

Lower Makefield Township  
Cable Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
May 14, 2009

Present: Zachary Rubin, Chair  
Marilyn Bydalek  
Deborah Gable

Dave Kelliher  
Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor Liaison

Others: Joshua Waldorf arrived as meeting ended

The May 14, 2009 meeting of the Cable Advisory Council of Lower Makefield Township was called to order by Chairman Rubin at 7:30PM.

Approval of Minutes – Dave moved to approve the March 12, 2009 minutes, Marilyn seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved as written.

Verizon Public Access Channel – Zack introduced Ron Workman to the group; Mr. Workman was representing Morrisville Presbyterian Church, with regard to their request that LMT provide a public access channel for Verizon users. There are members of his church who are not able to attend in person and have Verizon. The CAC had discussed it at several meetings in the past, and voted to put this issue on hold, particularly since Morrisville Presbyterian Church is the only entity that has requested this service. Dave explained that the cost would be between \$8,000 and \$10,000 because of the need to purchase a modulator, series of DVD players, and a character generator. In addition, there is a lot of work involved such as setting up guidelines, monitoring the channel, etc.

Mr. Workman understood the concerns but asked if it would be appropriate to ask the Board of Supervisors if they would consider allowing the service to be shown on the government channel. Zack suggested that Pete could put it on the agenda for a BOS meeting, and, at that meeting, Zack could give the Supervisors the CAC's recommendation. Zack said the Council could research other government channels to see if there are religious services shown. Ron understood that the government channel is run by the Township, and includes only Township information. Ron said that, at this time, the Church has no other way to provide the service to those people who cannot attend in person, and have Verizon, and the government channel would only be accessed until another option is available. Pete suggested it is cleaner and better to have public access through Verizon and Comcast. Zack asked if anyone would like to make a motion to recommend in favor of allowing the Church to use the government channel. When no one made the motion, Zack assured Mr. Workman that Morrisville Presbyterian will be the first priority when discussion of a Verizon public access channel is again on the agenda.

Update on the Comcast Above Ground Pedestals – Since Bob Smith, of Comcast, was unable to attend the meeting, Zack reported that Bob has been in negotiations with Terry Fedorchak, LMT Manager. Dave asked if there have been any complaints about service; Zack said he is not aware of any.

Enhancement of the Government Channel – Zack had met with some of the committees in the Township and talked about getting slides from them, to enhance the government channel; so far, none has been received. Zack and Dave met with Terry, who said he does not have a problem with their asking for slides, though he suggested they request multiple slides. Dave felt that we should start with one, and

perhaps build from there. Dave has volunteered to make a template, which he expects to have completed by the end of next week. He will send copies to CAC members; Marilyn suggested that this will help in getting slides to the Township between now and September, when the next CAC meeting will take place. As of now, there are four DVD players; Terry said it would not be a problem to add three more players since the cost is nominal. With regard to indexing the BOS meetings, Terry likes the idea and requested costs. Dave said a scaled down version of a character generator, which would be needed for the indexing, would be \$4,000-\$5,000.

Pete suggested that the Committee is on the right track and might even consider expanding – think about becoming the LMT Communications Board. The Committee could be the focal point for enhancing communication to the public, could perhaps roll in the website. This might help to create more of a mission and to get more people on board. He said the first step would be for the CAC to develop a mission statement. Pete will then get it on the agenda for a Board of Supervisors meeting.

Zack mentioned that the police will know by June 1 if LMT will get grant money from Met Life. This money would be used to develop a video of Chief Coluzzi that can be added to the government channel, in the event there is a need to notify the residents of an emergency.

Given that there was no old business or new business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15PM. The next meeting of the Cable Advisory Council will be held on September 10, at 7:30PM, at the LMT municipal building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanne Bray, Recording Secretary