

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – AUGUST 3, 2022

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on August 3, 2022. Mr. McCartney called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and called the Roll.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: James McCartney, Chair
 Fredric K. Weiss, Vice Chair
 Daniel Grenier, Secretary
 Suzanne Blundi, Treasurer
 John B. Lewis, Supervisor

Others: Kenneth Coluzzi, Interim Township Manager
 James Majewski, Community Development Director
 David Truelove, Township Solicitor
 Andrew Pockl, Township Engineer

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. McCartney stated during this portion of the Agenda residents and youth organizations may call in to make a special announcement or may contact the Township to request a special announcement be added to the Agenda.

Mr. McCartney stated Lower Makefield Township will be hosting a new Tween Camp called “Tween Adventures.” Registration is now open. For more information, visit the Township Website.

Mr. McCartney stated the Lower Makefield Township Farmer’s Market is back at Charlann Farms. They will be there every Thursday from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. through September.

Mr. McCartney stated the LMT Walking Group is taking a break.

Mr. McCartney stated Lower Makefield Township will be hosting their “5K Any Way & Color Fun Run for Accessibility” on Saturday, August 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. at Macclesfield Park. For Registration or more information follow the link: 5K Any Way and Color Fun Run 2022 ([redpodium.com](https://www.redpodium.com)).

Mr. McCartney stated Lower Makefield Township will be hosting a Blood Drive for the Red Cross on Friday, August 12, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Township Building, 1100 Edgewood Road, Yardley, PA.

Mr. McCartney stated Lower Makefield Township's Park & Recreation will be hosting Zumba After Dark with Sandy and Jeanine. This event will take place on Friday, September 16, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. at the LMT Pool parking lot, 1050 Edgewood Road. To Register go to (capturepoint.com.)

Ms. Blundi congratulated Township resident Maya Geller, a 2019 Pennsbury graduate, who represented the USA Team at the Maccabiah Games in Israel on the field hockey team where they won the Gold for the first time in its history.

Mr. Grenier stated a fundraiser has been started for Joey Monaghan, a Pennsbury graduate, who was recently diagnosed with cancer. The fundraiser includes a basketball clinic to be held on Tuesday, August 16. He stated there was an article in the Bucks County Courier Times and links on Facebook about how to donate.

Mr. Lewis stated the Artists of Yardley will be holding a Comedy Night Fundraiser on November 5. He stated they are looking for local businesses to donate gift cards, and those interested in donating should go to Artists of Yardley.org or contact maggyrobinson@hotmail.com.

CANCELLATION OF THE ARTISTS OF YARDLEY 2022 HOLIDAY PHOTO FUNDRAISING EVENT

Mr. McCartney stated the Artists of Yardley have announced that they are cancelling the 2022 Holiday Photo Fundraising event, and those who signed up for that event should reach out to the Artists of Yardley to arrange for a refund.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Grenier moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of July 20, 2022 as written.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Approval of Bid for 2022 Bike Path Restoration Project

Mr. Pockl stated this was Bid out previously, and only one Bid was received which was significantly over the engineer's estimate and it was decided to re-Bid. He stated this time, Bids were opened on July 27, and six Bids were received; and the number came in below the engineer's estimate. He stated the low Bidder was General Asphalt, which is a local company that we have done work with before; and he stated he is confident that they can complete the project within the parameters of the Plans and specifications.

Mr. Pockl stated this is for bike path repairs along the eastern portion of Mirror Lake Road from Yardley-Newtown Road to Yardley-Langhorne Road and the eastern portion of Dolington Road from Woodside Road to Pownal Drive. He stated the Bid from General Asphalt was \$106,590.

Mr. Lewis moved and Mr. Grenier seconded to award the 2022 Bike Path Restoration Project to General Asphalt under the terms specified in their Bid.

Ms. Blundi thanked Mr. Pockl for the re-Bid and the positive outcome.

Motion carried unanimously.

PROJECT UPDATES

Woodside Bike Path

Mr. Pockl stated we received an e-mail today that we got the NPDES Permit and the Bucks County Conservation District signed off on the Erosion and Sediment Control Permit. He stated we can now go out for Bid. He stated there is a ninety-day construction time for this.

Pollution Reduction Plan

Mr. Grenier stated a neighbor of the Golf Course had advised the Township that he was having issues with geese. Mr. Grenier asked if as part of our Pollution Reduction Plan we have looked into what can be done about the

geese as they are a major issue with water quality concerns. He stated we own the ponds at the Golf Course, and he asked if we have ever looked at their water quality. Mr. Pockl stated they have not adding that the Pollution Reduction Plan was a mandate from DEP to reduce sediment, nitrates and phosphorous - primarily the amount of sediment that gets distributed to the Waters of the Commonwealth from impervious area run-off. He stated we were required to reduce that by 10%, and that is how Best Management Practices were selected for the Pollution Reduction Plan. Mr. Pockl stated going forward they could look into what Mr. Grenier is discussing as part of the General MS4 Program.

Mr. Grenier stated generally large open areas are attractive to geese, and this should be kept in mind moving forward.

Maplevale Update

Mr. Grenier stated he understands that we submitted Phase 1 and Phase 2 Permits within the last week, and Mr. Pockl agreed. Mr. Pockl stated we received the E & S approvals for Maplevale and the South Drive culvert. He stated were are still waiting on General Permits from DEP for those two projects.

Pickleball Courts Complaint

Dr. Weiss stated he received a complaint last night about splitting at the pickleball courts at Memorial Park, and Mr. Pockl agreed to look into this.

Sandy Run Road Updates

Chief Coluzzi stated there had been discussion about the skid application for Edgewood Road leading to Sandy Run. Chief Coluzzi stated the Board had approved this, and Mr. Fiocco had tried to piggy-back that on a PennDOT project; however, the cost went up substantially from \$14,000 to \$50,000. Chief Coluzzi stated the suggestion is to not proceed with this at this time, and we can look into this at another time. He stated while they would like to have the skid application, we should wait until the price is better.

Mr. McCartney asked for an update as to traffic flow in the area, and he asked if there have been any problems. Chief Coluzzi stated he has not seen any problems other than some minor “fender-benders.” There was discussion about trimming in the area; and Chief Coluzzi stated while trimming was done, they will look at it again as it has started to grow back in some areas, and they want to make sure there is clear sight distance at the roundabouts.

CHIEF’S REPORT

Approve the Green Light Go Grant in the Amount of \$325,000 for Pine Grove Road and Big Oak Road

Chief Coluzzi stated we were successful in getting a Green Light Go Grant in the amount of \$325,000. He stated this Grant involves an \$80,000 match by the Township. He stated we have a Signal Maintenance Program, and there are funds in that Program to fix outdated, broken signals. He stated we will take money out of that Program that has been allotted to the intersection of Pine Grove and Big Oak Roads. Chief Coluzzi stated the Grant involves replacement of the existing equipment, crosswalks on both approaches, pedestrian-accommodation upgrade, and ADA regulations at that intersection.

Dr. Weiss moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to accept the Grant.

Approve the Hiring of Mr. Derek Fuller as the New Public Works Director

Chief Coluzzi stated Mr. Derek Fuller accepted a final offer of employment. His starting salary will be \$120,000 per year, and he will receive 11.5 paid holidays, 2 personal days, 4 weeks-vacation to start, and \$100,000 of term life insurance. He will be eligible for short-term and long-term disability coverage and hospitalization coverage will be offered through the fully-funded Health Savings Account of the Township. He is also part of a 401K Plan which the Township will match up to 6% of what he contributes, and he also can contribute to a 457Plan which the Township will match up to \$1,700. Chief Coluzzi stated as a Department Head, he will be provided with a Township vehicle for work-related purposes and travel between home and work. He stated the vehicle is for Township business, and it is expected that he will be responding to issues and emergencies occurring within the Township. As a protection for Mr. Fuller, Chief Coluzzi will be

drafting a letter to DIVIT indicating that he has permission to use the vehicle for minor personal use such as picking up family members on the way to or home from work or to run errands so that he is covered and his family is covered. Mr. Fuller's start date will be Monday, August 22.

Mr. Fuller was present this evening, and Chief Coluzzi and the Board members advised Mr. Fuller they were looking forward to working with him. Dr. Weiss noted that Ms. Fuller who was also present is the Township engineer for Northampton.

Dr. Weiss moved, Mr. Lewis seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve hiring Mr. Derek Fuller as the new Public Works Director.

Approve the Hiring of Mr. Christopher Reardon as a Police Officer

Chief Coluzzi reviewed Mr. Reardon's education and experience. He has been a Police Officer in Morrisville Borough since 2014. Chief Coluzzi stated he is being hired to keep up with our allotment of forty Officers. He stated currently we have one Officer who is on long-term disability, a Lieutenant Major who is going to be deployed to Kuwait for a minimum of one year, an Officer on short-term disability, and another Officer who is starting five months of canine training in October so we are already way behind in staffing. Chief Coluzzi stated he anticipates that by the time everyone is back on board, there will be retirements. Mr. Truelove stated Mr. Reardon was the School Resource Officer in Morrisville and had a very good reputation working there. Chief Coluzzi stated he has completed all of his background checks, successfully completed the polygraph, and the hiring is contingent upon his medical after he is given the offer of employment.

Dr. Weiss moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to hire Mr. Christopher Reardon as a Police Officer.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Truelove stated the Board met in Executive Session prior to the Public Meeting, and litigation, informational, Real Estate, and personnel items were discussed.

Approve Enactment of the 5G Ordinance

Mr. Truelove stated at a prior meeting the Board approved advertisement of the 5G Ordinance. He stated if there is not something like this on the books, we cannot regulate those types of Applications. He stated they will be careful to monitor any Legislation that may give us more flexibility to amend this in the future. He stated this was properly advertised and is ready for the Board to consider this evening.

Mr. Lewis moved, Dr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve enactment of the 5G Ordinance as outlined by the solicitor.

ZONING, INSPECTIONS, AND PLANNING

Award the Design Contract for Regency Pedestrian Improvements Project to Michael Baker International, Inc. in the Amount of \$56,026

Mr. Majewski stated the Board authorized going out to Bid for design services for the Regency at Yardley pedestrian improvements along Big Oak Road. He stated we received three proposals for the engineering design and construction services for the project. The proposals were reviewed along with the Traffic engineer, SAFE Highway Engineering, and it was determined that the lowest responsible Bidder was Michael Baker International in the amount of \$56,026.

Ms. Blundi moved and Dr. Weiss seconded to award the Design Contract to Michael Baker International, Inc. in the amount of \$56,026.

Mr. Lewis stated this has been a long process, and he is hopeful that this will help improve pedestrian flow. He stated he reviewed all of the Bidders, and he feels the work of the recommended Bidder has been good.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no one from the public wishing to speak at this time.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Dr. Weiss stated the Electronic Media Advisory Council met, and they are actively looking at updating our Website which was a Budget item for this year.

Mr. Lewis stated the Trenton Mercer Citizens Airport Review Board met. He stated we are a participant in litigation, and we are continuing to review Filings from New Jersey.

There being no further business, Dr. Weiss moved, Ms. Blundi seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Grenier', is written in a cursive style.

Daniel Grenier, Secretary