

Lower Makefield Township  
Cable Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2009

Present: Zachary Rubin, Chair  
Marilyn Bydalek  
Joshua Waldorf

Dave Kelliher  
Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison

Not present: Deborah Gable

The March 12, 2009 meeting of the Cable Advisory Council of Lower Makefield Township was called to order by Chairman Rubin at 7:30PM.

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes from the January 8, 2009 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved, as written.

Comcast - Installation of Above Ground Pedestals – Zack reported that, according to the LMT Zoning Officer, nothing is happening with Comcast. They have not asked for permits to proceed with the above ground installation of pedestals, possibly because of the negative reaction of the residents. Pete said he believes Comcast is talking about trying to move more of the pedestals underground.

Ideas to Enhance the Government Channel – Zack thinks the idea of acquiring a Verizon public access channel should be held in abeyance, so that the Council can concentrate on enhancing the government channel. Pete suggested that there will probably be further requests from the Morrisville Presbyterian Church for the Verizon channel.

The government channel can include anything that takes place in the Township or on Township property. Since the last meeting, Zack has spoken to Dave Fritchey, of the Park and Rec Board, about this project. He also spoke with the LMT seniors, who have a slide show they would like to submit for the government channel. YMS is also interested; they have a big soccer tournament coming up in May. Zack also spoke with the Historical Commission, which is collecting pictures for a book. Zack feels these pictures will be a good resource. Zack will research the availability of pictures from Community Pride Day, the sports teams, etc. Marilyn indicated that a signed release might be required before using pictures of individuals, under certain circumstances; Zack will run it by the Township Solicitor.

Zack spoke with Police Chief Coluzzi regarding any funds they may have for emergency. They have not gotten any money from Homeland Security, but have been in touch with MetLife for grants. Zack and Chief Coluzzi discussed the idea of having the Chief on camera telling residents to turn to channel 20 or 22, in case of an emergency. There could be notification through e-mail and the LMT website, as well.

Dave suggested that consistency of message is very important. To that end, Dave agreed to clean up the guidelines for submitting info to the government channel.

Dave said there are technical limitations because the Township only has three DVD players. The system can hold 8, if it is decided there is a need and the purchase is approved. Josh asked if there are college

students who might want to help with this project. Per Zack, every child who graduates from Pennsylvania schools has to have done service projects. Dave will contact Al Wilson from Pennsbury High School to discuss this idea. Josh also suggested that the cable channel should be updated to make it more accessible to disabled people.

After discussion of the best way to proceed, it was agreed, per Dave's suggestion, that, as a first step, one power point slide per organization, event, historical property, etc., which includes a picture and information, should be added to the cable channel. Pete will report on this to the Board of Supervisors, as liaison. Then, Zack and Dave will meet with Terry Fedorchak.

LMT's Website – It was agreed that the discussion on the website would be postponed until the Council is clear on Chairman Matt Maloney's vision.

The next meeting will be held on May 14, 2009, at 7:30PM at the Township municipal building. The new Comcast representative will be invited to the May meeting; the Verizon representative will be invited to the September meeting.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary