

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on April 15, 2009. Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Ms. Appelton called the roll.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: Matt Maloney, Chairman
 Ron Smith, Vice Chairman
 Teri Appelton, Secretary
 Pete Stainthorpe, Treasurer
 Greg Caiola, Supervisor

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Chris Lanberger stated TPD has delivered the drawings for the Black Rock Road bikepath, and he looks forward to an expeditious review and approval. He suggested that the project be bid in two phases. He stated half of the project involves a stream crossing which will require DEP review which will take some time. The other section will improve the safety of the area, and he asked that this be done expeditiously. He stated he also got a copy of the Bikepath Master Plan which was drawn in 1988. He stated the U.S. Department of Energy now has Energy Conservation Block Grants available and bikepaths are a specific qualifying activity. He would suggest that there be an update and prioritization undertaken to meet the deadline of May 26th. Mr. Lanberger stated a Green Energy Workshop will be held this Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Township Building. He also noted the Third Annual Global Warming Conference will be held on Saturday, April 25 from nine to noon at the Township Building. Mr. Lanberger stated bids were received from Morrissey to do the sidewalks over the Canal, but they came in high, and Mr. Majewski will be looking into this further and will try to get other local bidders.

Mr. Fedorchak suggested that the Bikepath Master Plan issue go before the Park & Rec Board. Mr. Maloney stated the Park & Rec Board is not going to meet in April, and their next meeting will be May 12. Mr. Fedorchak stated he will discuss this with Ms. Liney to see about other meeting dates or conversations they can have with the Park Board members between now and early May. Mr. Fedorchak stated in the past when they had

Grant opportunities to extend the bikepaths, and they approached the residents about rights-of-way acquisition, the requests to residents that would have been effected were not well received.

Mr. Harold Koopersmith, 612 B Wren Song Road, asked that the Supervisors give him permission to make remarks from time to time on issues that have nothing to do with the Supervisors but do address the economy. Mr. Stainthorpe stated this is the Public Comment portion, and he may speak on any issue he wishes. Mr. Koopersmith asked if the Board has gotten any negative feedback about the increase in the sewer rates, and Mr. Fedrochak stated while there have been a number of inquiries, there have been few complaints.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BEING AWARDED 2009 GOVERNOR'S AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE IN PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. Rick Ewing, EAC Chairman, was present and stated this award recognizes Lower Makefield's commitment to environmental improvements and being pro active on a number of fronts. He stated Lower Makefield was the only Municipality in Pennsylvania to be awarded this as the other fourteen winners were Colleges and businesses. He read the Citation. Mr. Ewing stated many Township residents signed up for the wind energy program, and double the people needed in order to get the solar installation for the Township did sign up. He stated he has been advised that this solar system will be received by the end of the month. Mr. Ewing thanked Mr. Susan Mazatelli and Mr. Bray for their work on the initiatives. He also thanked the Board of Supervisors for their support. He stated a number of volunteers also worked on the Sub-Committee which was formed under the EAC working on the Cool Cities Initiative.

Mr. Maloney thanked all of the volunteers for putting these initiatives before the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Truelove stated he received notice today that the Award will be given by the Governor in Harrisburg on Wednesday, April 22.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Appelson moved, Mr. Caiola seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of April 1, 2009 as written.

DISCUSSION OF DEER MANAGEMENT PROPOSAL AND MOTION TO AWARD BID

Mr. Bryon Shissler was present. Mr. Maloney stated revised RFPs were received, and he asked for Mr. Shissler's opinion on these changes. Mr. Shissler stated nothing has changed on the Big Oak White Tail Management Bid. He stated both Eccologix and White Buffalo did have changes to their proposals as a result of asking them to adapt to the regulatory changes from the Pennsylvania Game Commission and their interpretation of how they would be impacted. He stated if the Board takes action this evening, he suggested that it be conditioned on meeting with the Game Commission to determine how they will interpret the regulations.

Mr. Shissler stated the Eccologix proposal is for a Township-wide program which is out of scope of the RFP in that the RFP was only for three Township properties. He stated other than this, the proposals have been adapted recognizing that bait is not available on public lands; and that with the new regulations the Game Commission has issued, training of volunteers may not be possible due to the rigorous qualifications that the Game Commission may now require. Mr. Shissler stated the original proposal from both Eccologix and White Buffalo was not so much to do a population reduction per se, but was to combine a population reduction with training of local people who would do those reductions long term. He stated previously the only requirement to operate under a Deer Control Permit was that you have a Pennsylvania Hunting License, and the person or organization that hired them would make sure that they were qualified. He stated now the Game Commission is requiring them to go through two levels of training, and at this point no one has gone through that training to date. He stated this means that if they were going to use volunteers, there is a much higher level of commitment on the part of the volunteers to be available and it may not be possible to find people willing to do this.

Mr. Shissler stated the current proposals now reflect the deer population reduction to be done by professional sharp-shooters and not volunteers, and they would not be training volunteers under these proposals. He stated the archery component would be volunteers who are recreational archers.

Ms. Appelton stated Eccologix has submitted a proposal that would be on a Township-wide basis and not just Township property, and Mr. Shissler agreed. Ms. Appelton asked if Big Oak White Tail needed to have access to private property in order to effectuate a hunt, and Mr. Shissler stated the only reason they would need access to private property is to use bait. He stated currently it is not legal to use bait by recreational hunters on Township land. He stated it is legal to use bait on Township land for a sharp shoot.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated on the revised pricing, White Buffalo prices went up even though they are not going to be doing any training. Mr. Stainthorpe stated he assumes the prices went up because in year 2, they will not be able to count on using volunteers; and they

would need the trained sharp shooters. Mr. Shissler stated in the original RFP, the focus in the initial year was training the volunteers; and in the revised proposal the Township was asking them to focus on reducing the deer herd as much as possible. He stated the prices come up because they are hiring more professional people.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Shissler to review the current proposals. Mr. Shissler stated White Buffalo submitted a proposal for an organized archery hunt using no bait as it addresses the three Municipally-owned properties where no bait is allowed. The price for this is \$9,950, and the second year is \$5,600 for a total for the two years of \$15,500. This would be for White Buffalo to come in and run a controlled archery hunt on the three Township properties. Their second proposal is to do a sharp shoot on those three properties with no training component with the first year at \$59,900 and year two at \$28,120 for a total for the two years of \$88,020. Mr. Shissler stated Eccologix submitted a proposal that includes an organized archery hunt followed with a sharp shoot. The first year would be \$51,228 and the second year \$52,765. Mr. Shissler stated Big Oak is proposing to organize an archery hunt at approximately \$7,000 for the three Township properties.

Mr. Smith asked if White Buffalo feels they need both the archery and the sharp shooting, and Mr. Shissler stated in their proposal they indicate that the archery is not a population management tool and is something that the Township asked that they provide as part of their proposal since the Pennsylvania Game Commission has indicated in their new regulations that you must have some form of recreational hunting in order to apply for a Deer Control Permit. Mr. Shissler noted they have not met with the Game Commission yet so they do not know what exactly will be required.

Mr. Caiola asked when they will discuss with the Game Commission exactly what they are going to require with regard to a recreational hunt in order to obtain the Deer Control Permit. Mr. Shissler stated in the past the Game Commission has allowed Municipalities and Homeowners' Associations to acquire a Permit if they had some form of recreation hunting as part of the program even if it did not take place on the same specific property. He stated under the new regulations it states, "Public lands within the proposed boundaries (referring to a Deer Control Permit area) shall be open to lawful public hunting unless otherwise prohibited under this title or as otherwise authorized by the Director. Private lands within the proposed boundaries may be closed to public hunting at the landowners' discretion; however, if closed, deer control activities may not occur thereon." Mr. Shissler stated there is some question as to what they mean by "public hunting." He stated the Director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission under this has the ability to waive it if he so chooses, and they will need to present the specifics for what is proposed by the Township and see what the Game Commission will require.

Mr. Maloney stated it appears they have made it more discretionary, but they have not necessarily eliminated any possibility; and Mr. Shissler agreed.

Ms. Appelson stated with White Buffalo the population management tool they are proposing is the sharp shoot, and the archery proposal really has to do more with a recreational hunt; and Mr. Shissler stated it has to do with meeting the Game Commission's criteria which is to have a recreational hunt in order to have a Deer Control Permit. Ms. Appelson asked if the Township has the ability to determine how they want to manage the recreational hunt and can the Township award that aspect of the contract to another organization such as Big Oak White Tail as the recreational component. Mr. Shissler stated the Township can do this, and the Game Commission will not require the Township to use White Buffalo, Eccologix, or Big Oak. He stated they are not sure exactly what the Game Commission is going to require, but he does not feel they have any interest in directing the Township as to what group they have to use to run a controlled recreational hunt. Mr. Shissler stated the Game Commission is funded nearly exclusively by recreational hunters, so it views its constituents as primarily the hunting population within the State; and so their Agenda is if you want a Permit, you must include a recreational hunt.

Mr. Maloney stated it seems that the Township could state they will open up the public lands and have a sharp shoot and at the same time allow recreational bow hunting on the property. He asked why the Township would need a management company to manage this. Mr. Shissler stated you would not; and if the Township chooses to open Five Mile Woods to recreational archery hunting they could do so provided they comply with all the laws of Pennsylvania. Mr. Maloney stated the Township could accept one of the bids for the sharp shoot component and indicate that the lands would also be opened up for archery hunters so there would be no reason to accept the archery part of the bid. Mr. Shissler stated while what Mr. Maloney has proposed is workable under the Game Commission's current system, the Township must determine if it would be prudent to open up public lands, and Mr. Maloney agreed.

Mr. Caiola asked Mr. Shissler if he has an opinion who might have some expertise in implementing non-lethal means of deer management. Mr. Shissler stated the only group that has this expertise is White Buffalo as they have done work on fertility control drugs. He stated if the question is which of the groups has the expertise to shift to a non-lethal methodology if that becomes available, it would be White Buffalo; but as has been discussed, that is currently not available.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Shissler if he is aware of any program using inoculations which would still allow the venison to be donated to a food bank, and Mr. Shissler stated use of fertility control is currently not approved for human consumption. He stated when they implement a program such as this, if done correctly, there would not be deer available for consumption as they would not be killing the deer. He stated currently in the State of Pennsylvania, if someone were to hit a deer with their car, they could take it home, butcher it, and legally consume it. In the State of Pennsylvania the requirements are that you would have to capture the deer and treat it, and you could not treat it remotely, as you

would have to tag the deer to let the public know that it has been injected with a product that has not been approved for human consumption.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Shissler if he has had an opportunity to observe deer in this area and determine the health of the deer in the area. Mr. Shissler stated this time of year as deer shift from their winter to summer coat, it can look as if they are not healthy; but a better judge of deer health is to consider the habitat, and Lower Makefield has very good habitat and he suspects the deer in the area are in excellent condition.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated everything he has read and heard from Mr. Shissler indicates that birth control methods have either not been approved or not proved effective at this time. He stated today he received an e-mail that discussed the PZB immunocontraceptive vaccine indicating that it has been used for over thirty-five years and has successfully reduced the wild, free-ranging deer populations at the National Institute of Standards in Maryland and Fire Island in New York. He asked Mr. Shissler his opinion of this e-mail. Mr. Shissler stated PZB has been around since the mid-80s, and it does work where you have control of the population such as on Fire Island and the Institute noted which is fenced. He stated in no landscape such as Lower Makefield Township where there is a free-ranging deer population have they been able to find any evidence that these techniques have been applied and work. He stated they are not approved as a management tool at this point. He stated they are available as a research tool if you want to become Permitted and find a partner who is willing to conduct scientific research using the Township as a laboratory; but to date nothing similar to the Township has had success in population management to meet the kind of goals the Township has laid out.

Mr. Maloney stated he was sent an e-mail by a member of the Big Oak White Tail Management group that asked him to clarify for the public an item which came up at the last meeting when Mr. Maloney asked about the fifty deer number that was given in their proposal, and they indicated that this was not to be considered a maximum on their part of the number of deer to be taken; and they feel they would be able to hunt many more deer than that.

Mr. Dave Kimball, Big Oak White Tail Management, noted the statement made by Mr. Shissler about private property. Mr. Kimball stated if the homeowners would allow them to use bait, they would do so. He stated the main reason they would like to use private property is because the deer tend to congregate where the food is, and to be successful they need to have access to the deer. He stated as indicated in their proposal, private property and access throughout the Township is the key to success. He stated when questioned by one of the Supervisors earlier whether not using bait on Township property would be an issue, he indicated that while it may slow them down and they may have to change tactics, they would still be successful on a Township-wide basis.

Mr. Kimball stated Mr. Shissler indicated the Big Oak proposal was for \$7,000, and he feels that they indicated that it was \$15,000. Mr. Smith stated he feels that this was a cap of \$15,000. Mr. Kimball agreed and stated the 50 deer number was predicated on the percentage of deer that would be donated to Hunters Sharing the Harvest, and they estimated possibly 35% of the deer harvested would be put into that program because the hunt would result in excess of what the hunters could use for themselves or give to landowners that would want to participate. Mr. Smith stated he received e-mails about the Pennel Food Bank, and he asked if Big Oak uses that facility. Mr. Kimball stated they do not have a specific food bank in mind and would probably utilize anyone that would want to accept the deer.

Mr. Kimball stated the Pennsylvania Game Commission sent him an e-mail earlier this year regarding the use of contraceptives and indicated that the Pennsylvania Game Commission will not issue a Permit for such activity because no contraceptive has been proven effective on wild, free-roaming white tail deer populations.

Mr. Joe Nitterhower, Eccologix, stated they turned in three bids. Ms. Lauren Fyfe stated the first bid was for sharp-shooting with training to take over the job as requested with the first RFP. She stated the second bid was in response to the request by the Township to modify the bid for sharp-shooting only, and the third bid requested was a hybrid program with recreational archery hunters to be screened through Eccologix and then supplemented with a sharp-shooting program outside of the hunting season.

Mr. Nitterhower stated Eccologix donated 990 pounds of deer meat to the Pennel Homeless shelter this year as a result of the Upper Makefield hunt and also used six to seven other food banks for a total meet donated of 4,983 pounds from Upper Makefield. When added to the first year hunt, the total donated is almost 9,000 pounds which equals over 35,000 meals for the homeless.

Mr. Smith asked the prices for the three bids submitted by Eccologix, and Ms. Fyfe stated Bid #1, Phase 1 was \$8,842, and Phase 2 was \$67,179.60. Bid #2 for a sharp shoot only without trainers was \$8,442.00 for Phase 1 with a lump sum yearly cost of \$46,179.60. She stated this was the bid for sharp shooting and the bid did not specify to remove Phase 1 costs off of year 2, so if you remove Phase 1 from Year 2, this would drop the price \$8,442. Bid #3 which was the hybrid program using archers and sharp shooters – Phase 1 was \$10,214.40 with lump sum yearly cost for Phase 2 \$41,014.

Mr. Caiola stated Mr. Shissler indicated that the RFP was not followed since it did not seem to be responsive to only the areas that the Township wanted covered. Mr. Shissler stated Phase 1 is essentially the work that leads up to removing deer, and Phase II is the actual removal. He stated the proposal covers the Township so that it is not just the three parcels and referred to the Township in general. Mr. Nitterhower stated their bid was just for the three Township-wide properties.

Mr. Len Campbell, Eccologix, stated he previously worked for the Game Commission. He stated recreational hunters by themselves are not as effective as managed recreational hunters. He stated no one is proposing that only recreational hunters be used. He stated in Upper Makefield, the managed recreational hunters harvested nearly 1,000 deer in two years. He stated 80% of those deer went to food banks. He stated with regard to the Permitting process, the Township applied for the Permit and the Township would then authorize sub-permittees to do the work. He stated Upper Makefield Township's most recent Permit denied non-residents to be designated as sharpshooter on the Permit, and he suspects this would be the case in Lower Makefield as well.

Mr. Maloney asked Mr. Campbell to explain the distinction between a recreational hunt and a managed recreational hunt. Mr. Campbell stated with a managed hunt you screen hunters for proficiency as opposed to recreational hunting which is not population management driven and is simply recreation. He stated Eccologix screens their hunters for proficiency and they then place limits such that each hunter would have to harvest a certain number of antlerless deer first before they would have an opportunity to harvest antlered deer. He stated during the season, they have managers who monitor the success rates of the hunters. He stated they do not recommend that they consider mixing sharp shooting and recreational hunting on the three Township properties at the same time because the deer under pressure twenty-four hours a day would result in a lower number of deer harvested as compared to the number if there was a sustained program of some type. He stated they do sustain pressure on the deer throughout an entire year but would never recommend placing pressure on just three properties with recreational hunters being there during daylight hours and sharpshooters there once the sun sets.

Mr. Stainthorpe asked if they did a sharp shoot in Upper Makefield, and Mr. Campbell stated the first year there was a managed recreational archery program only and they harvested approximately 600 deer. At the same time the regular recreational hunting was taking place which took an additional 100 deer. He stated previous to that recreational hunters only took 118 deer. The following year the combination of recreational hunters and managed recreational hunters took 700 antlerless deer. He stated the first year they did not do sharp shooting. Once they started pressuring the properties and the deer populations went down from those properties, it became necessary to seek Permits to get on to some of the areas that would not allow recreational hunting but would allow sharp shooting such as the Parks in Upper Makefield. This year, they waited until the hunting season was over and then did sharp shooting; and they have harvested 62 since February in eight shoots. He stated on the properties where they sharp shoot, they do not have recreational hunters and sharp shooters on the same properties.

Mr. Campbell stated currently the presentation is being done to Upper Makefield with their findings for Year 2, and they can provide a copy of this to the Lower Makefield Board of Supervisors. This will be provided to Mr. Fedorchak.

Mr. Smith stated he would like to hear from those involved with the Five Mile Woods. Mr. John Heilferty, Five Mile Woods Naturalist, was present. Mr. Smith stated at one of the prior Board meetings there was discussion by the group proposing non-lethal measures about possible reasons for the deforestation of Five Mile Woods including acid rain. He stated they also suggested the possibility of fencing of the Five Mile Woods. Mr. Heilferty stated acid rain exists and is an ongoing problem on the East Coast, but he does not feel this is what is causing the conditions they are seeing at the Five Mile Woods which he feels are a result of deer browse and the impact this is having on the native vegetative communities. He stated they have walked the property with very knowledgeable people including Dr. Ann Rhodes who is one of the best botanists in Pennsylvania and identified the problem twelve years ago. He stated Mr. Shissler came out in 2007 and showed the signs of deer impact on the Woods. He stated the most telling example of the problem are the results they have experienced over the last eight years as seen in the deer exclosures they have erected which keep deer out of a 30 meter square area. When compared to the correspondingly 30 meter staked areas adjacent to these exclosures, you can see that the vegetation in the area that has been fenced in which eight years ago looked identical to the 30 meter staked plots, has now come back as a result of excluding the deer from these areas. He stated it would be illogical to suggest that the difference is the result of acid rain or non-native earthworms as those would effect the vegetation both inside and outside of the exclosures.

Mr. Smith asked if they are planting the wrong kind of vegetation in Five Mile Woods, and asked if they could plant something that is deer resistant. Mr. Heilferty stated they do not plant in the Five Mile Woods as the purpose of the Five Mile Woods and the reason that taxpayers voted thirty years ago to preserve the property was because it represents a very unique, natural condition of coastal plain ecology in the State of Pennsylvania. He stated it also straddles the fall line which is the geological divide between the coastal plain and the piedmont regions and is one of the most unique and dramatic examples of the fall line on the East Coast. He stated the purpose of the preserve is to try to hold the property in trust and manage its existing condition. He stated there are certain things they try to do to try to maintain the integrity of the preserve. He stated they do try to manage invasive plant species from coming in and adversely impacting the community of the Five Mile Woods and the impacts of whitetail deer has been their other major effort which they felt warranted directed intervention.

Mr. Smith asked if it would make sense to fence in this 300 acre plot, and Mr. Heilferty stated they could spec out and bid a proposal to fence in the entire perimeter of what the Township owns and operate it as Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve does where they desire to have no deer. Mr. Heilferty stated he does not want to keep out all of the deer as the goal of the Five Mile Woods is to try to preserve a balanced ecosystem. He stated people also like to be able to see deer in their natural setting. He stated he also does not feel the adjoining residents would want them to exclude all the deer as this would push them out onto the adjoining properties and he does not feel this would address the

problem of deer/car collisions in this part of the Township. Mr. Heilferty stated he does not know how much it would cost to fence in the entire property. Mr. Heilferty stated there was a suggestion that they fence in certain portions of the Woods and allow the plants to rebound and then rotate those fences; but in his opinion he feels they need to reduce the deer numbers and he does not feel it is effective to move this many deer around on the property. He stated he has not come to these conclusions lightly as he is in the wildlife preservation “business” but this is a wildlife habitat issue and not just a deer issue. He feels they need to reduce deer numbers, and fencing does not reduce deer numbers.

Mr. Caiola stated the Environmental Advisory Council did vote in favor of culling the herd in the Five Mile Woods by a vote of four to one in order to maintain the forestation levels at the Woods and so that the Woods are not decimated further.

Mr. Truelove stated any Motion to approve a proposal should include a condition that it be subject to naming Lower Makefield Township as an additional insured and that there be adequate insurance coverage to the satisfaction of the Township solicitor and staff.

Mr. Maloney asked if there is any reason to believe that the management structure being represented by one group or the other is more or less favorable to the Township from a liability perspective, and Mr. Truelove stated the argument may be that the Township’s exposure may be limited by the fact that it is subject to immunity except for certain exceptions; but he is always insisting that they have insurance coverage anyway. He stated anything that would potentially go on private property would expose the Township to more potential liability because there would be a larger scope of activity; but as it relates to Township property, he feels they are all fairly equal adding that he is not a hunter. Mr. Maloney asked if based on the fact that this is all Permitted by the Game Commission, would this help the Township in terms of liability; and Mr. Truelove stated it would give the Township more comfort as they would be getting approve from the State Agency that sanctions this. Mr. Maloney stated the activity itself could not be deemed negligent since it is State sanctioned, and Mr. Truelove stated this would be true unless something were done outside of the scope that the State was not aware of when they sanctioned it.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated the Board has been discussing this for some time and Mr. Heilferty has been discussing the impact on the Woods since the early part of the decade. He stated he feels that no matter what they do tonight, probably half of the Township population will disagree with it. He stated he feels the Board needs to decide this based on the merits and on their own judgment and not what is politically expedient. He stated he feels there is a definite problem and there are too many deer to be sustained by this environment. He stated there is a safety issue with car crashes, and there were 72 deer/car crashes last year. If you add deer found by the side of the road and accidents that were not officially reported, there were 113. He stated there were only 413 total accidents in the Township

so 25% of the accidents are related to deer. He stated they do not have numbers on Lyme Disease for Lower Makefield specifically, but the numbers for the County are growing every year. He stated deer have devastated Five Mile Woods which is a frail eco-system; and while it does not cause crop damage on every farm, there a number of Farmland Preservation properties where the crop damage is significant. There is also damage to homeowners' plants by deer.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated he is not a hunter and has never fired a gun, and he takes no pleasure in seeing animals lose their lives, but the deer population has to be brought into balance. He stated he has listened to those recommending non-lethal methods; and while he appreciates their sincerity, all the research that has been presented by the experts and from what he personally has read there is nothing that scientifically supports the effectiveness of non-lethal methods. He stated fencing, lights, and birth control could be done in the future; but he feels they still need to do a hunt now to bring the population into balance. He stated he has looked at other hunts that have been done and other things that have been tried. He stated in Greenwich, CT they tried to trap and relocate deer at a cost of \$400 to \$3,000 per deer and 50% to 85% of those deer died when they were relocated. He stated birth control is experimental, and he does not see that as an effective alternative. He stated Milburn Township, New Jersey which is a community even more densely populated than Lower Makefield Township did a hunt and their deer/car collisions were reduced by 50% after the hunt. He noted a hunt which took place on an island in Maine and at the time there were 100 deer per acre with 13% of the residents having Lyme Disease. After deer management was implemented, by 2003 there were virtually no cases of Lyme Disease. He stated they eradicated the deer, and eventually there was not any larvae around. He stated he is not proposing that the deer be totally eradicated in Lower Makefield, but this tells him that the deer are a major carrier and a major means of spreading this disease. He noted another location in Connecticut where there were 100 deer per square mile and there were 30 cases of Lyme Disease per 100 homes. He stated they reduced the herd, and those cases dropped to 3 per hundred. Mr. Stainthorpe stated there was prior discussion about the "rebound effect;" and when he looked for scientific evidence about this, the only thing he could find was a study done in Union County, New Jersey which found no increase in birth rates or increase in incidence of twins or triplets after their hunt.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated he is convinced that they do have to do a hunt and he would like it done in a humane, cost-effective manner with measurable results. He stated the hunt itself will have to be safe, and he feels the best way to do this is through sharp shooters as they are highly trained with a good track record of safety; and it will get the Township where it needs to be quickly. He stated if the Board were to make a decision this evening, he would vote for White Buffalo and their sharp shooting program.

Ms. Appelton stated she is not a hunter, has never held a gun, and feels this is a difficult issue. She stated as Township Supervisors she feels that the Board has an obligation to preserve and protect not only the quality of life but also insure the safety and well being

of the residents. She stated the fact that there are more deer/car collisions now than ever before and the fact that Lyme Disease is on the increase is troublesome, and she feels they need to implement some sort of plan to reduce the deer population. She thanked the proponents of non-lethal methods for coming forward and proposing some alternatives to lethal population reduction; but unfortunately at this point in time none of those approaches are effective. She stated she does feel the Township should continue to look at non-lethal methods particularly noting the Streiter lights which the Township Manager is looking into. She stated while she feels they should look into non-lethal methods, she does not feel these will take them far enough and the herd needs to be thinned in the most effective and efficient manner. She stated cost is a factor and as representatives of the Township, the Board needs to take cost into account, but she feels they also must consider what is the most efficient and effective way to achieve the goal they want to achieve. She stated she also feels they need to consider what is the most humane approach. She stated she has concluded that sharp shooting is the most efficient, effective, and humane approach. She stated when White Buffalo made their presentation, they indicated that in 1.5 hours 4 sharp shooters would be able to eliminate 602 deer compared to archery which would take 25 archers twelve hours in order to eliminate 568 deer.

Ms. Appelson stated she would like the Township to continue to look into non-lethal methods as they go forward once the herd has been culled somewhat and any Contract entered into should be a one-year Contract, and they will re-evaluate after one year. She stated if she were to vote this evening, she too would choose White Buffalo as the organization that should do sharp shooting. Ms. Appelson stated if they are going to employ a managed recreational hunt, she would like to see Township residents engage in that hunt; and if they are able to award two Contracts, she would recommend that Big Oak White Tail fulfill the component that the Game Commission requires.

Mr. Caiola stated he agreed with Mr. Stainthorpe and Ms. Appelson on the type of hunt they need. He stated he feels if they have a hunt it should be done in the shortest period of time. He also feels they need to make a serious commitment to taking into consideration some of the non-lethal aspects. His concern is that if they do not do something now and continue to discuss this for two more years, the Five Mile Woods will be in even worse condition, and there will be even more deer/car collisions that may be prevented if they take these actions now. Mr. Caiola stated he met with Ms. Smith and Ms. Bray recently and made a commitment to them that while he feels the Township should move forward with a hunt at this time, the Township should also seriously consider proven non-lethal methods in the future. He stated he too would support White Buffalo. He stated there are still some unanswered questions including what type of recreational hunt they would have to have. He stated while he is sorry that they have to take this step, he hopes everyone appreciates that they are doing this after much deliberation. He stated if they get into a situation where they are going to utilize bow hunters for a recreational hunt, he would support Big Oak White Tail Management.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Appelson her recommendation as to using local archers, and Ms. Appelson stated if the Pennsylvania Game Commission requires a recreational hunt in addition to the population-reduction program, she would prefer seeing local Lower Makefield hunters engage in that as opposed to hiring an outside company and she would be in favor of Big Oak White Tail Management doing this. Mr. Smith asked if there has been a recommendation from the Park & Recreation Board, and Mr. Stainthorpe stated Mr. Heilferty has presented this to the Park Board for many years, but there has not been a specific vote from them.

Mr. Smith stated this problem goes back a number of years. He stated he is concerned about Lyme disease, deer/car collisions, and the economic impact to the local farmers. He stated the Supervisors must also consider the cost of a deer management program. Mr. Smith stated he feels they should be able to incorporate both lethal and non-lethal options in a deer management program. Mr. Smith stated he does not feel they should proceed with the most expensive program and instead should begin with a pilot program and make use of the volunteer archers who are willing to take on the task at little or not charge to the Township. He stated he has seen the Big Oak White Tail Management training program; and while he is not a hunter, he feels they are proficient individuals in what they do. He suggested that they start out with a pilot program for no more than two years, take a portion of the money that would have been saved on a more expensive program, and put that toward non-lethal measures such as the lights discussed, signage, and education; and then review the results in two years to see if this has been effective. He stated he would prefer not spending over \$88,000 and instead go with Big Oak at a cap of \$15,000.

Mr. Maloney stated the impetus for this has been to restore the bio-diversity of the Five Mile Woods which he feels is the primary goal. He stated he also wants to do everything he can to keep farming viable in the Township. He stated some of the farmers in the Township have indicated they are losing up to 20% of their crop in a year to deer. He stated he is also concerned about traffic issues recognizing that the drivers also need to take responsibility for their driving habits as well. Mr. Maloney stated the residents have reminded the Board that they need to do things as cost effectively as possible. He stated he feels they need to balance fiscal and other interests. He stated he also feels they need to take advantage of the strong bow-hunting tradition that exists in Pennsylvania. Mr. Maloney stated he would like to see the Township on an on-going basis have a policy as to how lethal and non-lethal methods can co-exist. He stated they should consider whether they want this to be part of the EAC's mandate from the Board of Supervisors or form a new group whose job would be to take advantage of opportunities through private or public grants to consider non-lethal methods. He stated Mr. Fedorchak and Mr. Majewski have already done a lot of research on the non-lethal options that were suggested.

Mr. Maloney stated he feels they should approve an annual contract and every year the Board will review this following the hunt and consider the effectiveness from a financial and operational perspective to determine if they want to go forward with it again. He does not feel a two-year program is in the Township's best interest as the Board should be reviewing this every year.

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Caiola seconded to do a one year program with the Big Oak group and after completion of one year that there be a review of the archery method conditioned on naming the Township as an additional insured and that there be adequate insurance coverage satisfactory to the Township solicitor and staff and that it be approved by the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Ms. Jeanne Bray, Terracedale Road, thanked the Board for listening to all of the points of view. She stated Mr. Maloney was quoted in one of the newspaper articles that since the Township had paid an expert to advise the Township, they have to go with the expert; and she stated Mr. Shissler, who was the expert, indicated that archery is not effective. Ms. Bray stated that Ms. Appelton indicated that the numbers had gone up every year for Lyme Disease and deer/car collisions, but Ms. Bray stated they do not have any of that information so it is possible that Lyme Disease cases in Lower Makefield could have gone down as could have deer/car collisions. She asked how they are going to evaluate the effectiveness of a one year program if they have nothing to compare it to. Mr. Maloney stated while his quote in the paper was correct, he was answering the question of whether or not they should have someone else review the process.

Mr. Jeffrey Moore, Upper Hilltop, stated while he is a hunter he feels it is good that there are people looking into non-lethal methods; and they should continue to pursue this. Mr. Smith stated he feels everyone agrees that the lethal and non-lethal methods are not mutually exclusive, and they can have both. He stated no matter what they approve this evening, he is hopeful that they will not neglect pursuing the non-lethal measures. Ms. Appelton stated with regard to the immunocontraceptives, as years go by something may receive FDA approval and it may be more effective and they could consider that and possibly not have another hunt. Mr. Maloney stated given the fact that anyone who hits a deer with their car can take it home and eat it, they must make sure that the chemicals entering the food supply are safe.

Mr. Norman Shachat, 382 Tall Meadow Lane, stated after reading the report by the consultant, listening to most of the presentations, and reading the Minutes, he concludes that the most humane and effective method to cull the deer herd is the sharp shoot proposed by White Buffalo. The cost of \$60,000 for the first year and \$25,000 for the second year is trivial on a per household basis which he estimates would result in \$7 per household over the two year period. He stated he appreciates the views of those who oppose killing animals, but none of the input or his own experience convinces him that non-lethal methods are effective. He stated perhaps they can find some solace in the

knowledge that the venison will go to feed poor and needy people. Mr. Shachat stated he also understands the positive motivation of the bow hunters in the area of pursuing their pastime while doing good for the community; and while he commends them for their willingness to volunteer their efforts, he does not believe bow hunting is as humane or effective as sharp shooting. Mr. Shachat urged the Board to authorize a two year sharp shoot program and to implement it as quickly as possible and that they authorize a volunteer committee or perhaps a subcommittee of the Environmental Advisory Council to continue to investigate non-lethal approaches which might be implemented two years hence.

Ms. Sue Herman asked the Board to include in any Motion tonight the establishment of a Citizens Deer Management Commission that would become effective immediately so that proponents of the non-lethal methods and others can be part of that Commission and can be researching and bringing education to the Township and the public as to what can be done through the residents' own behaviors to better co-exist with the deer. She stated since it appears that a hunt is going to be approved, she would prefer that it be a sharp shoot as she believes this is more humane. She would support a yearly review.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated while he has gone on record as being opposed to new committees if they do consider this, he feels it should be separate from whatever they decide with regard to a hunt. He stated the Board has delayed in making a decision on what to do about the deer, and he would not want there to be a delay because they need to form another committee. He stated there could be future discussion on the formation of such a committee. Ms. Herman stated she would then ask that they put on the next Board Agenda a vote concerning a Citizens Deer Management Commission. Mr. Maloney stated in the interest of keeping this orderly and trying to work as efficiently as possible, he feels the best way to proceed would be a Resolution requesting that the EAC provide the Board with a quarterly or semi-annual report on ideas; and the EAC could work with other groups of people in the community interested in this. He stated he does not feel the Board of Supervisors needs to go through the process of interviewing and selecting members of another committee. Mr. Smith agreed that this is something that fits within the EAC auspices, and he feels they should be able to handle this. He does not feel they need to have a new committee. Mr. Maloney stated any Committee is a public meeting, and the public could become involved in this.

Ms. Virginia Torbert stated it appears that the Board has made their decision to have a hunt with a majority in favor of sharp shooting. She stated she does not feel the Board should have announced their decision to the newspaper two weeks prior to the meeting. Ms. Torbert stated she does agree that a sharp shoot would be the most humane way to proceed, but it appears from what has been stated this evening the Game Commission will require that there be an archery hunt as well. Mr. Smith stated no matter which way they choose, they do have to have archery. Ms. Torbert stated while this is true,

Mr. Shissler has indicated that sharp shooting is the most effective. She stated if they have to have archery, they should only do it to get the Permit needed to allow the sharp shoot. Ms. Torbert stated from what she read, Mr. Shissler is the best expert in Pennsylvania and possibly the Country, and she feels the Board should take his advice. Ms. Torbert stated if the intention is to hire White Buffalo, she understands that they are not a local company; and she asked if they have sharpshooters who are approved to hunt in Pennsylvania. Mr. Stainthorpe stated any Contract awarded would be contingent on approval by the Game Commission. Ms. Torbert stated she also feels that there are Ordinances that may need to be modified to permit a hunt, and Mr. Truelove stated he will have to look into this. Mr. Caiola stated he believes Eccologix did indicate that this may have to be done. Mr. Maloney stated he would hesitate to amend the Ordinances until they are certain what program they will be going forward with.

Ms. Karmann Yusishen, 19 West Ferry Road, stated she would like to know if the deer exclosures are also people exclosures. She stated she uses the Five Mile Woods frequently with her children; and while children do not always stay on the path, they do stay out of the deer exclosures. She stated she does not feel the pristine environment they get growing in a deer exclosure is indicative of what could be achieved in Five Mile Woods even if they fenced it all in. She stated it is an urban park and is under a lot of pressure from foot traffic. Ms. Yusishen stated while the Board has indicated they have been discussing this for a long time, she feels that they could have taken “baby steps” over the years before they got to this point; and she would recommend that they take those steps first such as signs.

Mr. Smith stated as part of his proposal, he recommended that the savings achieved by using Big Oak White Tail Management could be utilized for other non-lethal things such as education, signage, etc. Ms. Yusishen stated she feels a lot of this could have been done already to see what could have been achieved before killing the deer. Mr. Maloney stated it is their belief that there are too many deer and this is an important distinction that traffic controls and lights are not going to change by virtue of keeping the deer off the road. He stated there are too many deer in the Woods and on the farmlands.

Ms. Yusishen stated there are things that farmers can do and she noted a type of tape which can be used by farmers. She noted one of the deer/car collisions that occurred last year happened to one of her neighbors who while driving saw a deer and slowed down and the driver behind her took offense to this and tail-gated her aggressively and when she sped up, she hit the deer. She stated aggressive drivers are a big problem and signage and education are important.

Mr. Dave Shuster, representing Big Oak White Tail Management Association, thanked the Board for their time and the opportunity given to his group to present their Plan. He stated archery is a practical, economical, and effective way to manage the deer in a

residential setting and has been effective in harvesting game animals for hundreds of years. He stated their archers are experienced and will meet strict standards. He stated as a Township taxpayer, he is dismayed by some of the discussions he has heard. He stated a sharp shoot will be more expensive and will kill any deer regardless of age or sex from February 1 to September 30 at any hour of the day or night using Class III suppressed, center file rifles which is the type of silenced firearm which requires ATF approval. He stated there was also discussion as to whether or not there are residency restrictions to being a sharpshooter. He stated sharp shooting does have its place and is commonly used at airports where there are large, wide open spaces; but he does not feel using sharp shooting in a residential area is appropriate. He stated the idea of training new sharp shooters is prohibitive given the new Pennsylvania Game Commission regulations and the Special Class III ATF Permits that are now required.

Mr. Shuster stated if the Board is going to proceed with a sharp shoot, he would suggest that they use a local company rather than going to an out of State company. He stated Eccologix has sharp shoot capacity, and he feels the Board should support this local company. Mr. Caiola stated the reason they were considering going with the out of State company was because they were less expensive than Eccologix. Mr. Stainthorpe stated he was concerned with the cost and also with the level of expertise adding that White Buffalo has done hunts all over the United States and in other countries as well. Mr. Shuster stated if a sharpshooter were to have passed the new Pennsylvania Game Commission regulations, they would all be the same. Mr. Shuster stated Eccologix has also proven that an archery-based program will work as shown through their program in Upper Makefield.

Mr. Shuster stated if there is going to be a committee formed, he would be willing to serve on such a committee to consider both lethal and non-lethal options. He stated he feels Township Ordinances would preclude the type of fencing that would be necessary to keep out deer as a deer fence would typically have to be eight to ten feet high. He stated with regard to contraception, deer can live eighteen years; and if they were to treat a deer, they would likely have to re-capture the deer and do it over and over again.

Mr. Shuster recommended two non-lethal methods that would be practical, functional, and inexpensive. He stated the first would be to pass an Ordinance that would prohibit feeding deer on residential property. He stated it is also important to cut the vegetation back away from the roadway in areas which are heavily wooded which would help with deer/car collisions as this would force the deer to come out into the open where they would be more visible before they run across the road which would give drivers an opportunity to see the deer and slow down or take evasive action. Mr. Stainthorpe stated making it illegal to feed deer and imposing fines was done in a Township in New Jersey in conjunction with their hunt, and he feels this is something the Board should strongly consider. Mr. Maloney asked Chief Coluzzi if he feels there are places in the Township where deer/car collisions occur where vegetation could be trimmed back; and Chief

Coluzzi stated he could do this evaluation along with Mr. Hoffmeister and come up with a list of locations.

Ms. Marcie Maloney stated she is very sorry that some of the Board members are in favor of a bow hunt. She noted the e-mail sent by Rich Shaginaw a five year resident who is concerned with the proposed white tail deer kill. He stated he owns a 2.3 acre deed-restricted parcel in Lower Makefield which is along Rock Run where the deer play a major role in keeping the yearly explosion of saplings and assorted invasive vegetation to a minimum, preserving the health of their woods and other plants on the property. He noted the impact to Tyler State Park as a result of the deer kills which has turned a vibrant forest with a rich, healthy under story into a woods clogged with fungus-ridden underbrush. He also indicated that in 2006 workers at the Penn State Center for Infectious Disease Dynamics found that reducing the deer population in small areas may lead to higher tick densities resulting in more cases of tick borne diseases. He feels there is very little substance behind the arguments for a deer kill in Lower Makefield.

Mr. Steve Bonner, Hamilton Drive, stated he appreciates that they are considering the Township Budget and feels they should make use of local residents since they are volunteering.

Mr. Ethan Shiller, 367 Lang Court, stated he is the Chairman of the Citizens Budget Committee and is concerned with the impact to the Budget. He stated each month the Citizens Budget Committee looks at the Budget to see where they can save money. He stated this year they have been working very hard to try to avoid what could happen in 2010 as there is the forecast that there could be an increase of several mills. He stated they have been trying to prioritize and save dollars to roll over from the General Fund from this year to next year. He stated currently there is a \$12,000 line item under Five Mile Woods for deer management and another \$50,000 line item under the Capital Reserves. He feels the Board should be fiscally-conservative and try to save some money and choose the less expensive route.

Ms. Maria Kane, Fairfield Road, stated she has collected over 200 signatures of those opposed to a deer hunt. She stated she is a registered nurse and looked at the CDC Website and there are no statistics about the number of deer and Lyme Disease for Lower Makefield. She feels there will be no baseline to determine if a deer hunt is working. She stated with regard to the deer/car collisions, she walks on Woodside Road every day and the speed limit is 35 miles per hour. She stated any deer that are hit are because people are driving 60 miles per hour. She feels they should consider accountability both in driving and with regard to protecting yourself against Lyme Disease.

Mr. Jeffrey Moore, Upper Hilltop, stated at the last meeting he heard that the sharp shooters would use bait to get the deer to condense in one area so that they can be shot in a safe area. He stated it was his understanding that they are no longer allowed to use bait; and Ms. Appelson stated you can bait for sharp shooting, you cannot bait for archery.

Mr. Harold Koopersmith commended the Board for looking into this problem, doing research, and making a hard decision. He stated good governance demands that they address problems and make their best judgment.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated while he is in favor of saving money, he feels they also need to get the best value for their dollar. He stated this is not the first time a deer hunt has been done and they know what is the most effective way. He feels the best value for the dollar and the best way to get this done most effectively and efficiently is with the sharp shoot. Mr. Maloney stated in Upper Makefield they did have a demonstratively, successful two-year experience with an archery program; and while he respects Mr. Shissler's opinion that a sharp shoot would be the most efficient, he is trying to balance this concern with that of the Township finances.

Ms. Appelson stated she continues to have concerns with an archery hunt and the comment that has been made a number of times by Big Oak White Tail where they indicated they would need to have access to private property in order to be successful especially in light of the fact that they are unable to use bait on Township land; and in order to achieve the type of results that have been achieved in Upper Makefield, they would have to have access to private land and seek the approval of private homeowners to make certain they are allowed to go on their land as well as adjacent homeowners to make sure that once a deer has been shot and wanders off onto adjacent land, the adjacent homeowners do not have a problem with this. She stated the concept of a hunt in general is difficult for her; and she feels they should limit it to Township property and that it be done in an effective and efficient manner that is quick and humane. She feels in the long run this will be more cost effective, and they can consider this again in one year and re-assess.

Motion did not carry as Mr. Maloney and Mr. Smith were in favor and Ms. Appelson, Mr. Caiola, and Mr. Stainthorpe were opposed.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved and Mr. Appelson seconded to award a contract to White Buffalo to conduct a sharp shoot conditioned on naming the Township as an additional insured, that there be adequate insurance coverage satisfactory to the Township solicitor and staff, and that it be approved by the Pennsylvania Game Commission for a one year period and that it be conditioned on White Buffalo accepting this as a one-year Contract.

Mr. Caiola asked why they are only approving a one-year Contract as opposed to two years. Mr. Stainthorpe stated he has concerns with the Game Commission and the potential of their changing the rules.

Motion carried with Mr. Maloney and Mr. Smith opposed.

A number of people present expressed concern that there was no public comment on the Motion.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously carried to rescind until after public comment.

Mr. Dave Kimball stated he is a Pennsylvania hunter and on the Board of Directors of the United Bow Hunters of Pennsylvania. He stated he felt there was a comment made earlier this evening that the Pennsylvania Game Commission had made it clear that any sharp shooter would have to be a resident of Pennsylvania. Mr. Stainthorpe stated that comment was made, and the Board indicated that the Motion would be contingent on approval by the Game Commission.

Mr. Charlie Davis, 1104 Irving Road, asked what were the first year bids for White Buffalo and Eccologix. Ms. Appelton stated the first year bid for White Buffalo was \$59,000 and for Eccologix it was \$67,000. Mr. Davis asked if this included a recreational archery hunt, and Mr. Maloney stated it did not and it was just for the sharp shooting. Mr. Davis stated he does not understand why the Board would award this to an out-of-State company, and Mr. Maloney stated it was indicated that it was a matter of cost and the efficiency of the White Buffalo program.

Ms. Gail Whitman, Falls Township stated as a Pennsylvania resident she does not understand the argument that one method is more humane than the other. She stated she travels through the Township regularly and she feels they should have better signage. She stated she shops at Charlann Farm and when she slows down to turn in their driveway, her car has been nearly hit from behind. She stated she feels the deer/car collisions may have something to do with the speeds being traveled on the roads in the Township. She stated in the current economic situation, the Board should be considering the taxes and how much the Township will be spending on this.

The vote was taken again, and the Motion carried with Ms. Appelton, Mr. Caiola and Mr. Stainthorpe in favor, and Mr. Maloney and Mr. Smith opposed,.

Mr. Maloney suggested that the Board consider whether they should form a new committee to consider deer management and the structure and orientation of such a committee or whether it should be a directive to the EAC, and this matter will be put on the Agenda for the Board's meeting of May 6.

Mr. Caiola stated if it is determined that they will need a recreational hunt in addition to the sharp shoot, they will need to consider how to structure this as well. Mr. Maloney stated this will depend on what the Pennsylvania Game Commission advises.

GRANT EXTENSION OF TIME TO CAPSTONE TERRACE

Mr. Caiola moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to grant an extension of time to Capstone Terrace Final Plan to 10/23/09.

SIGNING LINENS FOR KRAMER/CINO LOT LINE CHANGE

It was agreed to sign the linens following the meeting once they are made available by Mr. Truelove.

ZONING HEARING BOARD MATTER

With regard to the Barry Rush, 1604 Thistlewood Drive, Appeal of the Determination of the Zoning Officer dated 2/19/09 regarding a Permit issued to construct a residential dwelling with an attached two-story custom garage having a height of 35 feet and a rear yard setback of 50 feet, property located at 1707 Dyers Lane, Washington Crossing, Chanticleer Lot 15, Tax Parcel No. 20-3-43-11, Ms. Appelson moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to have the Solicitor appear in opposition. Mr. Truelove stated the matter is currently in litigation.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2189 – AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE PA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A GRANT TO CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT MEMORIAL PARK

Mr. Fedorchak stated this Resolution will authorize the staff to make a Grant Application for Phase III Memorial Park improvements to include development of everything with the exception of the “chimney area.” This would involve extending the roadway system, additional parking, tennis courts, trail system, and a handicapped-accessible children’s playground which they feel will be a very unique feature. This Application must be into the State by April 22. Mr. Fedorchak stated Ms. Mazzitelli and Mr. Majewski have been working very hard on this, and he asked that the Board approve its submission.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. Caiola seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Resolution No. 2189.

SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Mr. Caiola stated with regard to the Economic Development Committee, the mock-up of the Township map will be available shortly and will hopefully be printed in May. He stated they did get a good response from area businesses to be advertisers. Mr. Caiola stated they will be sending out a questionnaire to the businesses that took part in the "Meet and Greet" to get their feedback on that event and on locations they may want to have this in the future. Mr. Caiola noted the May 3 Historic properties tour.

Ms. Appelson stated the Heritage Conservancy approached the Planning Commission recently asking whether they would consider recommending to the Board of Supervisors the designation of Route 32 as a Pennsylvania Scenic By-Way. This will require a Resolution and Ordinance in order to have this approved. The Planning Commission did recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve this. Other Board members noted they did see this presentation last year and were not in favor of it at that time. Ms. Appelson stated on April 25 from 9 to 12 there will be a Global Warming Conference at the Township Building.

Mr. Smith stated Special Events is planning an event to be held June 30 which will be a movie night. Mr. Smith stated the Special Events Committee may want to make a presentation about this to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Fedorchak was asked to schedule this for May 6. Mr. Smith stated the Veterans Committee is meeting this evening to consider additional fundraising events in order to raise money for Veterans Square. Mr. Smith stated there will be a vacancy on the Citizens Traffic Commission as Mr. McClish has tendered his resignation. Mr. Smith noted his great service to the Township. He stated the West Ferry group will meet on April 29 in the Township Building.

Mr. Maloney stated he has been informed that the T-Mobile Zoning Hearing Board matter is going to be deferred until May. Mr. Maloney stated the Farmland Preservation Corporation met and elected new Officers. Mr. Maloney stated on May 2 from 9 to 3 they will hold a Hazardous Waste and computer collection at the Corporation Center at 770 Township Line Road. He stated they will not take latex paint as you dry this out and put it out with the regular trash. They will accept oil based paints and other toxins and old electronic equipment especially those containing silicon and mercury which should not be put out with the regular trash which goes to the landfill and can pollute the environment.

AWARD 2009-2010 STONE BID

Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. Caiola seconded and it was unanimously carried to award the 2009-2010 Stone Bid to BM (Hanson Aggregates) from the Penns Park Plant through the Bucks County Consortium.

AWARD CONTRACT FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

Ms. Appelton moved and Mr. Caiola seconded to award the Contract for Building Inspection Services to Keystone Municipal Services, Inc. contingent on Solicitor review and approval. Motion carried with Mr. Maloney opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Maloney requested that Mr. Truelove draw up an Ordinance that will amend the current Code to require the provision of electronic documents for all possible submissions to the Township for land use and Zoning Applications. He stated this will minimize the number of paper copies provided to the Township based on those who have already indicated to Mr. Fedorchak that they require paper copies. He stated the requirements of the Ordinance should also indicate that the names of the files need to be clearly identified and that those files be available not only electronically to members of Boards and Commissions but to the public at large through the Township Website. He stated Mr. Truelove should also draft a Resolution that indicates that all Meeting Minutes and other similar materials for all Boards and Commissions will be provided electronically as opposed to in paper in the future.

Mr. Smith stated he agrees with this noting that the Pennsylvania Court system is also moving rapidly to a mandatory e-file system wherever they can. Mr. Smith stated he had also indicated some time ago that he would be in favor of having the Township Newsletter being done electronically as well so that it could be picked up off of the Township Web page; and if necessary for those who do not have a computer that they be provided a paper copy. It was noted the intention is to save money being spent on paper and the impact the paper has on the environment.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Caiola moved, Ms. Appelton seconded and it was unanimously carried to appoint the following: Henry Carpenter to Park & Recreation, Ken Martin to Historic Commission, Laura Brandt, Alan Dresser, and James Bray to the Environmental Advisory Council,

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Ellen Slott Fisher and Robert Smith to Economic Development, James Frawley and Jeffrey Gusst to Emergency Management.

There being no further business, Mr. Caiola moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teri Appelson, Secretary