

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES – DECEMBER 15, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on December 15, 2015. Ms. Tyler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and stated the purpose of this evening's meeting is to interview applicants for the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors created by the resignation of Mr. Dobby Dobson.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors:	Kristin Tyler, Chair Dan McLaughlin, Vice Chair (left meeting in progress) Jeff Benedetto, Secretary Ron Smith, Supervisor
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INTERVIEW OF TOM WILL

Mr. Will stated when the opportunity came up a year ago to serve as Supervisor, he had indicated he would like to try to help with some of the issues they had; and the opportunity has now come up again, and he feels he could bring a lot of attributes to what needs to occur in the Township. Mr. Will stated he is an engineer and worked for Rohm and Haas for forty-one years doing engineering, management, construction and design work around the world. He stated he retired seven years ago. Ms. Tyler asked what skills he has that would lend well to the job of Supervisor, and Mr. Will stated he ran a group of one hundred people at various times as well outside contractors. He has engineering and management skills, and he managed a construction budget of approximately half of billion dollars a year as well as an operating budget of approximately \$30 million dollars a year. He stated he feels all of these skills would potentially be of benefit to the Supervisors. Ms. Tyler asked how long he has been a Lower Makefield Township resident, and Mr. Will stated he has owned a house in the Township for approximately forty years.

Mr. McLaughlin asked Mr. Will what he feels are the biggest challenges facing the Township; and Mr. Will stated one of the challenges is the Community Center as well as the latest issue with Morrisville involving the sewer which is significant, and he feels he has a lot of knowledge and experience he could bring to both of these issues. Mr. Will stated there are normal issues such as safety as well. He stated he feels the number one responsibility of the Township is to make sure it is a safe place so they need to have the right Police situation and the right roads. He stated he feels the Township has these, but does not know enough of the details to be absolutely sure.

Mr. Benedetto stated at the prior interview in January, Mr. Will had mentioned the single trash hauler; and he asked his opinion about this. Mr. Will stated he did not see a driving reason to do this in the first place and that it would be equal or more expensive than they have now. It also took away the opportunity for the individual residents to do what they wanted in terms of trash. He stated eventually the Board decided against a single trash hauler. Mr. Benedetto stated Mr. Will had also brought up the proposed Quiet Zones and had indicated they would not accomplish what they were intended to do, and he asked why he felt that way. Mr. Will stated the design that the Township has for the Quiet Zones will be more expensive, and he does not feel it will be as safe as the system they have now with the horns blowing. He stated he is seriously concerned that they are doing something to be more quiet, but they may infringe upon safety. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Will what his strategy would be for the Community Center. Mr. Will stated he feels they need to be absolutely clear on what the needs and the scope of the Center must be to satisfy what the Township wants. He stated once they know exactly what that is, they need to cost it out properly, and properly manage the process so that when it is done they have a facility that satisfies the needs and costs what they felt it was going to cost. He stated he is afraid that cost additions will end up driving them to make decisions which will not in the end accomplish the needs of the Center itself. Mr. Benedetto stated in Mr. Will's letter of interest he mentioned "improving the efficiency of meetings, and what is conducted." Mr. Will stated in his professional career he managed many groups and many meetings and worked hard to make sure they went in with an objective and satisfied the objective. He stated it appears to him as he sees more meetings, that a lot of dialogue occurs at the meetings that is beneficial, but there is also a lot of dialogue that occurs that seems like reworking issues. He stated he has a lot of experience getting out of the rework mode. Mr. Benedetto stated he believes that Mr. Will recently wrote a letter to the Editor of the Courier regarding that issue as it relates to the Community Center, and Mr. Will agreed he did. Mr. Will stated he feels they need the right scope for the right cost, and he was afraid at one of the meetings that it seemed they were going to wind up with "an expensive warehouse" which is not what they want. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Will if he would intend to run for the office in two years, and Mr. Will stated he would not run in two years.

Mr. Smith stated he recognizes Mr. Will from his attendance at meetings this past year. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Will how many Boards or Commissions he has been involved with or applied to in his forty years of residence. Mr. Will stated he has applied three or four times, but has never been accepted. Mr. Will stated when he worked, he was traveling all the time; and he had no extra time for anything other than his job and his family. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Will what he sees as a possible remedy with regard to the sewer issues they are facing that he would try to promote if he were a Supervisor. Mr. Will stated he cannot believe that this is a surprise when Morrisville has meetings that Township representatives attend. He stated in

conjunction with Morrisville and Yardley, he would want to make sure they understand the real options and then look at them in detail from an operability standpoint, meeting the regulations, having the capacity, and the costs associated with them. He stated he did not hear at the meeting he listened to that those have all been done; or if they have been done, they have not been broadcast properly to the Supervisors and others. Mr. Smith stated when the trash hauler issue was before the Board there was so much push back to making the change, the Board decided to keep it as it is; and he understands Mr. Will agrees with the Board's position, and Mr. Will agreed. Mr. Will stated going back to the efficiency standpoint, it seemed like it took quite a while for the Board to eventually come to that decision, and it seemed that could have been addressed much more quickly than it was. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Will's opinion about the air flights over Lower Makefield, and he asked if he feels the Board should be contributing Township money to participate in opposing increased air traffic coming over Lower Makefield. Mr. Will stated his answer is no. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Will if he is in favor of where the Board stands at this time with regard to the Community Center and the cap put on how much they will spend. Mr. Will stated he does not feel that the amount they agreed to of approximately \$2.4 million will give them the scope they want. Mr. Will stated he does not feel they want to spend \$2.4 million and get a "glorified warehouse;" and this is what he feels they have in front of them. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Will if he feels the Township has enough Police Officers; however, Mr. Will stated he is not qualified to make that statement at this time.

INTERVIEW OF BRYAN MCNAMARA

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. McNamara why he wants to be Supervisor, and Mr. McNamara stated he wanted to be a Supervisor when he ran for Office, and he still feels that way. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. McNamara about his professional background, and Mr. McNamara stated he worked for Bloomberg, went from there to work on the floor of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, and he then became a specialist and ran his own brokerage firm. He stated he is now a financial advisor for a firm which does a lot of 403B work and pension work with his territory being mainly in New Jersey. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. McNamara how long he has lived in Lower Makefield, and he stated he moved here in 1978. Ms. Tyler asked about his volunteer history in Lower Makefield Township. Mr. McNamara stated he applied to the Zoning Hearing Board in 1998 and served on that Board about the time that Matrix was coming in with the proposal for a big box retail center where Regency is currently located. Mr. McNamara stated he got involved with Residents Against Matrix and met a number of people through that including Steve Santarsiero, Zach Rubin, Gary Cruzan, and Larry and Cynthia Borda. Mr. McNamara stated he feels it was because of his involvement opposing that development that he did not get re-appointed to

the Zoning Hearing Board. He stated he stayed involved in the Matrix matter, and ultimately it went to the State Supreme Court and made land use history with a negotiated settlement for what is at that location now which he feels is better than three big box retail stores. Mr. McNamara stated he has three children, and he has coached for YMS, PAA, and Lower Makefield Football Association and still coaches today. Mr. McNamara stated he is also currently on the Park & Recreation Board.

Mr. Smith stated Mr. McNamara ran for Tax Collector two years ago and was unsuccessful. Mr. Smith stated Mr. McNamara also applied for the Supervisor vacancy a year ago when Mr. Smith was appointed. Mr. Smith stated Mr. McNamara also ran for Supervisor in November and he lost then as well. Mr. Smith stated he commends Mr. McNamara and everyone who runs for public office as it is not easy; however, he stated Mr. McNamara came in last out of the four people who ran. Mr. Smith asked if the Board should now, six weeks later, disregard the will of people and put Mr. McNamara into office. Mr. McNamara stated over 3,600 people voted for him and 3,900 voted for Mr. Lewis. He noted the Board also previously put Ms. Tyler on the Board, and he could also ask Mr. Smith why he should have been appointed to the Board when he came in fifth when he ran. Mr. Smith stated he gets to ask the questions tonight. Mr. Smith agreed that Mr. McNamara is 100% correct that Ms. Tyler was appointed, and Mr. Smith stated he was partly responsible for that. Mr. Smith asked if Mr. McNamara feels that based upon the “Kristin precedent” that they can choose him to fill the vacancy, and Mr. McNamara agreed. Mr. Smith stated Mr. McNamara included in his literature that he served Lower Makefield Township for over ten years on the Park & Rec Board and the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Smith stated he knows that Mr. McNamara has served approximately ten to eleven months on the Park & Recreation Board but he does not remember him being on any other Boards. Mr. McNamara stated he was on the Zoning Hearing Board, and the literature meant that he had served the community for over ten years including working on PAA, Morrisville, and YMS. Mr. Smith asked Mr. McNamara if he feels the Township should have a social media presence on Facebook; and Mr. McNamara stated there are concerns with people posting things such as they do on other Websites, but he is in favor of getting information out to people. Mr. McNamara stated he would be in favor of a Facebook page if it were done in the right way. Mr. Smith stated while it does not mean that you have to be at Supervisors meetings, he did not see Mr. McNamara at any meetings this year; however, Mr. McNamara stated he has been at some of the meetings. Mr. Smith asked Mr. McNamara’s his thoughts about the YMCA issue, and Mr. McNamara stated he understands the Public Works Director did not get permission to pave the lot at the YMCA where his wife worked. Mr. McNamara stated he did speak to some of the employees of the Township who indicated they were told he did get permission, but they really did not know what to believe. He stated he understands that he was fired immediately and made to pay \$2,800 in restitution by holding back his unused sick and vacation days, and this made the Township whole. Mr. Smith

asked if he studied this, and Mr. McNamara stated he watched the meeting and remembers Chief Coluzzi and Mr. Fedorchak discussing it. Mr. Smith stated he feels that being a Supervisor should be based on integrity and character, credentials, and experience. Mr. Smith stated Mr. McNamara indicated that he had resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board; however, Mr. McNamara stated that is incorrect, and he had indicated that he was not reappointed because he went against the Supervisors at the time who were in favor the Matrix Development. Mr. McNamara stated they skipped over the Zoning Hearing Board, and the State Supreme Court agreed that the Township did not follow their own process. Mr. McNamara stated there was then a negotiated Settlement between RAM, Matrix, and the Township to put in what is there now. Mr. McNamara stated he was not reappointed because he opposed their positions on that. Mr. Smith stated he agrees with Mr. McNamara's position on Matrix, but Mr. McNamara's literature, it indicated that Mr. McNamara was a "leader" in the fight; and Mr. Smith stated he was on the Board and signed off on the Agreement to resolve the Matrix issue, and he remembers Gary Cruzan, Dana Weyrick, Steve Santarsiero, and Zach Rubin, but he does not remember Mr. McNamara being there. Mr. McNamara stated he was trying to keep quiet because he was on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Ms. Tyler asked that they move on noting that they were trying to keep it to five minutes of questions per Supervisor, and Mr. Smith stated this should have been scheduled for two nights.

Mr. Smith stated with regard to integrity he has the Republican Ad Hoc Committee Investigation, and Mr. McNamara stated Mr. Smith is making this personal. Mr. McNamara stated the County Chairwoman indicated that it was 100% okay. Mr. Smith stated Mr. McNamara was accused and found guilty, and Mr. McNamara stated Mr. Smith is 100% wrong. Mr. Smith and Mr. McNamara continued to argue, and Ms. Tyler called for a recess.

Mr. McLaughlin left the meeting at this time.

Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. McNamara if he was surprised by the questions by Mr. Smith, and Mr. McNamara stated he is surprised by "how low people will go on things like this." Mr. McNamara stated he has had personal conversations about the questions raised with both Mr. Smith and Mr. Benedetto, and to keep doing this is an embarrassment. He stated he wanted to serve the Township, and things have been made up about him and lies told about him. He stated he is surprised that this is still being done at this point. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. McNamara why he feels he lost the Election, and Mr. McNamara stated the Democrats spent about \$18 million Statewide to get out the vote and the Republicans spent about \$3 million. He stated he also feels Mr. Benedetto's endorsement of the Democrats played into it as well as well as other things. He stated he also does not want to take anything away from

Mr. Lewis since this was his second Election, and he worked hard. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. McNamara if he is selected, is it his intent to run again in two years; and Mr. McNamara stated at this point he would say yes. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. McNamara how he would go about selecting a Township solicitor and engineer, and Mr. McNamara stated he feels an interview process would be interesting. Mr. Benedetto asked if he would eliminate firms that have made any political contributions, and Mr. McNamara stated he feels this is a common problem in politics at all levels, and there would have to be an agreement by both sides not to take any monies from solicitors, engineers, etc. recognizing that this would not be enforceable although he feels it would be great. Mr. Benedetto asked about the issue with the political signs. Mr. McNamara stated nothing had been brought up about it during the Primary, and Mr. Benedetto and Mr. Dobson had signs when they ran which were the same size as those that were brought up as an issue this time. Mr. McNamara stated he reviewed some prior Minutes, and when Mr. Santarsiero was running, Mr. Santarsiero had indicated that it was unConstitutional to limit the amount and size of the signs. Mr. Benedetto stated he was at the Candidates Forum and felt it went well, but initially they wanted to have the debate at the Township through the League of Women Voters or the Lower Bucks Chamber of Commerce. Mr. McNamara stated the League of Women Voters backed out, and the Continental Tavern agreed to host it; and they agreed to have it the end of October, and he felt it went well. He stated both Parties agreed on the format, who would host it, and that it would be on the radio and on the Internet. He stated he feels they had more exposure than any debate ever before. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. McNamara his strongest asset and area of expertise that he could offer to the Township as Supervisor. Mr. McNamara stated his background is finance, and for the last few years he has worked a lot with Pension plans. He stated he recognizes that they also have an issue coming up with the sewer system. Mr. McNamara stated he feels the Township needs a seat on that board so they know what Morrisville does with the fees that the Township pays them. Mr. Benedetto asked if he feels they should consider selling the sewer system, and Mr. McNamara stated their system is just pipes in the ground and they have done interceptor upgrades and have done a good job maintaining it. He stated he is not sure whether Morrisville has used fees paid to them for the sewer to help fund their General Fund so he feels there should be an accounting.

Mr. Smith objected to Ms. Tyler moving on to the next candidate. Ms. Tyler stated it was to be twenty minutes per candidate. Mr. Smith stated Ms. Tyler is a supporter of this candidate, and he feels this is a “disgrace.”

INTERVIEW OF SCOTT FEGLEY

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Fegley to give a brief background of his involvement with Lower Makefield Township. Mr. Fegley stated he won Election to the Board of Supervisors in 1993 and served through December, 2005. He stated he is currently a practicing attorney in Lower Makefield Township and has had his own law practice in the Township since 2002. Ms. Tyler asked why he applied for the vacancy, and Mr. Fegley stated he has been made aware of the divisiveness on the Board. He stated he loves the Township, and he remembers from his time on the Board that; while he may have disagreed with other Board members, it never became personal. He stated he feels he has the ability and willingness to work with anyone. He stated he is offering himself to build bridges, and he is willing to work with anyone who is willing to work with him for the betterment of the Township; and he comes with no agenda. He stated when he first ran for Supervisor his agenda was preservation of open space which was what motivated him; and during his tenure they preserved approximately 1,600 acres. He stated this time he is coming because he would like to see a cohesive Board of Supervisors and to serve the residents. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Fegley his opinion of the current amount of open space; and Mr. Fegley stated he does not feel there is much more open land in the Township that is still available to be preserved. He stated open space is a benefit to the tax base, and he would be for preserving whatever open space they could. He stated there was a Referendum, and the voters were willing to accept a tax increase in order to float a bond to preserve open space; and if they wanted to do this again, he would be in favor of it. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Fegley his opinion about the Community Center. Mr. Fegley stated when he was on the Board of Supervisors, he wanted that to be voted on as well. He stated there were two different Referenda, one of which was much larger than the first; and both of them were voted down. Mr. Fegley stated if it were going to result in a tax increase, he feels it should go to the voters.

Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Fegley why he did not reach out to him about his interest in applying for the Supervisor position as opposed to reaching out to Ms. Tyler, and Mr. Fegley stated Ms. Tyler advised him about Mr. Dobson resigning. He stated Ms. Tyler worked for him for a time, and he knows Ms. Tyler better. Mr. Fegley stated he is not campaigning for the position, and he did not feel he had to call all the Board members about this. He stated when Mr. Stainthorpe passed away he considered interviewing at that time; but he had a large trial coming up that March, and he was concerned it would be too much. Mr. Fegley stated that he included in his e-mail to Mr. Fedorchak that if he were chosen, they would have to change the meetings from Wednesday nights since he has a commitment with his daughter on Wednesday night that he will not break. Mr. Fedorchak stated he felt it was unlikely

that they would change the meeting night, but in talking with Ms. Tyler she suggested that he still submit his resume. Mr. Benedetto stated if the four current Supervisors agreed to choose Mr. Fegley, the two new Supervisors coming in may not be in favor of moving the meeting night. Mr. Fegley stated he believes that the meeting date is decided at the Organizational meeting in January; and if he were to take his seat at that time, Ms. Tyler and Mr. Benedetto would still be on the Board. He stated Ms. Reiss and Mr. Lewis could also let them know how they feel; and if moving the meeting to Monday nights would seriously inconvenience them, that should be taken into consideration since they ran for Election with the understanding that they would be having meetings on Wednesday nights. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Fegley why he did not choose to run in 2005. Mr. Fegley stated he had served for twelve years; and when he first took office he had no children, and his twins, who are now Sophomores in High School, were born when he ran for his second term. He stated when his second term ended, they were six years old and he had a two year old so his family commitments and his growing practice needed more of his time. He stated his children are older now, and they would be in support of his decision to be a Supervisor. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Fegley if he would run in two years; however, Mr. Fegley stated he would not make that decision at this time. Mr. Benedetto stated he had reviewed some past Meeting Minutes, and there had been some issues basically which were Zoning matters, where Mr. Fegley had some conflicts because of client issues. He stated Mr. Fegley has a growing practice, and he asked if this would be a concern; and Mr. Fegley stated he would recuse himself on the rare occasion that a client came before the Board. He stated he feels this happened less than five times when he was a Supervisor. He stated he did recuse himself on Golf Course issues because he lives next to the Golf Course. Mr. Benedetto stated both the Golf Course and Patterson Farm were taken by eminent domain; however, Mr. Fegley stated Mr. Benedetto was incorrect with regard to the Patterson Farm. Mr. Benedetto stated it was a condemnation and he noted the Deed. Mr. Fegley stated it was a "friendly condemnation," and it was condemned with the consent of the landowners because it would be a tax benefit to the landowners. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Fegley if he feels it was proper to take the Golf Course by eminent domain. Mr. Fegley stated it was for the sake of open space, and he stated there are reasons why Government has to exercise eminent domain. He stated he is not sure a Golf Course is a reason to take a property by eminent domain, and he feels the Township could have negotiated harder with the Dalgewicz family to purchase the property; however, he added that hindsight is 20/20. Mr. Fegley stated he completely separated himself from issues related to the Golf Course because of his home's proximity to the property so he was not faced with making those decisions. Mr. Fegley stated he recalls that they were negotiating with the property owners trying to purchase it; however, they wanted much more than the Township was offering. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Fegley his vision of the Patterson Farm, and asked his opinion of Bright Farms being there, the potential for the Vet Hospital, and the

Artists of Yardley. Mr. Fegley stated he is not aware all the details of things that have taken place since he was a Supervisor. He stated he is aware of the greenhouse somewhat from speaking to Ms. Tyler about it. He stated he does think the Artists of Yardley are making great use of the property. He stated he is happy to see the ground being used for agricultural purposes; and as long as there is a farmer around feels they can make a profit, that would be his preference to see it used for that. He stated at one point the Township had looked into the house and the barn as being used for a Conference Center; and they had looked into the costs for renovating the barn, but it was cost prohibitive. He stated with regard to the Satterthwaite House he understands that it is a continuing cost to the Township; and he would not object if it were parceled out and sold to someone who would preserve it, but he would have to look further into all the proposals. Mr. Benedetto stated in reviewing the Meeting Minutes, he read that Mr. Fegley voted against appointing Chief Coluzzi; and Mr. Fegley stated he has a great deal of respect for Chief Coluzzi and feels he has done a great job as Chief of Police. He added that at that time, the choice was either Chief Coluzzi or Sargent Bainbridge; and he had known Sargent Bainbridge as he had served the community for a long time. Mr. Fegley stated while it was a difficult decision, he voted for Sargent Bainbridge because he had been part of the Township for a long period of time. Mr. Fegley stated this was not a vote against Chief Coluzzi, rather it was a vote for Sargent Bainbridge. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Fegley what he was most proud of that he did for the twelve years as Supervisor, and Mr. Fegley stated he is most proud of Patterson Farm. He stated there was a buyer who wanted to build a Mall and a movie theater there; and when he drives by there every day, he is very proud to see that it is still a farm.

Mr. Smith stated Mr. Fegley was one of the big promoters of doing an Earth Day Celebration, and he is also a member of the Sierra Club. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Fegley whether they should move ahead with the Community Center or take it back to the voters. Mr. Fegley stated this would depend on whether the project as proposed can be done without a tax increase. He stated he understands there is \$1.1 million available in funding. He stated at this point he feels it should be scaled down to a Senior Center only, and possibly a later Board could build from there. He stated if it could be built without a tax increase, he does not feel there would have to be a Referendum; but if they were looking at a significant tax increase, he would want to be consistent as he was when he was previously on the Board. Mr. Smith stated with regard to the Golf Course, he had forgotten that Mr. Fegley had recused himself from the vote; but he asked Mr. Fegley if he participated in the negotiations with respect to the purchase. Mr. Fegley stated he did not recall. He stated he feels he would have recused himself from that. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Fegley if he feels the Township had offered enough money to the Dalgewicz family; and Mr. Fegley stated he feels they could have tried harder although he is not sure what was offered.

Mr. Fegley stated any Supervisor looking back probably feels there were decisions they would like to make over. Mr. Smith stated one of the key issues during Mr. Fegley's time was Matrix; and he believes Mr. Fegley aligned himself with those who were pro-Matrix, but he also feels that Mr. Fegley has since indicated that he is happier with the development that is there now; and Mr. Fegley agreed. He stated as you serve as Supervisor, there are tough decisions to be made, and you make them on the facts that are before you at the time. He stated had he known what would happen over the next several years, that Matrix would back down, and they could have the type of housing that is being put there now, he would have made a different vote. He stated Matrix had come in originally with a by-right Plan that showed that they could put in one or two big boxes along with a pad site. Mr. Fegley stated he felt that the version that they eventually proposed was a better plan than what was originally proposed and would be better from a tax stand point, along with more concessions from Matrix particularly with regard to road improvements. He stated Matrix had indicated that if the Township did not approve that Plan they were going to take the Township to Court, and he did not feel that the Township had solid ground to stand on in terms of denying the Plan especially given the input they were getting from the Township solicitor at that time. He stated this was a very difficult decision. He also noted following a Township meeting, he went to a meeting being held by RAM to listen to what they had to say. Mr. Fegley stated this matter was eventually resolved once he was off the Board, and he wished that Matrix would have come up originally with something more palatable so that they would not have had to take the Township through all of that. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Fegley if he would have any concerns with the appointment of professional firms that were not a member of his political party, and Mr. Fegley stated he would not. Mr. Smith asked his opinion on User Fees; and Mr. Fegley stated he feels that everyone who uses Township facilities should pay their fair share, and he knows that both YMS and PAA have contributed significantly to the maintenance of Township fields. Mr. Smith stated the User Fees are trickling down to the families of those organizations so that it acts as a "hidden tax." He asked if he feels the taxes should pay for the fields. Mr. Fegley stated there are those from outside of the Township who also use the fields, and the fields are used for Tournaments. He stated he does not feel it is unfair to ask the organizations to pay a user fee, and they can include that in the fees that they charge. He stated there are Senior Citizens who have been paying taxes who never use those fields. Mr. Smith stated he understands that Mr. Fegley and Ms. Tyler have a business association, and he asked if that would be a step toward improving civility on the Board; and Mr. Fegley stated he and Ms. Tyler have a great relationship, but he also had a great relationship with Mr. Smith as well. Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Fegley for his prior service.

INTERVIEW OF SCOTT FERRANTE

Mr. Ferrante thanked Mr. Dobson for his service. Mr. Ferrante stated he is a life-long resident of Lower Makefield and went to the Pennsbury Schools. He stated his education and expertise is in finance/accounting. He stated he worked at the Luzerne County Controller's Office where he was investigating FEMA funds that had not been used properly. He also worked in procurement for the Defense Department/Department of the Army, and he now works in medical sales. Ms. Tyler asked what attracted him to apply for the vacancy; and Mr. Ferrante stated he cares deeply for the Township, and there are some major decisions coming up that he would like to part of. Mr. Ferrante noted the sewer plant situation, the Community Center, and the Patterson Farm. He stated Patterson Farm is the gateway to the Township, and he would like to see that preserved. Mr. Ferrante stated with regard to the Community Center, it has been voted down twice at Referendum. He stated he is in favor of a Community Center, and he would like to see the Township stay as close as possible to the amount of the Grant money. He stated had he been on the Board, he probably would have voted with Mr. Benedetto and Mr. Dobson for the least expensive option. He stated in the past, particularly when the Community Center was on the Referendum, it was known to just be a Senior Center; but he does not feel that any generation in particular should have preference to a building, and he feels all generations should have access to the building. He stated he does not have a problem if Seniors are given priority during the day, but he wants to make sure that it is called a Community Center. Ms. Tyler asked his thoughts on what they are facing with the Morrisville Sewer issue; and Mr. Ferrante stated he would operate with extreme caution whenever dealing with Morrisville, since politics in Morrisville are notoriously corrupt. He stated they are controlled by the IEW out of Trenton. He stated Lower Makefield is responsible for approximately 45% of the cost, but he does not know about all the options. He stated he feels the Township should be more proactive and keep an eye on Morrisville. He stated Morrisville Borough has had a number of problems with their Manager, and the voters in Morrisville recently "threw out" their long-time Borough President. Mr. Ferrante stated he is skeptical of Morrisville. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Ferrante's feelings about preservation of additional open space; and Mr. Ferrante stated he does not feel there is much open space left; and he would not vote in favor of authorizing funds to purchase additional space although he recalls that in 2014, the Township bought four acres for approximately \$1,000, and if something similar came up, he feels they should take advantage of that opportunity. He stated he feels there are needs and wants, and the Township has a number of more pressing issues; and he is not in favor of using public money at this time to pursue more additional open space. He stated with regard to the 2007 Referendum, he feels there are extreme limitations to the Referendum system stating special interests can phrase a question in order to get a particular outcome. He stated he feels if they had changed the wording in that Referendum, he feels the result could have been different such that rather than

using the word “bond,” they had used “debt” or “raising taxes,” since that is what they would be doing, he is not sure that 70% of the people would have voted for it. He stated he would caution whether that Referendum was a mandate. He also noted it was a long time ago and prior to the economic crash. He stated he is not in favor of borrowing money to purchase additional open space at this time.

Mr. Smith stated he and Mr. Ferrante have been friends for a period of time. Mr. Smith stated he understands that Mr. Ferrante would disregard the Referendum which approved the purchase of up to \$15 million in open space, and Mr. Ferrante stated he would. He stated he is not saying that the Township would never purchase open space ever again; however, he feels there are a number of needs that the next Board is going to have to address, and purchasing open space should not be at the top of the priority list. Mr. Smith stated the Township Manager serves under the Board of Supervisors but for some time they have not had a Finance Director; and he asked Mr. Ferrante if he feels it is a necessity for the Township to retain a Finance Director independent of the Township Manager; and Mr. Ferrante stated he does because they need someone with a financial background to double check things. He stated the most important financial statement is the statement of the cash flow which tells the story of the Government, and they need someone who can understand that. He stated he also does not feel that they are utilizing the Board of Auditors as well as they could. Mr. Smith stated he understands that Mr. Ferrante has spoken out in the past about an Earned Income Tax, and Mr. Ferrante stated he is opposed to an Earned Income Tax in Lower Makefield; and he feels Lower Makefield has a strategic advantage not having one as there are not many Townships left that do not have one. He feels it is a big asset for Lower Makefield that you can move to Lower Makefield and not have to pay the EIT. Mr. Smith stated some people say if you have a EIT, it would decrease property taxes; however, Mr. Smith stated he rejects that. Mr. Smith asked his position on the professional contracts. He stated they have a fine law firm currently; however, there is a sewer issue, and the current law firm has represented the Township, Morrisville, and the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority. Mr. Smith asked if he has any concerns about conflicts of interest when he would screen any professional firm. Mr. Ferrante stated he feels he could bring the most value to this area since what he does for a living is contract out professional services for Government agencies. He stated when selecting a professional firm, they want to use a best-value criteria although that would not necessarily mean the lowest price. He stated they should have a criteria and within that criteria would be value, past performance, ability to perform, etc. He stated he would not want the Board to select a professional based on price alone although that would be part of the conversation. Mr. Smith stated Mr. Benedetto and one of the people coming on the Board in January have discussed having a pool of qualified professionals, and then selecting one from the pool. Mr. Ferrante stated he would be open minded as there are number of ways to go about this.

Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Ferrante if he feels the Township does a good enough job of communicating with the public; and Mr. Ferrante stated he feels it has improved adding he felt the Newsletter sent home was a nice addition. He stated he feels there needs to be more of a presence on social media, and he feels that is relatively cost effective. He stated the Township could look to see what is done in Newtown as two of their Supervisors are very active on Facebook one for political purposes and one for Township purposes, which he feels should be kept separate. Mr. Ferrante stated Mr. Benedetto shares the Meeting Minutes on line which he feels has great value. Mr. Ferrante stated he feels social media is the present and the future, and the Township should step this up. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Ferrante what he feels is the role of a Supervisor, and Mr. Ferrante stated they should be a liaison to the people and they should serve the people. He stated the Board maintains the financial responsibility of the Government. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Ferrante what his priority would be as Supervisor, and Mr. Ferrante stated he feels this would depend on the Liaison assignments he was given. He stated he would definitely like to be on Economic Development, and he would like to give some critiques to Mr. Conoscenti on the Economic Climate Survey. He stated he would also like to look at the local service tax and see what businesses are saying. He stated his main priority would be to fill the vacant office space. He stated he questions why so many companies are in Princeton when he feels Lower Makefield is such a better place to be. He stated as a Supervisor he would like to go to Princeton and try to get some of those companies to move to Lower Makefield, and he feels local business is the backbone of Lower Makefield. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Ferrante if he would be in support of the sale of liquor if it were on the ballot, and Mr. Ferrante stated he feels if they allow liquor licenses, they will eventually get an Applebee's etc. so he is opposed.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Ferrante if he were appointed Supervisor would he have a problem being the point person with regard to the sewer issue and being involved with Morrisville; and Mr. Ferrante stated he would not, and he would in fact enjoy doing that.

INTERVIEW WITH CHAD WALLACE

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Wallace why he applied for the Supervisor vacancy, and Mr. Wallace stated he has a desire to have an active role in the on-going development of the Township. He stated based on his business career, he believes he has a lot of assets that would lend themselves well to being on the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Tyler asked about his professional background; and Mr. Wallace stated he worked for a small company in the technology business, and he then worked for GlaxoSmithKline for a number of years and rose up the ranks and going through leadership development programs. He stated he is currently back in the

small business world, and he is the Vice President of Sales and Marketing of a business that his mother owns, with his brother being the Operational Manager; and they are in the process of taking that company over from their mother. He stated he feels the decision-making process for a small business is similar to what goes on at the Township, and he feels the thought process that needs to be used in making decisions for the Township is similar to what he does now in his business; and he would like to see that implemented in the Township. Ms. Tyler asked what the Township should be doing better from a business perspective; and Mr. Wallace stated he feels communication has increased, and getting the word out on social media about the benefits of the Township would help from a business standpoint, and as noted by Mr. Ferrante, would expand business knowledge about our community. He stated people want to get information right away, and the better job the Township can do of promoting ourselves on social media, he feels would present a better opportunity in bringing business into the Township.

Mr. Smith stated he felt Mr. Wallace was a perfect gentleman when he previously applied for a Board position. Mr. Smith stated the Township approved a Twitter account, although they did not approve a Facebook account; and he asked Mr. Wallace if that would be a priority of his if he came into office. Mr. Wallace stated he feels that would be important, and the most important part would be the Administrator handling the page since that is where problems can arise when certain comments come in which need to be administered properly. He stated not having a Facebook presence as a Township puts them into the past. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Wallace if he feels they need a Finance Director, and Mr. Wallace stated he feels they do and he feels they have suffered by not having a Finance Director. He stated as a business owner, when they bring in Comptrollers to give them advice, they often see things from a very different angle from what they were seeing them in their business. He stated in his experience it often sheds new light as to what is happening with their company, and it makes decisions better as it gives them more information. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Wallace if he agrees with the Board's decision to cap the Community/Senior Center at \$2.3 million including professional services or whether they should have it at all. Mr. Wallace stated he fundamentally agrees with the idea that they should have a Community Center, but he feels the project has gone out of scale. He stated he feels they have promised the Seniors and the community more than they can deliver from a dollar standpoint. He stated there is Grant money; but through the process, it was obvious that they could not build what the community was looking for with the money available. He stated he feels they need to take some steps back and re-think some things that they have done, and try to make sure that they deliver to the community a Center that they want. He stated they should make sure they are getting the most value for the dollars that they spend. Mr. Smith asked his opinion about running for office in two years, and Mr. Wallace stated he would keep that open. Mr. Smith asked if he would be amenable in participating in a televised debate at the Township Building; and

Mr. Wallace stated he would, and in fact feels that it is essential as he feels the community needs to see and hear the individuals' points of view that are going to represent them. He stated it is not easy for the voters to get a true understanding of the candidates that they are voting for; and to hear their views in an open public forum and to be able to ask them direct questions and hear their views on those issues is very important. He stated during the Primary, he had advised Mr. Lewis that he would be willing to debate anywhere at any time. He stated they are there to represent the residents, and he feels the citizens should be able to ask questions and get an honest, open answer. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Wallace about retaining professionals, and he asked if they should have a "pay to play system where to the victors go the spoils," or should they look for other criteria. Mr. Wallace stated he is very much in favor of an open interview/open process for professional services. He stated there should be an RFP process, send out for Bids, and the professionals should present why the Township should choose their company. He stated during his Primary Campaign, he made it clear to anyone who gave him money that any contribution would give them nothing from him other than a fair opportunity if they had the ability to provide a service in the community. Mr. Wallace stated he feels the candidates should have character and not follow "pay to play."

Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Wallace what the Township should be doing better with regard to economic development. Mr. Wallace stated he feels it is important to leverage the benefits of the Township such as the fact that we do not have an Earned Income Tax which is very attractive for people to move here. He stated if you are a corporation you want to move to where people want to live. He stated he feels the Township is great in terms of conducting business, and they need to spread that word better as he does not feel they do a good job of that right now. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Wallace if he would have a priority of borrowing additional money for open space. Mr. Wallace stated while he is in favor of as much open space as possible, he is also realistic; and if you are a Supervisor, spending taxpayer dollars is the most important decision you have to make. He stated getting the most value for the dollar spent is what he would look for with regard to spending taxpayer dollars. He stated open space can be a big benefit from a financial standpoint in terms of the assets a Township has, but he does not feel that they are in a situation where they can go out and spend a tremendous amount to get that; and it would depend on the opportunity that comes before them. He stated the last thing he would consider in terms of open space would be a tax increase. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Wallace his feelings about how the YMCA/Public Works investigation was handled, and Mr. Wallace stated he was very disappointed in several ways. He stated he felt the Board made a poor decision in the way they handled the investigation of this issue since by handling this as an internal investigation, he feels they did a disservice to Chief Coluzzi and the Township Manager; and it put them in a very difficult decision since there will

always be cynics, critics, and “conspiracy people,” and when you conduct an internal investigation for such a sensitive issue, it increases the ability of people to criticize the decisions that come out of it. Mr. Wallace stated he feels it should have been turned over to the DA immediately. He stated this does not mean that he feels anything was done wrong by anyone in the Township, but it created an atmosphere where people could then criticize the Township which did not need to take place. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Wallace about the sewer issue, and Mr. Wallace stated he feels there are many questions that need to be answered. He stated he feels it is premature to make judgments until they have all the information, and they need to get all the facts and hear all sides before they make any assumptions or decisions.

Mr. Smith asked what Board would he be interested in being a Liaison to if he were appointed Supervisor. Mr. Wallace stated he would be interested in the Electronic Media Board and Park & Recreation where he feels he could be of service. Mr. Smith asked if he would have a problem serving as the point person with the Morrisville Sewer issue; and Mr. Wallace stated he would not since it is the pressing issue before the Township right now, and he would welcome being on point on that.

INTERVIEW WITH GRACE GODSHALK

Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Godshalk to give a brief history of her significant involvement with Lower Makefield Township. Ms. Godshalk stated she served for thirty years as a Township Supervisor and two years on the Planning Commission prior to that. Ms. Godshalk stated when she saw that Mr. Dobson had resigned, she felt she would offer her services. Ms. Godshalk stated over the years with all the different Boards that she served with, if she was in favor of something, she tried to “sell” it to the people and listened to their opinions. She stated if it did not go her way, she did not hold it against anyone; and she would just go onto the next item. Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Godshalk her position on open space and should it still be a priority, and Ms. Godshalk stated they do have money that can be spent because of the Referendum. She stated anything that is done outside of the Budget, which is now very tight, does probably mean a raise in taxes. Ms. Godshalk stated the people voted for open space; and since open space is disappearing, they need to look at ways to acquire it. She stated there are still some great parcels in the Township that they should look at. Ms. Tyler asked what Ms. Godshalk feels the Board needs to do better, and Ms. Godshalk stated she feels the Township runs very well, and there have not been tax increases. She stated there are always differences of opinion, but she feels everyone has to try to get along better, sell their position, and then come back and regroup; and she feels she could add that to the Board. Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Godshalk if she wishes to speak about the Garden of Reflection. Ms. Godshalk stated the Garden of Reflection was built with money that was raised by the families who lost people on 9-11; and they were obligated to raised the money to fund it and

keep up the maintenance. She stated now the Park is more than just the Garden of Reflection and includes a new playground, and for years they have also had basketball, volleyball, and open space. She stated throughout the coming years there will probably be more added as there were tennis courts in the original plans. Ms. Godshalk stated she feels some of the costs should be paid for by the Township, and she knows that the Township pays for the cutting of the overall grass; however, the Garden of Reflection now pays for the entrance cutting, an arboretum which was added through donations of trees and volunteer work, and families pay through the monies that are raised for the interior of the Memorial itself. She stated that fund is slowing running out of money. She stated the group, Friends of the Garden, has raised \$26,000 over the last two years through fundraising; and a lot of people volunteer their time helping in the Garden. Ms. Tyler thanked Ms. Godshalk for her significant efforts in maintaining that Garden. Ms. Godshalk stated even though it is the County and State 9-11 Memorial, they receive no funding from either of those parties.

Mr. Benedetto stated Ms. Godshalk has discussed at prior meetings preservation of historic properties, and he asked her opinion of how good of a job they have done. Ms. Godshalk stated thirty years ago she initiated the legislation for the Historic Commission; and when she was on the Planning Commission, the first acquisition was made in Edgewood Village where Bob Sill Insurance is located now. She stated that house was going to be removed as the road was going to be widened, and Ms. Godshalk was concerned because it was one of the beautiful stone houses in the Village; and the builder asked if the Township wanted it, and she stated they did, and that is how the Township got their first historic acquisition. She stated they then got Grants, and the Historic Commission that was formed was a very active group. She stated all the houses were identified and registered for the National Register. Mr. Benedetto asked Ms. Godshalk if she is happy with the look of Edgewood Village now, and her thoughts on the loss of some of the historic properties. Ms. Godshalk stated she feels some of the properties taken down could have been restored, but another Board gave them Demolition Permits; and she is not happy with that as the road could have been slightly widened with those houses. She stated some of the things that have been added such as the Café, which she is not sure is even still open, the bank, and the cigar store look like they belong in the Village. Mr. Benedetto asked her opinion about the Scammel House and whether it should be restored or just the façade restored. Ms. Godshalk stated while it would be nice and she understands that they are trying to work with the people, she stated that property is not Registered. She stated she has not been in the property in twenty years. Mr. Benedetto asked Ms. Godshalk if she was disappointed when the Township sold Elm Lowne; and Ms. Godshalk stated she was disappointed. She stated they tried to find other uses for Elm Lowne including use by the Seniors. She stated they could have put an addition on Elm Lowne, but the Seniors wanted something new; and there were complaints that they would have to walk too far from the parking lot to

the house which she did not feel was that far. She stated she feels the Seniors felt that the Board was sympathetic to building a new building for them. Ms. Godshalk stated they looked at many places for the Senior Center including the Church on Big Oak which is now the Mosque, the Flowers Building, and the Masonic Temple; and they had put a lot of effort into that. Mr. Benedetto asked about the Satterthwaite House, and asked if she was in favor of the Vet Hospital. Ms. Godshalk stated she is not in favor of any Commercial in that area whatsoever. She stated the Patterson Farm was purchased through a friendly condemnation which allowed the family to save money. She stated there was a lull in the time when the Township actually took possession because the people were living at Pennswood Village so they had a delayed closing. Mr. Benedetto stated it was his understanding that the Pattersons could have sold it to Toll Bros. for development for probably twice as much. Ms. Godshalk stated there was a shopping center looking at it, and it could have become the "outlet mall of the East," and they could not have stopped that at the time because they could have come in with a Curative Amendment. Mr. Benedetto asked Ms. Godshalk if she would be in favor of Conservation Easements on some of the farms they are potentially at risk of losing, and Ms. Godshalk stated she would. Ms. Godshalk stated when they bought Patterson Farm, she thought the whole thing was conserved; and that issue only came out later. She stated the Satterthwaite House was in very bad shape, and they acted to subdivide it as there were people interested in buying it for housing including, Mr. Fenty, who lived across the street. She stated Mr. Troilo was also interested in it. Ms. Godshalk stated she was accused of wanting to sell the Patterson Farm because they wanted to sell that five acres for housing and have it restored to the beauty that it was. She stated she would not be in favor of the horse hospital as it is not Zoned for that, and she feels it would be a detriment to the whole parcel. Mr. Benedetto asked her opinion of Bright Farms, and Ms. Godshalk stated she thinks Bright Farms is "terrible." Ms. Godshalk stated she would like to discuss the acquisition of the Dalgewicz property, and she stated Toll Bros. had a Plan which they had given to the Dalgewicz family for eight homes per acre in an R-1 Zone, and the price they were asking reflected that, and they would have put in a Curative Amendment; and this is why the Dalgewicz family would not deal with the Township because they knew they could get much more. Ms. Godshalk stated it was evident that they were going to try to proceed with that Plan, and she is the person who made the Motion to have a "friendly condemnation." She stated they were told how much raw land was selling for, and that was how the Township came to the price. She stated it later went to the Jury of View which is a Jury of citizens, and people "hate political people," and this is why the citizens voted against the Government. Mr. Benedetto asked Ms. Godshalk what was her proudest accomplishment of her thirty years on the Board, and Ms. Godshalk stated there were many things including some of the things she just mentioned. Mr. Benedetto stated he knows Ms. Godshalk voted against liquor licenses, and she stated she felt the Township was dry, and she voted against having a Referendum and some of the

Referendums were voted down, and people did not vote for liquor and she questioned why the Township should have it when the community does not have it.

Mr. Smith noted his long history with Ms. Godshalk adding she was also involved with the Pennsbury School Task Force. He thanked her for her service. Mr. Smith stated

Ms. Godshalk did great things during her thirty years, and she continues to serve on the Golf Committee; however, he asked if there should be term limits. Ms. Godshalk stated she feels people will decide their own term limits unless a mandate is passed by the State Legislature. Mr. Smith stated Ms. Godshalk was involved in the Patterson Farm purchase, but they never really came up with a definitive plan for the Farm; and he asked what they should have moved forward with. Ms. Godshalk stated she feels they should have sold the Satterthwaite House to a housing person who would fix it up, and there would then be a beautiful home there and a lot of money to help pay off the debt. Mr. Smith asked Ms. Godshalk if she has an issue with AOY being on the property, and Ms. Godshalk stated she feels they are good, although the Township might want to sell that house which had also come up in discussion. Mr. Smith asked if the Township at that time dealt fairly with the Dalgewicz family, and Ms. Godshalk stated she feels they did. She stated they gave them the estimated value of raw land for one acre Zoning that was recommended to them. Mr. Smith stated when Ms. Godshalk served on the Board there was a Finance Director, and he asked if she feels they are lacking now by not having one.

Ms. Godshalk stated they seem to have done well without a Finance Director, and there have not been any tax increases. She stated Mr. Fedorchak does it now along with the Department Heads. She stated she feels there should be monthly reports of the expenditures of the Departments so there are no surprises later. Mr. Smith stated the 2007 Referendum was passed by the people to borrow up to \$15 million for open space; and he asked if she feels they should take steps to borrow at least some of those monies. Ms. Godshalk stated she has always been in favor of putting Referendums on the ballot, and she feels that people know that if they pass a Referendum it is going to cost them money if they purchase something. She stated she does not feel anything much has been spent from that, and she feels if an opportunity comes up they should look at it very closely. Mr. Smith stated he had previously indicated that through Ms. Godshalk's efforts they now have Macclesfield Park as opposed to a sewer disposal plant at that location. He stated they do not have an independent Sewer Authority today, and he asked if she feels she should have re-considered that decision so that they would have their own sewer plant. Ms. Godshalk stated she read in the newspaper that people have talked about Lower Makefield having their own sewer plant, but there were many reasons why she was opposed to that including the fact that we would be above the water-intake and would be flowing into our drinking water. Mr. Smith asked what Ms. Godshalk felt was her greatest legacy to the people of the Township, and Ms. Godshalk stated she feels it was serving her community and doing the best that she could do.

INTERVIEW OF DAVE FRITCHEY

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Fritchey to discuss his service to the Township and his professional background. Mr. Fritchey stated he has been on the Park & Recreation Board for twenty-two years, and has been Chairman since 1997; and during that time they have done a lot of things that he is very proud of for the Township. He stated Mr. Smith was his Vice Chairman for several years. He stated they built the Girls Softball Complex, expanded Macclesfield Park, and acquired and built Memorial Park which they had been trying to do since the early 1990s. He stated they built the inclusive playground at Memorial Park and built more baseball fields. He stated he feels they have wonderful partners in the volunteer organizations particularly YMS and PAA as well as football. He stated there are still things to be done but some of those depend on money as there are limited resources. He stated he feels the Township has a Park system that is the envy of the Region and enhances the quality of life and the property values. Mr. Fritchey stated he has been an attorney for many years and was a State level prosecutor for ten years, after which he was hired by the Department of Justice with the organized crime and racketeering section, and was a Federal prosecutor in the organized crime strike force in Philadelphia. He stated he has been a Federal prosecutor doing organized crime work for thirty-two years until his retirement at the end of this past July.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Fritchey what his professional and volunteer background offers to the Supervisor position; and Mr. Fritchey stated he is a pragmatist, and he believes in practical solutions to real-world problems. He stated at a local level he feels what needs to be done is frequently self-evident; and they have to determine how they will accomplish it, fund it, support it, and execute it. He stated he is not rigid and does not believe that the world conforms to how he thinks it should be. He stated he has always tried to do what is best for the community as a whole, and he has never subordinated the good of the community as he saw it to partisanship which he feels is the curse of Twenty-First Century American Politics. Mr. Fritchey stated while he is a Republican, he has always worked well with the Democrats; and if the Democrats have a good idea, the fact that it originated with them does not mean he will oppose it simply because he is a Republican, and he would hope that the Democrats would not oppose sound ideas that Republicans have simply because they came from Republicans. He noted the problems with this at the State level which results in real people being hurt which he feels is disgraceful. Mr. Fritchey stated he would try to work with as much respect as he can with everyone. He noted that Mr. McDonald is an important Democrat in the Township, and he like Mr. Smith, was his Vice Chair for a while; and they got along great. He stated he feels they need to be issue-oriented and need to keep the interests of the public first and foremost at all times. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels he also stands for stability having lived in the Township for over thirty years in the same house. He stated he has also had the same job for over thirty years, and served for twenty-one years in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and served for twenty-two years on the

Park & Recreation Board. He stated he feels this shows that he is a person that when he makes a commitment to something he follows through. He stated he is present without any political aspirations, and he is not seeking this because he wants to be a State Senator or a Congressman, etc. He stated he is here because he feels this is a critical time for the Township in a number of ways, and a number of people both Republicans and Democrats who know him and who he respects asked him to apply for this position as he had no intention of doing this until people talked to him about it. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Fritchey what he sees as some of the critical issues they are facing; and Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the sewer system is an extremely important issue that must be drilled down on. He stated when they learned that MMA was being fined \$100,000 and there were two options to remedy the problems, one of which would cost \$85 million and another \$117 million with the Township bearing approximately 45% of the cost and that these would not be done immediately so that there would be additional interim costs which could cost a significant amount of money, he saw this as the potential for enormous increases to the sewer fees which while is not a tax still comes out of our "pocketbook."

Mr. Fritchey stated he does not feel anyone at the Township saw this coming or they would have been planning for these huge increases in the sewer rates ahead of time and been a lot more proactive in investigating what Morrisville was or was not doing. Mr. Fritchey stated it appears that Morrisville has been having issues with DEP since at least 2010 and possibly earlier. Mr. Fritchey stated they have an enormous duty of due diligence to the residents of the Township in terms of determining what their options are, and Morrisville telling them they only have two options does not give him a huge degree of confidence that there may not be other issues which may be a better option for the Township. He stated he feels it is incumbent on Lower Makefield to explore all of the potential options that there may be and do the best they can for the residents of Lower Makefield. Mr. Fritchey stated while they may decide to partner with Morrisville in Option A or B, he still feels they need to re-examine their relationship with MMA, since it seems that rather than being partners with them, Lower Makefield seems to more like a captive customer. He stated he feels that there were things that have been going on all along, and Morrisville has been sending the Township reconciliations every year indicating how much they spent on capital improvements and indicating how much Lower Makefield owes them. He stated he feels they should have been apprised of the fact that there were notices from DEP about improper discharges and other deficiencies; and if the Township had known what the problems were and the fixes they were proposing, possibly the Township could have weighed in on that. Mr. Fritchey stated these are his conclusions based on what he has read in the newspaper and what he has heard in the public discourse. He stated if the Township goes forward with them, he feels we need a voice in the decisions that are made going forward.

Mr. Smith stated there has not been that much instability on the Park & Rec Board, and it is basically a lot of the same people who are on that Board and have done a lot of great things. Mr. Smith stated approximately five years ago Mr. Fritchey came before the Board of Supervisors and he was in favor of completing the Park & Rec projects that had been proposed, and he asked if he is still of that mindset; and Mr. Fritchey stated he is. Mr. Smith stated he personally is very disappointed about the Snipes Tract as it is currently serving as a compost facility. Mr. Fritchey stated he is as well as it was supposed to be soccer fields. Mr. Smith asked if Mr. Fritchey would be in favor of doing what was originally planned for the Snipes Tract and making it into a recreational facility, and Mr. Fritchey stated he would. Mr. Fritchey stated there is a Plan which was approved by the Park & Recreation Board that was brought up to the Board of Supervisors who also approved turning Snipes basically into a soccer complex with a skate park facility in a corner recognizing that there was also to be a Fire Station at the site which has since been abandoned.

Mr. Fritchey stated there was a Park & Recreation Board meeting held earlier this evening, and the Snipes Tract is actually one of three potential sites they have identified for a Dog Park. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Fritchey if he is in favor of that; and Mr. Fritchey stated while he is in favor of a Dog Park, he has not necessarily determined that Snipes is his favorite spot. He stated one of the thoughts was that the Dog Park might go where the Fire Station was expected to go which would leave the Plans with regard to the soccer fields and skate park completely intact.

Mr. Smith stated it may be necessary to raise taxes to get some of these things done, and Mr. Fritchey agreed. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Fritchey if he would still be in favor of this even though there are some other issues facing them such as the sewer.

Mr. Fritchey stated no one wants to raise taxes, and he would not advocate a raise in taxes; but he does feel when there are times to spend money now in order to save money and make money later. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels they also need to do something to give the taxpayers a break as well, and he feels they will have enormous expenses with the sewer problem. He stated if the numbers they have been given are even remotely correct, he feels they are looking at huge numbers they will be paying in the future; and this can be done through the sewer rates or will probably require Municipal Bonds which will have to be paid out of Debt Service. Mr. Fritchey stated with regard to things such as the Dog Park and other recreation facilities, he would establish a new Committee which would be a Fundraising Committee; and he feels they could do golf scrambles, 5Ks, and other events. He stated there are people in the Township who are very skilled at fundraising; and they could harness some of those kinds of people to raise funds within the community to build specific projects. He stated the Township has a 501C3, and they could allocate money raised to complete some of these projects so that they do not have to do it all with tax revenues. Mr. Smith stated many times there is pressure on Supervisors to retain professionals because of political affiliation, and there have been allegations on both sides. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Fritchey his opinion on retaining professionals. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the

professionals they have had over the years have been decent, competent people; and when the Republicans have a majority on the Board of Supervisors, they seem to have their list of people who contributed money and they get hired, and when the Democrats win, they have their list. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels there is not an appreciable difference regarding the professionals he has worked with. He stated he feels with some minor exceptions, all of them he has worked with have been uniformly competent. Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Fritchey for his decades of service.

Mr. Benedetto stated a number of them are dissatisfied with the way the Snipes Tract is being used currently. He asked Mr. Fritchey if he feels it is the role of Park & Rec to be more proactive and speak out if they see there is something happening such as at the Snipes Tract where there was an approved Plan or should the role of Park & Rec be that the Supervisors provide direction to Park & Rec, and Park & Rec then makes recommendations based on that direction. Mr. Fritchey stated when he was first put on the Park & Rec Board it was explained to him that the Park & Rec Board was one of many advisory Township Boards that serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors, and that the Board would be relying on Park & Rec to give them advice on policy matters and to have some expertise in that; and while they will accept their guidance, the Board of Supervisors would implement it or not as they saw fit, and that financial decisions were for the Board of Supervisors to make. Mr. Fritchey stated Park & Rec has always operated in that fashion. Mr. Benedetto stated Mr. Fritchey had stated he felt the interest of the public should be put first at all times. Mr. Benedetto stated during the Road Tour in July, they were at the Revere Road tennis courts in Yardley Hunt and discussed what would be the best plan. Mr. Benedetto stated most of the residents in Yardley Hunt asked that they replace the courts, and it seemed that Mr. Fritchey had a different opinion that it may be best to move them to Memorial Park. Mr. Fritchey stated he is not unsympathetic to the people living on Revere Road, but this was a relative handful of people out of over 30,000 residents of the Township who might be better served having a larger complex with more courts in better shape on more stable ground at a different location if Toll Bros. was willing to do that. Mr. Fritchey stated with regard to that location, he feels it is a “peculiar and uninviting venue,” and it is not really visible coming off the road going west and almost looks like it is someone’s private court; and there was not at that time any signs indicating that they were public courts. Mr. Fritchey stated there are courts at Schuyler which are nearby. He stated there was a sinkhole problem at Revere Road; and the concern was that they would repair them, and the problem would then reoccur. He stated they were looking for a solution at a location where they would not have to be spending money year after year. Mr. Benedetto stated he also had discussions with Mr. Fritchey about the all-inclusive playground and they had discussed that Kids Kingdom had been built by volunteers. He asked if he feels they could have had volunteers build

the all-inclusive playground; and Mr. Fritchey stated while he feels they could have done it with volunteers, there could be problems with doing something like this with well-meaning, amateur volunteers particularly when you are talking about building a facility for special needs children. He stated he is happy with the way the all-inclusive playground turned out even though it is possible it could have been done for less money. He stated at Kids Kingdom, he had less of those concerns. Mr. Benedetto asked why the resurfacing of the Pool tennis courts was added as part of the State Grant money and asked in retrospect this was a mistake because of the needs for the Community Center and the ball fields. Mr. Fritchey stated this was not decided by Park & Rec although he does feel that it did need to be done. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Fritchey if he would be in favor of lights at Caiola Field, and Mr. Fritchey stated he feels PAA would very much be in favor of this; however, he would like to study this to see if it could be done without having an extremely negative impact on adjoining residences. Mr. Smith stated he feels there was a discussion about lighting at Stoddart over twenty years ago, and Mr. Fritchey stated he feels Stoddart could be lit more easily than Caiola. Mr. Fritchey stated there was a problem with the lighting at Macclesfield Park, and they had to spend a significant amount of money to fix this. He stated they then got complaints from those living in Rivergate about the lights, and the Township engineer came up with shielding which everyone was pleased with. He stated they need to have an engineering study regarding lights at Caiola to see if that is feasible and desirable adding they would need to entertain the concerns of the nearby residents. Mr. Benedetto asked if Mr. Fritchey had any issues with the engineering at Caiola in general; and Mr. Fritchey stated there were a few “glitches” as there frequently are, and the one that concerned him the most was the slope of the fields, and he was a proponent of more grading to ameliorate that concern. He stated fortunately this was remedied. He stated there were some other things that were wrong, and Mr. Jason Simon had advised that home plate was one half inch out of line from where it should have been so that was fixed. He stated by and large he feels the fields came out nicely, although there are still some improvements that could be made. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Fritchey if he would be in favor of an increase in User Fees for PAA and YMS; and Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the User Fees are where they should be adding they did a study of this and came to the conclusion that actually they are paying a little more than what their impact is so he does not see a justification for increasing those Fees. He stated they are good partners with the Township and do a great job. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Fritchey if he feels they should charge User Fees for the use of the Community Center, and Mr. Fritchey stated they will see about this if it is built. Mr. Benedetto stated he and Mr. Fritchey were at a meeting regarding the Garden of Reflection in August, and he asked Mr. Fritchey what he feels the solution should be with regard to the two events, whether the Township should be trademarking the name “Garden of Reflection,” whether there is an issue with the accounting, and how they can bridge the gap. Mr. Benedetto stated he feels these issues are still unresolved. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels the Garden of Reflection has

always had a “peculiar” relationship with the Board of Supervisors. He stated the families of the decedents graciously stepped forward and said they would like to have a Memorial to their deceased loved ones to honor them, and they indicated they were willing to take up the burden of fundraising to cover the cost.

Mr. Fritchey stated the Township agreed and said that they could build it on Township land at Memorial Park, and the Township spent some money and the families raised some money; but there has always been a lack of clarity about the Township coming directly forward and taking ownership of the Memorial which Mr. Fritchey feels the Township owns from a legal perspective since this is a facility that is built on real estate owned by the Township, and therefore, the Township owns it. Mr. Fritchey stated the families indicated they would raise money, and they have made a good faith effort to do that and continue to do so. Mr. Fritchey stated along the way there was a fracture in that group with some going one way and others going another, and there are differences of approach as to what kind of remembrance services there should be with one group wanting to have “glossy, high-production kinds of activities” that bring in all kinds of outside vendors and set up, and another group being interested in more intimate, quiet enjoyment. He stated the time for set up of the one activity has infringed on the intimate enjoyment by the other group. Mr. Fritchey stated there have also been issues as to fundraising and one group has moved into the direction of a fund which is now an endowment fund whereas the other group has moved in the direction of funding and meeting current expenses. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels they need both as it is useful to have an endowment because this will provide a break to the taxpayers, since ultimately the Township underwrites the continued existence of the Memorial, and it should do so as it is an important part of the fabric of the community, and they need to support the Memorial and keep it in good repair. He stated his problem with the way the endowment process is working is that they have to get to that point; and until they get to the point when funds are being released from the endowment fund, there has to be a meeting of current expenses, and the fundraising being done to meet the current expenses is stressed to keep up with that without having tax money supplement it to a substantial degree. Mr. Fritchey stated he feels this would be the perfect thing for a Community Fundraising Committee to address. He stated with regard to the endowment, in their initial presentation they indicated \$1.5 million would be sufficient; but now it has been raised to \$2 million. He stated he has received no information as to when they feel the endowment fund would start flowing back to the Township to help alleviate the burden to the taxpayers. Mr. Fritchey stated meanwhile there is a great deal of public uncertainty as to where money that is being contributed to the Garden goes. He stated there are fundraising activities done in conjunction with one group where the funds are going to current maintenance and there are wholly different fundraising activities that go to the endowment fund, and he feels there are people who are contributing to the endowment fund probably think that money is going to current expenses.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Treiber about his contributions to Haiti; and Mr. Treiber stated in 2010 as a member of the Federal Disaster Team they were deployed to help when there was an earthquake in Haiti, and they rendered first aid, nursing, and doctor services. Mr. Smith asked if he was able to bring back anything to Emergency Management as a result of that experience; and Mr. Treiber stated he realized that they have an amazing quality of life that they probably all take for granted, as well as the fact that people are amazingly resilient. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Treiber where he feels they should go in the Township with respect to social media, and he asked if they should consider a Facebook page. Mr. Treiber stated he knows that the Police Department has a Twitter account which he feels is very important and useful in a situation when phone lines are down. He stated he does feel Facebook is useful if it is used in the right way, and if they can find a non-partisan way to use it. He feels an official Lower Makefield page should be limited as to who can make posts to it so that they get away from some of the concerns people may have. Ms. Tyler stated the Township also now has a Twitter feed. She also thanked Mr. Treiber for putting out the Emergency Management Information. Mr. Smith stated Mr. Treiber was part of the original group with the Veterans Committee, and he was very proud to serve with them during the early part. He congratulated that group in bringing that to the Township.

Mr. Benedetto stated he knows Mr. Treiber very well, and he was a Liaison to the Veterans Committee which did a great job. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Treiber if he would be in favor of a hiring a full-time person as a Communications Director; and Mr. Treiber stated he would not at this point as he feels a Finance Director would be a priority. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Treiber if he feels they should have a Community Pride Day every year; and Mr. Treiber stated while he feels they should have something along those lines, he does not feel it should cost taxpayers lots of money, and they should look for sponsorships for that day as he feels there are a lot of great businesses in the area that would step forward and try to take some of the burden off the taxpayers. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Treiber if they should reactivate the Special events Committee, and Mr. Treiber stated he feels they should. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Treiber if he feels the Township is doing enough to fix the roads; and Mr. Treiber stated he feels roads will be the next thing on the list after the sewers, and there are a few decades of tough decisions to be made. He stated he has not seen trucks doing a lot of patching recently, and he stated there are some large cracks on his road. He stated putting something on them now would help them from spreading and creating potholes later on. He stated he feels they should pay a little now, or they will have to pay a lot more later. Mr. Benedetto asked about the preservation of historic properties, and he asked Mr. Treiber if he feels the Township is doing enough. Mr. Treiber stated he questions why the Township purchased some of the properties although he does feel that they are great properties which are deserving of being preserved, but he is not sure what they were purchased for or what the was plan when they were purchased. He stated it

seems that they are not doing enough particularly with regard to the Satterthwaite property. Mr. Benedetto asked his thoughts on public safety since Lower Makefield is on the cusp of Morrisville and Trenton. Mr. Treiber stated he feels Lower Makefield has a great Police Department as he sees a decent amount of Police presence, and he is not concerned about walking outside his house at night. He stated he does have a concern that a lot of the residents are in a big hurry, looking at cell phones, running stop signs, and speeding through neighborhoods; and while it is never popular, he would like to see the Police Department write more tickets. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Treiber about his thoughts with regard to Edgewood Village and tying in the Veterans Monument; and Mr. Treiber stated he feels Edgewood Village is a great concept, but without enough turning lanes and traffic mitigation, they could be looking at a "headache." He stated when they were planning for a location of the Veterans monument, they did take the Edgewood Village concept into consideration and felt that would make it a good place to have the monument since people may be visiting the Village and then walk down to the monument and vice versa. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Treiber about economic development and the liquor Referendum, and Mr. Treiber stated he was in favor of the Referendum as the businesses might benefit from it although he does not feel it would be a tremendous loss if they do not have it. Mr. Benedetto asked if he feels purchase of open space should be a priority; and Mr. Treiber stated at the time the Referendum was done in 2007 the citizens wanted it, but that was seven to eight years ago. He stated he would not want to make that decision himself and would want to put out another Referendum since a lot of things have changed especially given the new facts about the sewer problems that could cost the Township tens of millions of dollars. Mr. Treiber stated this is another instance of need versus want, and they need to have a sewer system. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Treiber his opinion about a long-term Lease for the Artists of Yardley and a long-term Lease for Mr. Stewart at Patterson Farm. Mr. Treiber stated he feels the Artists of Yardley is a great organization, and this is a good place for them; and he added they were very supportive of the Veterans monument helping raise funds with artwork that they donated. He stated he feels they would be equally involved with other ventures that other organizations would do in the Township.

INTERVIEW WITH ADRIAN COSTELLO

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Costello why he is interested in being Supervisor; and Mr. Costello stated it is the same reason he applied last January and also took up the offer to be on the Citizens Budget Committee which is that Lower Makefield is the first community they were able to stay in and feel a part of, and he feels it is important to be involved. He stated he has flexibility with his time. Ms. Tyler asked

what value Mr. Costello would add to the composition of the Board; and Mr. Costello stated he is a pretty analytical person, and when he worked at GE, the tougher the job, the more he was attracted to it, and he likes trying to solve problems. He stated he is independent and his concern is always solving the problem. Ms. Tyler stated he has done some important breakdowns for the Board while serving on Citizens Budget, and Mr. Costello stated being on that Board has given him an opportunity to see how things work in the Township and it has been a good learning experience. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Costello what other issues he sees as significant apart from the sewers; and Mr. Costello stated he cannot believe that they do not have a Finance Director. Ms. Tyler asked how he would describe the Township's current financial health; and Mr. Costello stated it seems that they are on top of it and on sound footing, but he feels it is a big distraction for Mr. Fedorchak as the operational leader and possibly they could have gotten on top of the sewer situation faster if he were not spending all this time putting Budgets together every year.

Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Costello about communications in the Township; and Mr. Costello stated they are taking some good steps. He stated it was very nice to get the Township Newsletter this year, but he feels there is still an opportunity to get onto things like Facebook where they could provide more detail and would be easier to get more information out to more people. He stated he feels the Township could set something up so that they were more proactive. He stated he recognizes that Facebook would have to be set up properly, and it cannot be a "free for all." He stated he tells people they should stop just venting about things, and they should come to the Township and get involved. Mr. Benedetto stated he knows Mr. Costello feels that open space is important because he has spoken about it at Supervisor meetings, and he asked his opinion now that they are aware of the sewer issue; and Mr. Costello stated while that is still a concern, he is an idealist, and when he voted for the Referendum in 2008, he voted for it knowing that he wanted that to happen no matter what else was going on in the Township, and it is as important to him now as it was then. He stated the economy has recovered a little bit in the last few years, and all he sees now are developments all over the place, and all the open spaces are going away. He stated if they want to expand their open space inventory, it has to happen pretty quickly. He stated he feels they should look at everything that is available and consider what they want the Township to look like. Mr. Benedetto asked what they should be doing at Edgewood Village. Mr. Costello stated he is in favor of this little Commercial area as it would benefit the Residential community; however, with the big development on the one corner and the historical homes, they are constrained with what they are able to do. He stated he is not interested in allowing an oversized building in there, because a developer says it is the only thing that they can do with it. Mr. Benedetto asked his thoughts about a long-term Lease at Patterson Farm for the Artists of Yardley and if he was interested in the property being continued to be farmed. Mr. Costello stated he feels there are amazing artists

in the community, and he cannot think of a better use than what the Artists of Yardley are doing there. He stated if they need a long-term Lease, he would be in favor of it. Mr. Benedetto asked Mr. Costello if he would run again in two years; however, Mr. Costello stated that is not in his thought process right now.

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Costello for his service to the community. He asked Mr. Costello his thoughts about retaining professionals noting that there were some issues raised that there may be some conflicts of interest recognizing that they are all fine professionals. Mr. Costello stated from what he heard at the meeting two weeks ago, that conflict should have been disclosed; and he felt that was at least enough of a potential conflict that the Township should have had the ability to make the decision. Mr. Smith stated Ms. Tyler assigned some matters out to the Counsel, and he feels she was "blind-sided." Ms. Tyler agreed that she had no idea about a potential conflict. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Costello the process he would follow to obtain a professional. Ms. Tyler stated how it is done now is that at the beginning of the year, the Board makes an appointment. Mr. Smith stated sometimes it does get down to "to the victors go the spoils." Mr. Costello stated as much as possible they should get away from that, and there should be a set of criteria they are looking for such as hourly rate, years of experience, levels of certification, recommendations, etc. Mr. Smith asked if they should have televised interviews, and Mr. Costello agreed. Mr. Smith stated there was a suggestion that one of their threshold questions should be whether they have any conflicts, and Mr. Costello stated he feels that would be appropriate. Mr. Smith stated Mr. Costello provided an on-line forum this past summer/fall, and he asked if he feels that was a good step. Mr. Costello stated he felt that the on-line forum that he and Mr. Ben Weldon had turned out was great, and he wished that everyone had participated. He stated it went as smoothly as they could have hoped. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Costello if he were appointed to the Board is there a Board or Commission to which he would want to be the Liaison, and Mr. Costello stated he does not have a particular interest area although he might ask for Citizens Budget since he already has a good working relationship with Mr. Menard. Mr. Benedetto stated he could possibly be the Liaison to the Artists of Yardley, and Ms. Tyler stated they have asked for one; and Mr. Costello stated he would like to do that. Mr. Costello thanked the Board for this opportunity.

Mr. Smith thanked all the candidates for coming out adding he feels the Board's process starting tomorrow is going to be extremely difficult because they had so many great candidates with great ideas. He stated he feels that whoever they select will be a fine individual. Mr. Benedetto stated he feels everyone did very well. Ms. Tyler stated one of the most remarkable things about the Township is that they have an incredible talent pool in Lower Makefield, and it is a very diverse community; and she is hopeful that they whoever they decide on that they welcome them to the Board and make a very significant, serious effort to go forward in a more professional manner in the year to come.

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There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Benedetto", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Jeff Benedetto, Secretary