelove stated the Board does not have to approve this. Mr. Ebert stated this is part of regular maintenance for the Sewer Department.

Motion carried with Mr. Grenier and Mr. Lewis opposed.

Approval of Award of Contract SWR 21-4 2021 Silver Lake Pump Station Upgrades

Mr. Ebert stated this is the Contract that he was concerned about. He stated two Bids were received. Mr. Ebert stated the Budgeted amount was \$360,500. The engineer's estimate without the 10% contingency was \$319,500 and with the 10% contingency it was \$351,450. He stated the low Bid was from Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$233,630. Mr. Ebert stated this was the contractor who just completed the Brookstone Pump Station upgrades with a 1% Change Order. The Sewer Authority recommended approval of this by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Ebert stated he was concerned about how low the Bid was, and he discussed this with the estimator and a representative at Blooming Glen to get a better understanding of how they could do this work at that price. Mr. Ebert stated this project fit into their schedule as they had a gap. He stated they also met with the Township Traffic Safety Officer in order to be able to close the road so that they would be able to install a temporary by-pass which saved over \$100,000 compared to the other Bid received. Mr. Ebert stated they also have their own machine shop so they control the timeline in its entirety for the duration of the by-pass pumping and have the pumps re-built at their shop while they are working on the internal piping and valve replacement so that rather than a three-four week time period for by-pass pumping they will by-pass pump for hopefully less than a week. He stated they also purchased fittings in bulk a year ago and gave the Township the price that they were purchased at rather than the increased price today. He stated he would recommend award of the Bid to Blooming Glen based on the price Bid and the work that they did at the Brookstone Pump Station.

Dr. Weiss moved and Mr. McCartney seconded to approve Award of Contract SWR 21-4 2021 Silver Lake Pump Station Upgrades to Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$233,630.

Mr. Grenier asked if there is any Easement clearance for this project, and Mr. Ebert stated there is not. He stated this will all take place inside of the wet well with the exception of the installation of an emergency by-pass connection right outside of the wet well. He stated currently if there was a lightning strike on this pump station, there would be no way to by-pass the flows other than trying to haul them which is very expensive.

Motion carried with Mr. Grenier opposed. Mr. Lewis was not present for the vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Pockl stated with regard to the Road Program most of the inlet repairs have been completed and the ADA ramps are completed. He stated they are on schedule to begin the milling and overlay of the roads next week.

Mr. Pockl stated the contractor has begun work on the bike path project and the mill and overlay will probably begin next week as well. Mr. Grenier asked how long this will take, and Mr. Pockl stated he anticipates that it will take about one and a half weeks. He stated all of this work is weather dependent.

Approve Award for Community Center Entrance Improvements Project

Mr. Ebert stated the recommendation is to award the project to Liberty Door Systems in the amount of \$29,340. He stated this was put out to Bid previously and no Bids were received. He stated the second time it was put out to Bid they notified numerous contractors who do this type of work and also reached out to the door suppliers so that they could notify contractors, and only one Bid was received. Mr. Pockl stated while the Bid is a little above the Budget, he does not feel we would get a better price if it were put back out to Bid. He stated Liberty Door Systems is well qualified to do this work.

Dr. Weiss moved and Ms. Blundi seconded to approve award of the Community Center Entrance Improvements Project to Liberty Door Systems in the amount of \$29,340.

Dr. Weiss stated these are commercial doors and ADA compliant. He asked if the Disability Advisory Board had an opportunity to weigh in on the specs; and Mr. Pockl stated Ms. Tierney had provided all of the information to them, and they had no comment other than being in favor of getting the work done. Ms. Tierney stated they had minor comments which were addressed when it was put out to Bid.

Mr. Grenier asked what is the "percentage of doors versus electronics."  
Mr. Pockl stated that is difficult to estimate. He stated in the Bid there were three Bid options – one being the doors only, one being the electronic entrance system, and one was to Bid both; and it was a lump sum. He stated he would estimate that it is 60% doors. Mr. Grenier asked for a description of the entrance system, and Mr. Pockl stated it is a pole-mounted, push-button system. He stated the vestibule entrance has two sets of doors. Mr. Grenier stated the concern is

that the building was just opened a few years ago, and now they have to spend almost \$30,000 replacing doors so they want to get this right. Mr. Grenier asked what will be done with the doors being replaced, and Mr. Pockl stated the Township will be keeping the doors although there are no plans for their use at this time.

Dr. Weiss stated when the Board first discussed replacing these doors, it had been indicated that the cost could be over \$50,000 so while \$30,000 is significant for replacement, it is better than \$50,000. Mr. Pockl stated they are also getting the benefit of having the electronic opening system.

Motion carried with Mr. McCartney opposed.

#### Approve Award for Memorial Park Phase 2 Improvement Project

Mr. Pockl stated the recommendation is to award the Memorial Park Phase 2 Improvement Project to Meco Constructors, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$580,507. Mr. Pockl stated Bids were opened on May 26, and four Bids were received ranging from \$621,331 to \$1,020,976.72. Mr. Pockl stated this is over Budget; and in discussions with the contractor and Township staff, one way to save money and get this to a dollar figure that could work within the Township Budget would be the deletion of the line item for the parking lot wearing course. Mr. Pockl stated about half of the existing parking area has a base course down; and this project had the wearing course put on top of the base course and also the expansion of the parking area on the western portion of the Park to have a base course and a wearing course. He stated they could eliminate the parking lot wearing course and just put the base course down with the understanding that next year this could be considered during the Road Program. Mr. Pockl stated if the wearing course were eliminated from this Bid, it would bring the cost down to \$580,507.

Mr. Ferguson stated in his Report which was provided to the Board he had noted that there are funds in the new account, the Sidewalk Fee-In-Lieu of Fund, that was created. He stated those funds can be used for sidewalks and trails provided they are new construction. He stated as he noted in his Report, the quote for the trail portion of this project was \$47,427; and the Sidewalk Fee-In-Lieu of money could be used for that portion of the project which would net that cost out to about \$533,000 which gets closer to the scope of the \$500,000. He noted that part of this project is being



funded by a \$250,000 Grant. He added that this project has been Bid a number of times scaling the project back, and what has been described would be a way to be within the Budgetary limitations and move forward with the project.

Dr. Weiss moved and Mr. Lewis seconded to Award the Memorial Park Phase 2 Improvement Project to Mecco Constructors, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$580,507.

Mr. Ferguson stated this would be to Award the Contract and exclude the wearing course as Mr. Pockl described. He added with regard to the finances, he was providing the Board with an overview as to how this could be accommodated since the cost was still higher than projected. Mr. Grenier asked how much is covered by the Grant, and Mr. Ferguson stated the Grant is \$250,000. Mr. Ferguson stated we had Budgeted the Township's original match would be \$250,000. He stated part of the difference from \$580,507 could be paid for out of the Sidewalk Fee-In-Lieu Fund. Mr. Grenier stated while he understands what is being suggested his concern is that using the Sidewalk Fee-In-Lieu Funds to do a trail at a Park takes away the funding to do sidewalks in the neighborhood where the Fee-In-Lieu was originally applied. Mr. Ferguson stated the only requirement is that it be new construction and it could be used to connect sidewalks to each other or to connect public spaces, and it is not legally inappropriate to do that which is why he provided that as an option for the Board to consider which financially would allow them to move forward on the project if the Board was in favor of that.

Mr. Grenier stated there is also a Park & Recreation Fee-In-Lieu Fund, and Mr. Ferguson stated that is where the matching money for the Grant is coming from which is the original \$250,000 which the Board previously discussed.

Mr. Grenier asked if there are any other ways to bring the cost down. Mr. Ferguson stated they originally discussed taking the trail out, and that would leave the tennis courts, the pickleball courts, and the parking lot improvement. He stated they would need to consider if they could remove that \$90,000 from the original Bid amount legally and move forward. Mr. Ferguson stated the project had already been scaled back and the pavilions and playground equipment were taken out. The trail proposed is in addition to the existing trail. Mr. Ferguson reminded the Board that this project includes three tennis courts and four pickleball courts.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES

Route 332/Mirror Lake Signal Interconnection

Mr. Ferguson stated with regard to the Mirror Lake Signalization Project, Bids will be open on July 8, 2021.

Sandy Run Road

Mr. Ferguson stated they are working on the specific timeframe for Sandy Run. He stated the Sandy Run contractor is Harris Paving which is also doing the Road Program so they are already staged in the area. He stated the goal is to start the Sandy Run project shortly after School ends and that it will be completed before School re-starts in late August. Mr. Grenier asked if there will be any issues with use of the ballfields in the area, and Mr. Ferguson stated there will not other than traffic limitations which they will be coordinating with Chief Coluzzi. Mr. Ferguson added that prior to the detours starting, they will have signs out letting people know when those detours will start, and it will also be on social media.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Truelove stated the Board met in Executive Session beginning at 6:30 p.m. and litigation, Real Estate, and informational items were discussed.

Approval of McVan Resolution Accepting the Deed of Dedication, Memorandum of Understanding, and Extension of Sewer Lines into Edgewood Road Conditioned Upon Receipt of Signed Documents

Mr. Truelove stated this and the following item are inter-related. He stated in the late 1980's the Township condemned right-of-way areas along several properties on Edgewood Road, one of which involved the property located at 1355 Edgewood Road owned by Stephen and Helen Heinz. He stated as a result of the Condemnation and after litigation, the Township and Stephen and Helen Heinz entered into a Settlement Agreement part of which required the Township to provide sanitary sewer connections at the time of roadway improvements. He stated from 1996 when the Settlement Agreement was reached until late 2019/early 2020, the Township did not install any sewer lines or connections on Edgewood Road.

Mr. Truelove stated over the years there have been several iterations of the Fieldstone/Harris project which is to the east; and it had been discussed that if that project were to be undertaken, the sewer connection would be made there, and Mr. and Mrs. Heinz were interested in hooking up there. He noted that project was never developed.

Mr. Truelove stated an adjacent property owner at 1343 Edgewood Road, the property to the east of the Heinz property owned by Marie and Bernard McVan, constructed a single-family home which included the installation of sanitary sewer lines within the right-of-way of Edgewood Road from that property northward in front of the Heinz property for a connection into an existing manhole and sewer line located in the rear yard of 700 Fox Hollow Drive which is a property adjacent to the Heinz property in the Yardley Estates Development. When the sewer line construction commenced, Mr. and Mrs. Heinz obtained legal counsel to begin the enforcement of the Settlement Agreement which resulted in the Township at its cost to pay for a grinder pump for Mr. and Mrs. Heinz which is necessary for the accomplishment of the sewer line. Mr. and Mrs. Heinz will be responsible for the connection from the house to the grinder pump to the public sewer line.

Mr. Truelove stated in order to fulfill its legal obligation to Mr. and Mrs. Heinz the Township needs to acquire ownership of the sanitary sewer line and ownership of the Easement located on the property at 700 Fox Hollow Drive which is the Francione property which is the Resolution to be considered next on the Agenda.

Mr. Truelove stated the Township through the Sewer engineer has reviewed and analyzed all Permits in addition to invoices and all costs and expenses incurred by the property owners for the installation of the sewer line. He stated the Township Sewer engineer has recommended that the Township reimburse the property owners, the McVans, \$22,488 for the materials and labor for the installation as the costs are reasonable and would be less than the costs if the Township proceeded to install the sewer line itself.

Mr. Truelove noted that had the Township originally installed the public sanitary sewer line and system prior to the issue being raised by Mr. and Mrs. Heinz, the system probably would not have required the use of grinder pumps. Mr. Truelove stated accordingly, the recommendation is also that the Township agree to reimburse the McVans the sum of \$3,801 which is

the cost of the grinder pump which they had installed which is consistent with the Township's obligation to purchase the grinder pump for the Heinz family.

Mr. Truelove stated the recommendation is that the sewer line be extended to the property located at 1337 Edgewood Road which is one more property to the east to complete the line. That property is not inhabited at this time.

Dr. Weiss moved and Mr. McCartney seconded to approve the McVan Resolution accepting the Deed of Dedication, Memorandum of Understanding, and extension of Sewer lines into Edgewood Road conditioned upon receipt of signed documents.

Ms. Blundi stated this will resolve promises that the Township made to the residents years ago, and Mr. Truelove agreed.

Motion carried unanimously

Approval of Francione Resolution Accepting the Permanent Access Easement Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding Conditioned Upon Receipt of Signed Documents

Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. McCartney seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Francione Resolution accepting the permanent Access Easement Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding conditioned upon receipt of signed documents.

ZONING HEARING BOARD MATTERS

With regard to the Ryan Huck Variance request for the property located at 42 Bedford Place, Yardley, PA 19067, Tax Parcel #20-046-157 from the Township Zoning Ordinance Section 200-56C (7) for the replacement of the existing fence in an identified flood plain area Mr. Grenier moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried that the Township participate.

INTERVIEW WITH AND APPOINTMENT OF JAMES DOUGHERTY FOR A POSITION ON THE ZONING HEARING BOARD

Ms. Blundi stated that Interviews for vacancies usually happen before the meeting; however, they agreed to be flexible, and the interview of James Dougherty will be taking place at this time.

Mr. Lewis disclosed that he has known Mr. Dougherty for many years, and he lives in his neighborhood; and he would be in favor of having him on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Grenier stated it is good to have people on the Zoning Hearing Board who understand Real Estate appraisals, etc., but there could be a potential for conflicts; and he asked Mr. Dougherty if he has any clients who typically go in front of the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Dougherty stated his Real Estate appraisal practice is dwindling, and he usually does only one or two appraisals a week. He stated he is primarily earning his living as a Real Estate investor at this point. He stated he has thirty-five years of Real Estate appraisal experience and will bring to the Zoning Hearing Board his Real Estate investing acumen as well. He stated he has a strong understanding of land use controls and Zoning.

Mr. McCartney stated he is an Appraiser and he sat on the Zoning Hearing Board for a number of years, and he feels that is helpful to making Zoning Hearing Board decisions. Dr. Weiss stated he is the Supervisor Liaison for the Zoning Hearing Board, and he feels Mr. Dougherty's skills and expertise would be welcome.

Mr. Lewis moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint James Dougherty to the Zoning Hearing Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment at this time.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion Regarding a Morrisville Connection Option to the Bucks County Planning Commission D & L Trail Feasibility Study

Ms. Tierney stated the Bucks County Planning Commission is working on a Feasibility Study to connect Newtown to the D & L Trail. She stated during the initial discussion Morrisville expressed interest in connectivity to the D & L Trail as well. The Bucks County Planning Commission would like to know if the Township would like to have them continue the pursuit of that connection that would come through Lower Makefield Township to the D & L Trail. She stated if there is interest, the Bucks County Planning Commission will continue the Feasibility Study and fact find as needed. They would not continue with that part if there was no interest in it from Lower Makefield.

Ms. Tierney stated representatives from the Bucks County Planning Commission came before the Lower Makefield Park & Recreation Board, and they indicated they were in favor of the connection. Mr. McCartney asked if the Park & Recreation Board was in favor of the connection or in favor of the Feasibility Study. Ms. Tierney stated they were in favor of connectivity and continuing on with the Feasibility Study. Mr. McCartney stated he was present at that meeting and had questioned what the plan was as far as *connecting that part of Morrisville*. He stated he understood that Morrisville already had connectivity to the trail through the towpath, and Ms. Tierney agreed. Mr. McCartney stated he understood that the Feasibility Study was to consider connectivity for Lower Makefield residents down to the towpath. Ms. Tierney stated the project is from Newtown to the towpath, but they wanted to include a connection from Newtown through Morrisville to the towpath. She added it would be mostly on roadways. Mr. McCartney stated he assumes the Feasibility Study will be looking at connectivity from Morrisville to Newtown which would go through Lower Makefield, and Ms. Tierney agreed; and they wanted to make sure that the Board of Supervisors felt it was worthwhile to pursue that through the Feasibility Study. Mr. McCartney stated the Park & Recreation Board had questions as to what would be the advantage of connecting into Morrisville for a Lower Makefield resident, and there were questions as far as the “development part of what Morrisville was looking to do to draw residents there.” Mr. McCartney stated it was difficult to understand what they were trying to accomplish with this.

Ms. Tierney stated she feels this is a very early phase of exploring, and probably it would not usually be discussed at a Board of Supervisors meeting; however, they know that the Board of Supervisors likes to be involved in planning, and they wanted to include the Supervisors. Ms. Tierney stated if there is interest in exploring this in the Feasibility Study, they will continue to do so. She added she and Mr. Majewski both sit on the Committee, and they can continue to include the Park & Recreation Board and the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Grenier stated on the Bucks County Website they have posted information about this which includes a video presentation. Mr. Grenier stated it does not seem that they are considering constructing anything, and it would be adding striping on existing corridors to make it safer for people to walk or bike. Mr. Grenier stated at this point there are no details, and he would be interested in seeing more on this.

Mr. Ferguson stated it is possible that during the Feasibility Study, they may find that they would not recommend the Morrisville connection; and Ms. Tierney agreed.

Dr. Weiss stated the Township lacks a good, safe network for bicyclists and pedestrians; and he would be interested in a concept where you could safely walk all over the Township and get to the trail system. He stated he would be interested in seeing what they develop.

Mr. Lewis stated he is generally very supportive of the Bucks County Planning Commission reviewing options, adding they do thorough work. He stated some of the options would improve pedestrian access such as on Makefield Road where there have been concerns in the past. He stated if there is an option, this does not mean that the Township would have to spend money to build it out, but it would provide a blueprint to secure potential additional funding from the State or others to expand the bike path. He stated he feels they should continue to work on this and see what the Bucks County Planning Commission comes up with.

Ms. Blundi stated she has looked at the different preliminary options and would be concerned as a cyclist having to share a narrow road, but she recognizes that this is preliminary and there will be more information. She stated the Township has in place proposed connectivity, and she hopes the Township can move forward with that in the future as more connectivity

is good for everyone. She stated there are sometimes concerns expressed by residents when these connections are proposed to be in their front or rear yards. She stated she would be in favor of getting more information.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

It was noted that a resident had called in for Public Comment too late, and it was agreed the resident could speak at this time. Mr. Lee Pedowicz, 247 Truman Way, asked if there is a safe way for bikers to get over I-95 as he does not feel it is safe to cross on Big Oak Road or Stony Hill. Mr. Grenier described a route he uses on Dolington. Mr. Pedowicz noted an area he is concerned with on Big Oak Road which crosses the railroad tracks, and he was advised that area is not in Lower Makefield. Mr. Truelove stated it is in Middletown Township. Mr. Pedowicz asked if the Board would put on the Agenda for the next meeting the status of the Township's Road Paving Project; and Ms. Blundi stated that was discussed earlier in the meeting under the Engineer's Report, and information about this is on the Township Website. Mr. Pedowicz asked if four more pickleball courts will be constructed in the Township, and Ms. Blundi stated they are planned for Memorial Park.

#### SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Mr. Lewis stated earlier tonight he spoke at the Trenton-Mercer Environmental Impact Public Comment Hearing. He stated the Board of Supervisors has a Final Draft of the comment letter based on previous discussions. Ms. Blundi stated she will review the changes that have been made, and the letter will be submitted by the deadline. Mr. Lewis stated his comments this evening echoed what was in the Final Draft.

#### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mr. McCartney moved and Dr. Weiss seconded to appoint Fred Childs, Dennis Steadman, and James Nycz to the Ad Hoc Township Property Committee.

Mr. Grenier stated he would like to interview them to understand what their vision is for this Committee and what role they would fill on the Committee.

Motion carried with Mr. Grenier opposed.



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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John B. Lewis", written over a circular stamp or seal.

John B. Lewis, Secretary

