

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1, 2004

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on November 1, 2004. Chairman Fazzalore called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. noting that the Board had been meeting in Executive Session since 6:00 p.m. interviewing candidates for various Boards and discussing legal matters.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors:            Frank Fazzalore, Chairman  
   Pete Stainthorpe, Vice Chairman  
   Scott Fegley, Secretary/Treasurer  
   Grace Godshalk, Supervisor  
   Steve Santarsiero, Supervisor

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

PENNSBURY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Mr. James Morrison, Outgoing Commissioner, Mr. Mark Cook, Commissioner, and Mr. Greg Mauro, Vice-Commissioner were present. Mr. Morrison stated they have had great success in the Township, and he thanked specifically the Park & Recreation Board and Donna Liney. A Plaque was presented to Mr. Fazzalore to be presented to the Park & Recreation Board to thank them for their support over the past five years. Mr. Morrison also presented a Plaque to the Board of Supervisors thanking them for their support as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Zachary Rubin, 1661 Covington Road and Vice Chair of the Lower Makefield Democratic Club thanked Chief Coluzzi and the Lower Makefield Township Police for their help and support during the Pro-Kerry Rally. He commended the Board of Supervisors for purchasing enough open space in order to be able to hold such a rally. Mr. Stainthorpe also commended the Chief on an outstanding job done at the Rally at which President Bush was in attendance. He stated they did not know the President was coming until Sunday evening and the event was very successful. He stated they received numerous positive comments. Chief Coluzzi stated he will convey their comments to the

Officers. Mrs. Godshalk stated everyone involved did an excellent job. She stated a lot of overtime was probably spent, and she feels the Republican Committee should pay for some of this as opposed to the Township taxpayers. Chief Coluzzi stated they will be tallying the costs for overtime and equipment and will be sending this information to the State and National Committees to see if they can be reimbursed. He stated there has been reimbursement in the past for similar events.

Mr. Sam Conti asked about the revenues at the Golf Course, and Mr. Stainthorpe stated they have been ahead on revenue for all months. He stated the increase over revenue budgeted has been building every month. Mr. Fazzalore stated for September they had approximately \$80,000 over Budget net. In October, it was even better and they are over \$100,000 what was budgeted. Mr. Conti asked about the costs and expenses in relation to Budget, and Mr. Stainthorpe stated they have been coming in under Budget on the expense side.

Ms. Torbert, Yardley-Newtown Road, stated PennDOT was out to their property regarding the I-95 ramp. She stated they have tried to convey their concerns to PennDOT about the ramp in relation to their driveway and PennDOT has been telling them there is nothing they can do about it. She stated she feels this will be a very dangerous situation as cars will be coming off of I-95 north toward Yardley and it is very close to their driveway. She stated currently the lanes have a yield, but in the Plans this will be signalized so that you will then have either a green light or a red light, but will be able to make a right turn on red. She is concerned that the cars that have a green light will be going much faster past her driveway than they are currently with the yield. She stated there are no plans to do any road widening. She stated there is currently a problem with her driveway, and she is concerned that this situation will be even more dangerous once the ramp is installed. Mr. Garton stated they do not have to come before the Board of Supervisors with their final plan. Mrs. Godshalk stated when PennDOT contacted the Township, they told the Township what was going to be done, and the Township basically had no say in the matter. Mr. Santarsiero stated he feels the Township should inject themselves into this with either traffic calming or signalization. Mr. Majewski was asked to look into this. Ms. Sue Herman asked if something needs to be put in writing immediately so that everything stops until the engineers have the opportunity to look into this. Mr. Garton stated the Township has no ability to approve a PennDOT project, although they could try to persuade them. Mr. Fedorchak agreed to send out a letter to PennDOT along these lines.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Godshalk moved and Mr. Santarsiero seconded to approve the Minutes of October 6, 2004 as written. Motion carried with Mr. Fegley and Mr. Stainthorpe abstained.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved and Mrs. Godshalk seconded to approve the Minutes of October 18, 2004 as written. Motion carried with Mr. Fazzalore abstained.

#### APPROVE GRANT OF EXTENSION FOR MINEHART PRELIMINARY PLANS

Mr. Santarsiero moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to grant an extension of time for Minehart Preliminary Plans to February 18, 2005.

#### APPROVE GRANT OF EXTENSION TO PRIME PROPERTIES FOR SUBDIVISION ON BIG OAK ROAD

Mr. Santarsiero moved, and Mr. Stainthorpe seconded to grant an extension of time to Prime Properties for a Subdivision on Big Oak Road to February 3, 2005. Mrs. Godshalk asked the location of the property. Mr. Majewski stated this is a two-lot Subdivision on Big Oak Road just west of Stony Hill Road. Motion carried unanimously.

#### ZONING HEARING BOARD MATTERS

It was agreed to leave to the Zoning Hearing Board the John Christopher and Sherry Dixon, 14 Milton Drive, Variance request to lot area and side yard requirements to construct an addition encroaching in the side yard setback.

Mr. Fegley moved, Mr. Santarsiero seconded and it was unanimously carried to have the Solicitor appear in opposition to the Gregory and Robin Frank, 908 Hamilton Drive, Variance request to construct an addition resulting in greater than the permitted impervious surface unless they can reduce it to 1% or less.

It was agreed to leave to the Zoning Hearing Board the Makefield Flowers Assoc., L.P. Variance request to the National Resource Protection Ordinance to install utilities, driveway/emergency access and proposed roadways on the property located off Washington Crossing Road.

#### SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Mrs. Godshalk stated they are going to have to hire a lighting expert for the security lighting at the Memorial. They felt the architect should hire this expert and this will require an amendment to her Contract. This matter will be coming before the Board for approval. Mr. Fedorchak stated this comes from the Grant money.

Mr. Santarsiero reported that the Farmland Preservation Corporation held their Fall Tour on October 23, 2004.

#### AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF TRAFFIC CALMING GRANT

Mr. Fazzalore stated they have been awarded \$250,000 from the Department of Community and Economic Development. Mr. Fedorchak stated this would be for various traffic calming measures on Lindenhurst Road. The original amount requested was approximately \$350,000 to \$400,000; and they have indicated that they would award \$250,000. Mr. Fedorchak reviewed the work to be done with the money.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved and Mr. Santarsiero seconded to approve acceptance of the Grant in the amount of \$250,000 for traffic calming measures on Lindenhurst Road.

Ms. Herman stated Mr. Williams had prepared a traffic calming scheme and asked how these recommendations compare to the list of work approved. Mr. Majewski stated this does include some of the recommendations he made. It does not include the raised pedestrian crosswalks. Ms. Herman asked how they will address the rest of the items that have not been approved. Mr. Stainthorpe stated they will continue to ask for those things at the next Budget cycle. Mr. Fedorchak stated the work will have to go through PennDOT for approval. Mr. Stainthorpe stated he would not want to turn down this money just because it does not include everything and would like to take steps to get some of the work done. Ms. Herman stated she feels they need the ideal plan and should press aggressively for this. Mrs. Godshalk stated she feels they should apply for the next round of Grants. Ms. Herman thanked the Board of Supervisors for diligently pursuing this and asked Mrs. Godshalk and Mr. Stainthorpe to work toward traffic calming measures on Stoopville road as well.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### ROAD TOUR DISCUSSION

Mrs. Godshalk stated they did not have a Road Tour in the spring and feels they should pick a date so that they do not miss it again in the fall. Mr. Stainthorpe asked if there are a sufficient number of items to hold the Road Tour. Mr. Fedorchak stated while he cannot think of anything at this time that would require a visit by the Board of Supervisors, he agreed to check with the Department Heads to see if there are properties they would like the Board of Supervisors to see. Mr. Stainthorpe suggested they tentatively schedule the Tour for November 20 and then determine if there is a need to have the Tour.

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Mrs. Godshalk asked that Mr. Fedorchak find out what happened on Woodland Drive and South Drive. Mr. Fedorchak stated this was work done by the Water Company. Mrs. Godshalk stated it was a very bad repair, and Mr. Fedorchak agreed to have Mr. Coyne look into this.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Mrs. Godshalk moved and Mr. Stainthorpe seconded to re-appoint Louis Busico to the Golf Committee. Mr. Santarsiero stated he feels that when there are re-appointments, they should also make it open to the public. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. Santarsiero seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Paul Bamburak to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated in Executive Session they discussed the fact that according to the Second Class Township Code they are permitted to have Alternates to the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. Santarsiero seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint Greg Caiola and Paul Kim as Alternates to the Zoning Hearing Board.

There being no further business, Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. Santarsiero seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Fegley, Secretary

