

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MINUTES – JANUARY 17, 2018

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on January 17, 2018. Mr. Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and called the Roll.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors:        John B. Lewis, Chairman  
   Fredric K. Weiss, Vice Chair  
   Kristin Tyler, Secretary  
   Daniel Grenier, Treasurer

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lewis opened Public Comment asking that the comments be kept concise and that if the question is a direct question for an individual Board member, that it be made clear that they are asking them a direct question. He stated in general you will be recognized for three minutes of uninterrupted time.

Mr. Harold Kupersmit, 612 B Wren Song Road, asked if three minutes is the new rule; and Mr. Lewis stated he does not want anyone to feel like they are being interrupted. Mr. Kupersmit congratulated the two new Supervisors. Mr. Kupersmit stated with regard to the waste treatment facility he cannot understand what is going to be done, if anything, as he has contacted the five Representatives and the Government agencies, and they have not said anything. Mr. Kupersmit stated the Board of Supervisors authorized an expenditure of approximately \$3 million on November 15, and he asked the Supervisors to rescind that expenditure until he can get the issues clarified. He stated he understands that this is a worldwide issue, and there is no satisfactory plant anywhere in the World so the technology has to be invented from scratch. He stated as a citizen of Lower Makefield Township, he does not feel it makes any sense to spend \$3 million at this time.

Mr. Kevin Treiber, Sherwood Drive, stated he understands that tomorrow is a Citizens Traffic Commission meeting where they will be discussing the Makefield Road Traffic Study that was completed recently. He stated he will be unable to

attend that meeting or the next two Supervisors meetings. He stated his son, Shane, is also present this evening who is a Fifth Grader at Makefield and is also a safety who brought some of the situations on Makefield Road to his attention.

Mr. Treiber stated he has read the Traffic Study and the recommendations, some of which he feels are great recommendations; however, he stated regardless of the recommendations of the Citizens Traffic Commission he asked the Board of Supervisors to consider reducing the speed at least on some parts of Makefield Road to twenty-five miles per hour which is the same speed that every Elementary School has in front of their School in the Township. He stated Makefield does not have that, and it is thirty-five miles per hour during non-School hours across the entire stretch. Mr. Treiber stated there a number of members of Boy Scout Pack 95 present this evening, and he is the Pack Master. He stated they are after-hour users, at the School and would like to see it safer in the area.

Mr. Treiber stated Makefield is a narrower street than Edgewood which is a wide road with sidewalks on both sides, and the speed limit there is twenty-five miles per hour. He stated Makefield is very narrow with hardly any shoulder in many places and has no sidewalks. He stated there was a death on that road although it was not attributed to illegal speed. He stated he hopes the Board will consider working with the CTC; and hopefully, their recommendation will come back to lower that speed limit at least in some areas.

Mr. Treiber discussed the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile which is referenced in the Traffic Study which he stated is apparently an acceptable percentile of what Townships Nationwide feels is okay; but for the 15% that might be speeding, there were some statistics shown that there are people traveling over sixty miles per hour in some cases, and there was one incident of someone driving over seventy miles per hour on Makefield Road which is unacceptable. Mr. Treiber stated he has had discussions with Chief Coluzzi, and he understands that the Police Officers are doing as much as they can; but unfortunately in Pennsylvania there is only so much the Police can do because they cannot use radar so already the Police Department is at a disadvantage. Mr. Treiber stated he feels there is more that they can do to raise awareness in the Township. He stated he appreciates that the Police Department has increased its presence at the request of the citizens. Mr. Treiber stated Mr. Fedorchak is also working on getting him some statistics for which he had submitted a Right-To-Know Request.

Mr. Shane Treiber stated every morning he puts up the flag and every afternoon he takes it down; and he can see the Crossing Guard yelling at people who are going too fast, and many of them honk their horns at her. He stated the Police Officers do go after people who are speeding. He feels more can be done to get people to slow down.

Mr. Kevin Treiber stated while there are some great recommendations in the Traffic Study, they did not recommend a reduction in speed; and he feels they should raise awareness, enforce the speed limit, and reduce the speed limit in a few places which should get people eventually to slow down.

Ms. Julie Maguire, 2000 Makefield Road, stated she was before the Board last April and September. She stated she lives across the street from Makefield School, and she crosses her daughter to the School every day. She stated during School crossing times when the speed limit is fifteen miles per hour, most people are not going fifteen; and the Crossing Guard does a good job of getting them across safely, but she does have to yell at people sometimes, and some people are getting close to them when they cross in the crosswalk. Ms. Maguire stated she has seen lots of Police enforcement, and she thanked Chief Coluzzi for sending more Officers out, and she believes there has been some slowing down recently.

Ms. Maguire noted an article regarding pedestrian yielding versus driver speed and when drivers are going twenty miles per hour, they will yield to pedestrians 75% of the time, but at thirty-seven miles per hour, they yield 17% of the time. She stated she feels that is accurate based on her experience. Ms. Maguire stated she likes to cross Makefield to run in the neighborhood and walk with her children, and she feels that they cannot use their neighborhood as easily and safely as they would like to. Ms. Maguire also noted an article that talks about survival rates at different rates of speeds.

Ms. Maguire stated she knows that the Traffic Study came back indicating that the speed should not be lowered on Makefield Road; however, this is a Residential neighborhood, and people do want to cross so they can walk, run, and bike. She stated she feels putting a crosswalk on a road with a thirty-five miles per hour speed limit is unfair to the pedestrians. Ms. Maguire also commented on the effect of the narrowing of vision when you are traveling at a higher speed.

Mr. Jason Todor, 37 S. Homestead Drive, stated on April 12, 2016 he sent a traffic-calming request asking that they consider painting a crosswalk and placing a “Stop For Pedestrians” sign at Makefield Road and S. Homestead Drive, and that they consider changing the speed limit to twenty-five miles per hour on Makefield Road. Mr. Todor stated there are a lot of children that live in the neighborhoods on both sides of Makefield Road, and there are two Schools on the road. He stated his children have friends on the other side of Makefield Road, and he would feel more confident if they could walk or ride their bikes across the intersection without having “to dodge” forty-five mile an hour traffic. He stated while the speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour, we all know that people tend to drive ten to fifteen miles per hour over the speed limit. Mr. Todor stated Makefield Road is a Residential street. He stated he never received a response to his request.

Chief Coluzzi asked Mr. Todor what was the traffic-calming request he made to do at Homestead; and Mr. Todor stated at the time his thought was that his child would be able to walk or ride across at Homestead where Sutphin is as he was trying to get an idea where he could cross safely because the traffic goes by there so fast.

Mr. Todor stated his son is also a Safety at Makefield, and he and his partner are also yelling at cars in the morning to slow down.

Mr. Todor stated he did not get a response from the Township about his request until after the accident, and he had e-mailed the Township to indicate that he had sent the request in 2016. Chief Coluzzi asked what the response was, and Mr. Todor stated he feels it was in response to the accident, and the Township felt that they needed to reply; and the response was that they would take it into consideration. Chief Coluzzi asked who responded, and Mr. Todor stated he will send Chief Coluzzi the whole e-mail. Chief Coluzzi also asked that he be sent the original request as well, and he will look into it.

Mr. Todor stated he has had numerous discussions with people about Makefield Road; and the week before the accident occurred, a neighbor told him it will take someone to get killed before the Township does something about this road. Mr. Todor stated five days before the accident occurred, he was mapping out another spot where his son could cross to go to his friends' houses on the other side of Makefield Road, and it was at the exact spot that the accident occurred.

Mr. David White, Gayle Drive, stated he was present at the meeting two weeks ago; and while he did not understand everything that was happening, he was dismayed. He stated toward the end of the meeting, Mr. Michael Brody made a comment about appearances, and the next day in the Courier Times there were two articles – one about the “political mess” in Lower Southampton with some people probably going up on charges, and the other article about Warminster where they are entertaining hiring a new Township solicitor and they had listed all the candidates names in the paper and when they would be conducting interviews with the public invited to attend. Mr. White stated he does not feel two weeks ago Lower Makefield looked like Warminster when a number of Appointments were made to different positions that were not on the Agenda. He stated it was very clear that three of the Supervisors had met and taken notes, and they had notes in front of them at the meeting two weeks ago; and that one of the Supervisors had not been at that meeting or meetings. He stated a number of Appointments were made that three Supervisors were aware of, and one Supervisor was not. Mr. White stated at one point when they were discussing appointment of the Township engineer, Ms. Tyler asked about the rates and the proposal; and Mr. Lewis had indicated they had one, however, she was not aware of it. Mr. White stated the appearance was that some of

the Supervisors went out and got proposals on their own, and based on those proposals made appointments to these new positions. He stated that appearance is contrary to openness and transparency.

Mr. White asked Mr. Truelove if based on that appearance, were those activities in accordance with the way we are supposed to have open meetings. Mr. Truelove stated the Second Class Township Code and the Sunshine Act requirements were met that evening in terms of a public vote. He stated the public's ability to comment on it was part of the process as well. Mr. White stated it appeared that there were meetings behind the scenes between some of the Supervisors while another Supervisor was excluded, and he does not feel that sounds right. Mr. Truelove stated the vote was taken publicly so that met the Sunshine Act requirements. Mr. White stated he hopes that going forward Lower Makefield will start to look more like Warminster and not Lower Southampton.

A gentleman from Margery Road stated he has two children who attend Makefield School, and he is a Den Leader for Pack 95; and they have activities at the School outside of School hours, and it is a constant issue of safety in front of the School. He stated they have their Pinewood Derby in the School cafeteria, and overflow parking takes place on the other side of Makefield Road. He stated he was at the School during normal School hours; and as he crossed at the crosswalk, someone was driving above the speed limit. He stated he hopes all the Board members consider that this is a very serious issue for the members of the community.

Mr. Mike Brody, 509 Brookbend Court, thanked all those who spoke about Makefield Road this evening.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Tyler moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of December 20, 2017 as written.

Ms. Tyler mover, Mr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of January 2, 2018 as written.

#### APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2, 2018 AND JANUARY 15, 2018 WARRANT LISTS AND DECEMBER, 2017 PAYROLL

Mr. Grenier moved, Ms. Tyler seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the January 2, 2018 and January 15, 2018 Warrant Lists and December, 2017 Payroll as attached to the Minutes.

## INTERVIEWS FOR SUPERVISOR VACANCY

Mr. Lewis stated this is a public meeting; and one of the challenges is that they will be asking questions of people being interviewed, and future interviewees will be able to hear both the questions and the answers. He suggested the candidates for Supervisor who are not being interviewed voluntarily step outside until it is their turn to be interviewed, adding that while this would be a nice gesture of fairness to the other candidates, it is optional. The Candidates left the meeting at this time.

Interview of Suzanne Blundi

Ms. Suzanne Blundi was present. Mr. Grenier stated the Board received Ms. Blundi's cover letter and resume which was very impressive. Mr. Grenier asked Ms. Blundi to review her resume, and Ms. Blundi stated after College, she started working in New York State's Capitol for a number of years and then went to Law School and then returned to New York City. She stated she has lived in Lower Makefield for over twenty-two years. She stated she is a Trial Attorney and spent most of her career defending hospitals and physicians. She stated she now works for an insurance company that covers the losses from medical centers – Yale, Hopkins, Columbia, and Cornell. Mr. Grenier asked how her experiences have prepared her to help the Board and the Township. She stated in her position with New York City Health and Hospitals she managed a staff of thirty and had to manage all litigation against the largest Municipal health care system in the Country. She stated there were labor and Union issues, liability and budgeting issues, and she has a lot of experience with Government Contracting, ethics and the way Contracts can be interpreted, and assessing liability. She stated she also has a lot of experience in enforcing insurance agreements and being able to assess exposure in decision-making.

Mr. Grenier asked Ms. Blundi about her volunteer experience with the Township. Ms. Blundi stated she is a mother of a former member of Pack 95 and her three children were educated in Bucks County. She stated in those roles she was involved with the Scouts, the PTA, and coaching. She stated she is involved in field hockey. She stated she has been involved both actively and passively in following and offering her opinion on different areas of the Township and where we are headed. Mr. Grenier asked Ms. Blundi what are the biggest issues she sees in the Township and how she would address them; and when there are big issue, how would she address conflict resolution as a member of the Board. Ms. Blundi stated she feels messaging in advance is very important to reach out and build constituencies, hear the concerns, and work toward resolving them or at least let people be heard. She stated that type of partnering is a lot of what she does professionally, and she would want to continue to do that here. She stated she is aware of a lot of the issues facing the Township, and she has a lot of opinions; and if she is given the opportunity to be

a Supervisor she hopes those opinions will grow and develop as she accesses information she had not been aware of before. She stated with regard to trying to fill Ms. Reiss' shoes, she remembers that Ms. Reiss was passionate about making the Township more accessible to walkers, riders, and joggers and building bike paths and connecting safe roads so that everyone can utilize the land, and Ms. Blundi stated that is something that she would be interested in working on.

Ms. Tyler stated she has had similar professional experiences to Ms. Blundi. She asked Ms. Blundi why she applied for the position of Supervisor. Ms. Blundi stated she feels she has a lot to bring to the table, and she wanted to make sure whoever was chosen as Supervisor had a lot to offer as well. She stated she is interested in where our community is going and she wants to be a part of that process. Ms. Tyler asked if she has something that motivated her to want to be part of the Board in addition to the safe walking/biking paths. Ms. Blundi stated she wants her children to be proud of her, and to know that it "takes a Village;" and if we want to see things improve and work toward solutions, we have to be willing to invest our time.

Ms. Tyler asked if she has any experience in hiring employees, and Ms. Blundi stated she was on the hiring committee at Wilson Elser which means that anyone who was hired at the New York office had to meet with one of the three members of the hiring committee. She stated at New York City Health and Hospitals she managed a staff of over twenty-seven attorneys and fifteen support staff which were both Unionized and non-Unionized so she was involved in interviewing and mentoring. Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Blundi about her experience with Budgeting, and Ms. Blundi stated she had experience budgeting for salaries and managed outside contract contracts, did RFPs and reviewed monthly billing and subscription services. Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Blundi about her experience as an attorney with regard to conflict of interest with other law firms. Ms. Blundi stated within the firm they had a process for vetting the potential of conflict of interest. She stated she is not afraid to ask questions that might help people see things in other ways. She stated as a public employee in New York City there are very specific disclosure rules. She stated as a New York City employee, she was prohibited to hold public office. She stated she is used to being in the public eye and looking into how things would look and to make sure they make the right choices. Ms. Tyler asked if there are any other issue Ms. Blundi has been following which she feels are important that the Board should address or that cause her concern. Ms. Blundi stated she would like to see if there is more they can do about speed enforcement. She stated if she were a Supervisor, her interest will be what is before the Board and then consider an agenda for the future.

Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Blundi if she is aware of the Snipes project development, and Ms. Blundi stated she is. Ms. Tyler asked what she sees as the main issues for the Board and the residents. Ms. Blundi stated she lives in that part of the Township and remembers when the sign was there that said, “Home of Future Ambulance Corps” as well as when that sign came down; and she remembers when the discussions first started happening about building it as play space, and she was excited because there is no place that children in that part of the Township could ride their bikes to. She stated because of her experience at Macclesfield when she was involved in coaching, she was often very scared that there was going to be an accident at Macclesfield because it was so overcrowded even back then. She stated she feels they need to make sure that there is adequate space for children to play in safe environments part of which includes getting in and out of the parking lot. Ms. Blundi stated she is in favor of developing all sorts of active and passive uses of all lands that they can afford to within the constraints of the Budget.

Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Blundi if she works in Manhattan, and Ms. Blundi stated she does. Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Blundi if she feels she has the time to devote to being Supervisor, and Ms. Blundi stated “absolutely.”

Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Blundi if she has a history with hiring professionals such as engineers and other experts, and Ms. Blundi stated she does. She stated in her position as an attorney, she had to explain complicated medical procedures to a lay jury; and the way to do that is with experts so she had a lot of experience retaining experts and being able to cross examine the opposing side’s experts. Ms. Tyler asked Ms. Blundi if she has followed the Supervisors’ meetings in the last four years; and Ms. Blundi stated she has been following the Supervisors’ meetings longer than four years, and they watch them as a family. Ms. Blundi stated growing up she wanted to work in the Legislature and she wanted to pass onto her children about their obligation to be involved in the Government at some level. She stated she feels that it is great that there is the opportunity to see the meetings on TV so that people can be aware of what is going on.

Mr. Weiss asked Ms. Blundi what she feels her role would be as a Supervisor, and Ms. Blundi stated she feels she will need to do a lot of reading and preparing; and because of her commute, she is very well read. She stated she also feels there needs to be a lot of listening and trying to build consensus; and that is what she would hope to do. Mr. Weiss asked Ms. Blundi what she feels the role of social media is in the Township, and how would she use it if at all. Ms. Blundi stated she feels it is good that the Board has been responsive. She stated she has seen how the Facebook page has evolved in terms of communicating information from the Township, and she feels that prior Boards had more resistance to that. She stated Mr. Lewis and Mr. Benedetto when he was a Supervisor made it a point to make sure the Agenda was available so that people knew what was going on; and she would

like there to be more active information on the Township, although she understands that updating Websites and delivering information that way can pose some challenges. Ms. Blundi stated she knows that the Police Department does a great job notifying people through social media. Ms. Blundi stated social media is how people get information today. Mr. Weiss asked if she feels there are limits with regard to openness and transparency, and Ms. Blundi stated she feels it could become a full-time job so there are challenges; and she would not want people to be expecting that there would be a response and then not getting one so they need to strike a balance which can be difficult so there will be trial and error. Mr. Weiss stated the reason he is asking is because there are so many issues coming up before the Board this year, and he asked what would be the bounds between deliberation as a Board versus deliberation with the public/residents. Ms. Blundi stated she understands that not everything can be discussed on Facebook, and she appreciates confidences. She stated previously there was resistance from prior Boards about any social media presence, but there has to be a way that they can supply information to people so that they are aware of what is going on.

Mr. Lewis stated Ms. Blundi is his neighbor, and he has known her for many years. He asked which decision of the Board over the past five years did she most disagree with and how would she have addressed the issue if she had been a Supervisor. Ms. Blundi stated one of the ones she was disappointed in was the way the Community Center unfolded. She stated she was confused by the fact that there had been a Referendum; and while she understands it was non-binding, it was odd to her to ask people what they think, have them say they do not it, and then build it. She stated she recalls watching the meeting the night the proposals came in, and she felt there should have been more background work in terms of what they wanted from the Community Center so that they could scope the project out better. She stated the Community Center is here now, and she would like them to make the best use of it for the community.

Mr. Lewis asked Ms. Blundi what approach she would take to dealing with the challenges related to escalating sewage treatment costs which is one of the issues the Township has to deal with. Ms. Blundi stated she feels there is much to look at there to fully understand it, and whoever becomes Supervisor will need to do a “lot of homework” on that. Mr. Lewis asked Ms. Blundi if she has any suggestions for the Township to acquire additional open space and financing it. Ms. Blundi stated she remembers discussion about what spaces were left to acquire. She stated she would like to have more thoughtful planning. She stated one of the agencies she worked with in the Legislature was the Adirondack Park Agency; and within that there were different levels of land use in the Park itself. She stated she feels she will need to do more research with regard to land use. She stated this is part of the plan Ms. Reiss referred to which the Township was working on as to the vision of Lower Makefield with regard to bike paths, walking trails, and how we get there.

Ms. Blundi stated she is proud that there are so many qualified people who have stepped up for this role.

Interview of Kenneth Seda

Mr. Kenneth Seda was present and stated he ran for Supervisor with Ms. Tyler seven years ago. He congratulated the new Board members adding he looks forward to their service. He stated he came to Pennsylvania ten years ago for a job in Philadelphia, and they looked at many Townships to live in and settled in Lower Makefield because they liked the neighborhoods, the character, and the charm. He stated they felt it was the perfect place to raise their family. He stated the reason he ran for Supervisor seven years ago is the same reason he is present this evening because he wants to insure and work to improve and protect the quality of life that many of the residents came here for. He stated if selected as a Supervisor, he would work to protect the interests of all Township residents, and he would hope to be a collaborative person on the Board that they can work with. He stated he would work toward and live the idea of transparency. He stated he had heard someone discuss earlier what had transpired at some prior meetings, and over the years as an audience member seeing how different dialogues and discussions happen, he does not believe that is the way Government should be run; and he believes in full transparency in every instance. He stated he would also work and strive to be fiscally responsible. He stated part of the reason people live here is because of the quality of life; but because of the cost of living and taxes, he feels it is important to protect and have a fiduciary responsibility when it comes to the Township. He stated he would also be respectful of everyone's' views. He stated there have been times when he was present when not the "kindest words" were spoken by members of the Board, and he does not feel that is the way we should behave, and the Board needs to set an example.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Seda about his professional background and what skills he has that will translate to the Board. Mr. Seda stated he has been working in the area of corporate affairs and public relations for twenty years. He stated he was a Political Science Major, and he worked for several campaigns before he started his career in public relations. He stated he worked as a public relations and then a Government affairs professional for a Fortune 500 company, and he continues to and the rest of his career has been with Fortune 100 companies doing similar "tours of duty." He stated he currently helps manage the Cigna Foundation.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Seda his opinion as to how the professionals were appointed at the last Board of Supervisors' meeting. Mr. Seda stated he feels that transparency is something that needs to be worked on. He stated he does not know the background as to how they arrived at those decisions and whether those appointed submitted

RFPs and proposals. He stated he does not believe in “back room” decisions, and every resident in the Township should be afforded the opportunity to see Bids, and who is being considered and selected as candidates for any job the Township has to offer. He stated when he was running for Supervisor there was a similar incidence when there was a regime change in the Board makeup, and they selected a new Township solicitor; and he remembers the decision was made the day the new Supervisors took office, and he does not know if RFPs had been submitted in that instance. He stated he feels these appointments should be made like they are at the company where he works where they have to see a minimum of three Bids if not more, and they are all shared and discussed.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Seda if he has sat down with any of the Supervisors on the current Board to discuss the vacancy, and Mr. Seda stated he has not although he did ask some of the Supervisors what the process was to get involved and submit a resume.

Ms. Tyler asked what he feels are the top issues facing Lower Makefield that the Board will have to make decisions upon. Mr. Seda stated he feels open space continues to be an issue that drives a lot of residents, and he feels it is a quality of life issue. He stated when he moved here it was because it was aesthetically pleasing, there was “room to breathe,” and space between houses. He stated he feels growth is a good thing, but it needs to be managed appropriately. He stated they can also encourage businesses to come to Lower Makefield. He stated he is also concerned about the waste treatment which is a big issue that they have to get right. He stated they need to consider what the costs will mean in the long run and the services that the Townships provide. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Seda about Snipes, and Mr. Seda stated this issue has been discussed for many years, and he feels there needs to be some resolution. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Seda if he watches the Board meetings, and Mr. Seda stated he does when he can although he does not all the time.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Seda if he has had any volunteer experience in Lower Makefield since he ran for office in 2011, and Mr. Seda stated he has not because his job requires that he travel and his job does take time. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Seda if he has the time to devote to being Supervisor, and Mr. Seda stated it would be a challenge; however, it is a challenge he would be up to, and he would make the time.

Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Seda what he feels his role as a Supervisor would be, and Mr. Seda stated he feels he is a person who can work well with others and he likes to word collaboratively. He stated he brings experience in general problem solving techniques and can get to the root of problems. He stated he feels it is important to “sort through the politics;” and when it comes to serving the Township and addressing the issues they need to “sift through that to get to the core of the issue,

and determine what is the best way to respond and act.” Mr. Seda stated he is passionate about issues and gets excited about things that he thinks are important to himself, his family, and his neighbors. He stated passion and a love of what you do are important, and he would bring that to the position of Supervisor.

Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Seda what motivated him to “step up after seven years,” and Mr. Seda stated he saw the opportunity; and while he was not sure he really wanted to do it, he talked about it with people he knew, and they advised him to do so. Mr. Seda stated he wants to serve the Township and always wanted to make a difference.

Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Seda what he feels the Board’s role is in being open and transparent and using social media as an instrument in keeping the Township informed. Mr. Seda stated this is a difficult question as there is a Facebook page for Lower Makefield, and the Township has its own communication mechanisms; and he feels they need to strike the right balance. He stated he believes that social media is an important tool for communication, but it needs to be managed in the right way and for the right purposes. He stated while those managing the Lower Makefield Facebook page do a great job, they are not empowered by the Township to do what they do; yet it is probably the most prolific vehicle for communication we have in the Township. He stated he feels the Township needs to get a handle on this and be smart about it. Mr. Weiss stated the Township does not have an official social media page. Mr. Seda stated he is not sure it would make sense to have it because they would have to compete against the existing page, and he questions what that would look like. He stated he feels they need to find a way to work with what is out there in a way that is most effective without overstepping the bounds of what the Township can say on a non-Township site or what the Township would offer on its own site, and they need to find that balance.

Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Seda his idea as to where they are with regard to the waste treatment issue; and Mr. Seda stated he only knows what he has seen in articles, and does not feel he is prepared to offer a good answer on this.

Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Seda what he learned from the process of running for Supervisor that makes him want to join the Board at this time. Mr. Seda stated he feels he has changed his perspective on his own opinions and how to listen to other people’s opinions. He stated you walk the Township to get elected and he remembers getting berated by people who did not want a Democrat knocking on their door and they were explaining all the things that were wrong with him and his Party. He stated he found this interesting because they did not really know him yet made a judgment about him because he was a Democrat. He stated he realized that he had to be more open and understanding where people are coming from but also

hopes that people would do the same for him as well. Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Seda his approach to conflict resolution and how he deals with opposing views. Mr. Seda stated his goal would be to serve all the residents of the Township regardless of their political identification. He stated while he has things that are important to him, he wants to make decisions that benefit the Township in its entirety recognizing that you cannot please everyone all the time; but he will resolve conflicts that favor the Township.

Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Seda what skills he can draw from his experience in his professional career in public affairs and Government relations to help the Township; and Mr. Seda stated having not been in a public official capacity he is unable to answer completely, but the skills he has learned in his professional career are being able to interact and engage with people as well as his communications expertise in writing, constructing thought, etc. He stated those involved with a corporation recognize that there is a certain amount of bureaucratic quality to corporations and understanding that would be a benefit, and he feels those skills would be transferable.

Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Seda if he has a vision for the Township over the next several years; and Mr. Seda stated it would be to insure, and to the extent they need to, improve upon what is already a great example of Suburban lifestyle. He stated this is a great Township, and his vision is to maintain that character and improve upon it where possible. He stated they could consider if there is enough for our children to do that do not involve sports and they could consider other activities, festivals, etc. He stated the more people that want to live here raises the values of the homes in the Township, and people wanting to be here is a benefit to the Township in general.

Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Seda what decision of the Board over the past five years did he most disagree with, and how would he had acted differently on it. Mr. Lewis stated he did not have an issue he could comment on at this time. Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Seda if he were selected, would he run for office in two years; and Mr. Seda stated he is not sure although he would strongly consider it after evaluating what his family situation is at that time.

Mr. Seda asked what the Board members are looking for in a colleague. Ms. Tyler stated she is looking for someone who is looking for this position for the right reason and who has demonstrated their willingness to volunteer to serve the community and try to keep politics as far out as Lower Makefield as they can. She stated someone needs to show that they have the natural interest in doing this and is willing to do the work. She stated she is also looking at what professional skills the candidates have that will equip them to best serve the community to make well-reasoned, rational decisions. She stated a Supervisor also needs a lot of patience since some people who come and talk to the Board do not have all the

information and are often frustrated as it is often intimidating to speak before the Board. She stated she is looking to see who is in it for the politics and who is in it for the community service, and this is what will drive her decision. Mr. Lewis stated he is looking for someone who has a skill set that current Board members do not have and who has ideas that they have not thought of. He stated he is looking for someone who can disagree without being disagreeable, and he does not feel they all need to agree on any policy issue provided they can do it in a constructive manner. He stated over the past two years, he feels the Board has evolved in a very positive way although they are still working on that. He stated he feels there is open dialogue although they do not always agree. Mr. Seda stated he does not see the level of argumentativeness that dominated years ago on the Board. Ms. Tyler stated she gives a lot of credit to David Fritchey who served on the Board and was a very stabilizing force at an extremely critical time. She stated she is forever grateful to Mr. Fritchey for his contributions to this Board and allowing them to present themselves in a way the residents were proud of. Mr. Grenier stated he is looking for a partner who is looking to apply their skill set to some complex issues we have in the Township, and who is willing to discuss these issue at the Board meetings, and to dig in and understand the issues so that they can come to a satisfactory decision and not just arguing. Mr. Seda stated he agrees and feels it is all about collaboration.

Mr. Seda stated he wants to serve the Township. He stated he heard an individual earlier this evening talk about the lack of response to an e-mail he sent to the Township; and he has talked to a number of people in the Township about those kinds of issues which have come up a few other times. Mr. Seda stated he feels being responsive even if it is just an acknowledgement is critical to what the Township should do when it comes serving the residents. He stated if a person in the Township sends an e-mail to a Board member, a Supervisor, Township Manager, engineer, etc. there should be at least an unofficial required response time indicating the e-mail has been received and will be looked into and to provide a response in a certain period of time. He stated he feels people do not feel they are getting that kind of response, and the role of the Board and the Township is to respond to the residents.

A short recess was taken at this time.

#### Interview of Ron Schmid

Mr. Ron Schmid was present and stated the reason he is looking to fill this position is because he feels at the local level you can really have an impact. He stated he provided his resume with his experience and Public Administration was his interest

early on in his career. He stated he then spent a lot of time in the State Legislature so he was “on the inside” part of National Grants and learned about making compromises to do public policy including going to Washington with the National Conference of State Legislators and then transitioned over to an Association – the Pharmaceutical Research of Manufacturers of America where he was doing a lot of policy work for the industry as well as lobbying in various State Legislatures for the industry. He then moved to a firm where he was asked to set up a State Government Relations Program and was responsible for developing policy for the Chairman of the Board of American Cyanamid who was Chairman of the Board of PhRMA at the time. Mr. Schmid stated he then began to segue into communications. He stated he went to Johnson & Johnson where he dealt with very complex issues and developing strategies to go before and work with the media. He reviewed the consulting work he did as well. He stated he feels his experience both inside and outside of State Government with policy activity both Nationally and at the State level and later in his career his work involving communication can be brought to the Board to help solve some of the very complex issues the Board is facing such as the Morrisville Water Treatment Plant and other issues like that.

Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Schmid about his position with Pennsbury Manor, and how that may relate to affairs on the Board. Mr. Schmid stated he took over as Chairman six years ago and agreed to the position because he saw that there was a lot of need. He stated it is a complex environment to work in because you have PHMC – the Commonwealth – and the not for profit called the Pennsbury Society; and the two coexist. He stated the Commonwealth is responsible for the buildings at Pennsbury Manor and their upkeep and the Pennsbury Society does everything else that goes on such as education and other activities. He stated they get 15,000 School children visiting Pennsbury Manor. Mr. Schmid stated when he first came in he interviewed all the Board members to see what they did good and not so good and brought an outside consultant to do the same. He stated he used that as his basis of going forward with the Pennsbury Manor Board. He stated he wanted the Board to work on policy and how to partner better with the Schools, the Museum of the future, and how to meet the needs of the constituents. He stated they came up with a Human Resources Manual, made several presentations to all the Superintendents, and he tried to make the Board meetings decisional and use Committees to bring the information to the Board. He stated this year they signed a new two-year Agreement with the Commonwealth as to how they are going to interrelate with them going forward; and that will place a lot more focus on the Pennsbury Society since as the State Budget has shrunk, particularly the PHMC, they are putting more and more emphasis on the Society to raise money. He stated the Pennsbury Society is moving much more toward being a fund-raising based operation as well as a decisional body. He stated he wants to make sure Pennsbury Manor is still relevant to all the surrounding Counties. He stated he has tried very hard to get constituents on the Board or on the Advisory Committees so that they know how to best meet the needs of young families.

Mr. Weiss stated there are a lot of Committees, non-profits, sports groups and a myriad of other outside interested parties in the Township that bring a “cacophony of sounds” to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Schmid how he would deal with “all that noise and make sense of it” as a member of the Board. Mr. Schmid stated the decisions of the Board need to reflect constituent needs. He stated they should look at various advisory committees that could surround the Board of Supervisors and use them as “funnels to bring it through.” He stated it would not have to be formal groups; but on an on-going basis, they need to capture those thoughts.

Mr. Schmid stated when he first took over as VP at J & J, the first thing he did was create an advisory committee of people who would advise him on a variety of issues; and he would do the same if he were on the Board of Supervisors, and he would get constituents to advise him as to what they are thinking what the major issues are. He stated they then have to see how they can energize all of those various constituent groups and bring it in. He stated he feels it is vital for local Government to take that all into account before making a decision such as what they are doing with Snipes and trying to accommodate a lot of the comments that have been made by people about the lighting, trees, etc. and trying to be inclusive to constituent needs.

Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Schmid what he learned during the time he ran for Supervisor versus between then and now that could prepare him to be a Board member. Mr. Schmid stated when you are in a campaign environment it is different from this environment. He stated during a campaign you have the overlay of the politics as well as the issues. He stated during a campaign you also get caught up in the day-to-day issues related to a campaign. He stated he learned a lot by knocking on doors as to how constituents think about things. He stated in 2011, he feels people were “a little more angry,” than they are now. He stated he is not as close to all of that as he was and has been away from it and feels a lot calmer and can put it in perspective and be more analytical. He stated he talked a lot about leadership and strategic thinking in 2011, but now he would have a better grasp as to how he could bring that strategic thinking to the Board. He stated the Board has to consider so many things, and he feels they need to have a strategic overlay in order to look at all these things. He stated they need a comprehensive plan, a land use plan, and a strategic plan; and not just a ten-year plan, but also a one to three-year plan. He stated you also need metrics to judge yourself by as you are moving forward on that. He stated he feels quarterly at the very least, the Board of Supervisors should be thinking about that plan and looking at the metrics that they have established and holding themselves to that. He stated one issue is filling Mr. Fedorchak’s position, and they need to move forward in filling that position since that is a vital priority going forward.

Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Schmid if he has a vision for the Township based on the idea of a master plan. Mr. Schmid stated he feels they need to solve Sandy Run and Snipes quickly. He stated he feels they have done a good job with open space including Patterson Farm, and they have spent a lot of money on roads, and he feels they should continue to focus on the roads. He stated the long-term issue and one which will cost a lot of money which they should devote a significant amount of energy to is the Morrisville issue. He stated there are a number of options with Morrisville or going to Lower Bucks and Philadelphia; and while he is not sure what the right answer is, he knows that Lower Makefield needs to have greater control over the decision making that goes on. He stated the sewer issue would be one of the things that would be on his one to three year strategic plan. He stated he also feels they need to work on communications, and he feels issues such as Sandy Run and Snipes could be resolved by an active communications program by the Board of Supervisors in a controlled environment and not just putting it out on social media. He stated there needs to be a place where the Township, on an on-going basis, is educating people about the issues facing the Board. He stated he feels that would go a long way to making the Supervisors' meetings more strategic since people would be more engaged and hopefully they would be following that on an on-going basis. He stated they could consider having someone on staff such as a Director of Communications, although he is not sure we have the resources to do that or they could have an one or two-person agency on an ongoing basis talk to the Board of Supervisors and the Executive Director and get information out on an ongoing basis about the issues. Mr. Schmid stated people need to know the facts before they come to the Township and make Public Comment, and he feels the Township needs to be better at that. He stated with regard to Morrisville, if we start educating our constituents now about what is going on, by the time the Board makes a decision it might make it easier and they might have brought in some of the various interest groups to give input so that the decision is more reasonable. He stated when they are making decisions about the public good, it is far more complicated than positioning a product to a group of people since there are always winners and losers; and he feels it is the job of local Government and the Pennsbury Society, to make the kind of trade offs that are necessary to come up with an appropriate decision.

Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Schmid how he feels about communicating Township issues on social media. Mr. Schmid stated social media is a fact of life, and they have to use all the means they can; however, there needs to be information going out that is accurate, professionally done, and non-political. He stated he feels there should be some other vehicle to do this other than just Facebook. He stated if they put out material given a context based on the facts, they would better be able to evaluate the social media part. He feels there should be a more controlled environment by the Board of Supervisors on an on-going basis. Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Schmid how he would approach conflict resolution when people come in with very strong opinions

and emotions. Mr. Schmid stated when he first got involved with State Legislature, it was all about compromise; and he tried to “keep that mantra” all or most of his career in terms of what he did in State Legislatures and when he was working for corporations trying to come up with the compromise that was most appropriate. He stated he feels it is the Supervisors’ job to find that compromise and be sure that as many people as possible are satisfied; however, ultimately someone will win or lose. He stated they have to come up with what is the public good. He stated he feels they should be able to solve issues much easier

Mr. Grenier stated Mr. Schmid has been very involved with Pennsbury Manor and asked over the years what other Township-based activities he has been involved with. Mr. Schmid stated he was involved with the flood issues even though his home does not get flooded. He stated he testified a number of times before the Delaware River Basin Commission arguing for getting the reservoirs at 80%. He stated the Basin Commission involved three States but the problem with decision-making on that body is that it is not majority rule and one can stop it; and New York would not agree, and although they would not pass a Statute to do it, they actually did it as a practical matter, and they keep the reservoir lower than it used to be.

Ms. Tyler asked why Mr. Schmid is applying for the job at this point in time, and Mr. Schmid stated his heart is in local Government. He stated he is retired, and he has the time to do this. He stated he ran in 2011, and he has been involved since then in a number of things. He stated this is an opportunity that came up, and he feels he would fit well with this Board and his abilities would work well with each \of the Supervisors, and he would add value to the Board. Ms. Tyler asked what he would bring to the Board, and Mr. Schmid stated he would bring a lot of experience in dealing with Legislative bodies particularly at the State level and being able to arrive at compromise. He stated in his experience in the corporate world and the association world he did a lot of work with policy and advocacy. He stated the latter part of his career has been far more involved with communications, including working with candidates; and he considers himself good at messaging. Ms. Tyler asked in what capacity he worked with candidates, and Mr. Schmid stated he worked with Kevin Strauss when he was running; and while he was non-paid, they talked about the issues and messaging.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Schmid if he sought out this position or did someone seek him out. Mr. Schmid stated when Ms. Reiss stepped down, he felt he was ready to “jump back in.” Ms. Tyler asked if he had the opportunity to meet with any of the Supervisors before this evening’s meeting, and Mr. Schmid stated he reached out to Mr. Lewis and they were going to “have a cup of coffee” with Mr. Grenier and Mr. Weiss; and while they did not really talk about the issue, they talked about his last trip and Mr. Weiss’s upcoming trip and somewhat about what their expectations were about the position. Mr. Schmid stated he also reached out to Ms. Tyler,

Ms. Reiss, Mr. Fedorchak, and Mr. Truelove. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Schmid if he is saying that he sat down with Mr. Lewis, Mr. Grenier, and Mr. Weiss at the same time in advance of this meeting, and Mr. Schmid agreed he did. Mr. Lewis stated this was prior to Mr. Grenier and Mr. Weiss being on the Board although it was post-election.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Schmid if he watches the Township meetings, and Mr. Schmid stated he watches a fair amount of them. Ms. Tyler asked what was the last meeting he watched, what issue he took away from it, and how he feels the Supervisors did. Mr. Schmid stated he feels at the last meeting they were dealing with Snipes and Sandy Run. Mr. Schmid stated he feels Sandy Run is a tough issue, and there is no reason that Sandy Run should not be opened up from a public policy point of view. He stated he does not know “what got messed up, if anything;” but he feels the Board of Supervisors should come to a quick solution to solving that problem. Ms. Tyler stated Sandy Run is closed because the Chief of Police indicated that it was not safe. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Schmid what quick solution he proposes, and Mr. Schmid stated he was not proposing a quick solution; rather he is saying from a public policy point of view, putting aside all of the issues, there are people who live in Sandy Run, and that street should not be closed. He stated they need to find a solution to open up the street.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Schmid if he ever volunteered on any Boards or Commissions in the Township, and Mr. Schmid stated he has not. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Schmid why he did not volunteer for one of the Boards after running for Supervisor. Mr. Schmid stated he “was involved around the edges.” He stated he went to a meeting of the Lower Makefield Businessmen’s Association on the liquor issue since he had been very involved with that. He stated he has been watching from afar; and although he did not engage, he was absorbing it.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Schmid if he saw the last Supervisors’ meeting regarding appointment of professionals, and Mr. Schmid he did. Ms. Tyler asked what he felt about the manner in which the professionals were appointed. Mr. Schmid stated that seemed to be a complicated meeting, and there were various professionals being proposed; and Ms. Tyler was opposing most of those appointments. Ms. Tyler stated that was because she did not have any previous knowledge of any of it, and apparently her fellow Supervisors had memos as to what to do. Mr. Schmid stated he feels “it was what it was,” and appropriate people were appointed to professional position. He stated Ms. Tyler felt like she was not involved; and she had the right to voice her opinion, and she did. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Schmid if he feels they should have held interviews, and Mr. Schmid stated as he recalls they were going to hold some interviews for some positions in the future and put out RFPs for some of the positions which he feels is appropriate. He stated if there were positions that could

be immediately filled because people had the appropriate expertise and have been around the community, they should be filled; and if others should go out to RFP, they should go out to an RFP.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Schmid how he feels they are doing with open space, and Mr. Schmid stated while it took a long time, he feels they are doing “pretty good.” Ms. Tyler asked if he would consider this a priority moving forward, and he stated he feels open space will always be a priority in Lower Makefield. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Schmid how he views his obligations to the taxpayers as a Supervisor; and Mr. Schmid stated it would be to listen to what they have to say, and it is the role of the Board of Supervisors to reflect the public good, and take in all the constituent points of view and make a decision recognizing that some people will win and some people may not. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Schmid if there is anything he has seen which he feels needs to be changed; and Mr. Schmid stated he feels they need to be more strategic in their considerations, and they need a strategic plan. He stated it is the role of Government to listen to the public, and to act on what the public wants; but the majority of the time should be spent on the strategic objectives and whether they are moving toward meeting those strategic objectives.

Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Schmid which decision of the Board did he most disagree with, and how would he have addressed the issue had he been a Supervisor. Mr. Schmid stated from afar the issue he did not care for was the Quiet Zones. He stated he understands there was a fair amount of expenditure for that of over \$300,000; and Ms. Tyler stated they received a Grant for \$350,000 and the Township paid \$150,000. Mr. Schmid stated that is a lot of money for a Quiet Zone, and going back to what he discussed about the public good and public policy and what is appropriate, he is not sure he would have expended those kinds of resources to do that.

Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Schmid if he has any questions for the Board; and Mr. Schmid stated he would ask what is the priority the Board of Supervisors has established, and he asked if Morrisville is number one and filling the Executive Director position. Mr. Lewis stated he feels most would agree that escalating sewage treatment costs is their number one contingent liability, and there are a number of options. He stated in terms of the nearest term priority, he feels it is replacing the retiring Township Manager. Ms. Tyler stated she feels the priorities are the sewer, Sandy Run, and Snipes. She stated with regard to Mr. Fedorchak, she feels they are well covered; and they have hired a professional management company who have come in on deadline, and there is a clear plan moving forward. She stated Mr. Fedorchak has agreed to stay on with the Township as long as they need him. She stated they have been under transition for several years, and there are lot of key new employees who were brought in in anticipation of losing Mr. Fedorchak. She stated they had

considered who should make the decision as to the replacement of the Manager and whether it should be two or three outgoing Supervisors or those who were going to be living with this for the future years. She stated she is happy with where they are on the Township Manager search, and she feels sewers are number one. She stated she also feels Sandy Run is critical; and if there were a quick fix, they would be there already, but safety is their priority.

Mr. Schmid stated he is pleased to see that Mr. Fedorchak will be the transition Executive Director which he feels is very important especially with the expertise he has had all of these years.

#### Interview of Michael Brody

Mr. Michael Brody was present. Mr. Brody stated he moved to Lower Makefield four years ago and grew up in Philadelphia. He stated he had no political aspirations, and is currently Registered as an Independent. He stated the reason he wanted to be a part of the Board of Supervisors is because he has been coming to almost every Supervisors meeting for two to three years, and prior to that he watched the meetings on line. He stated when you move to the Township and want to get involved, you usually start with the Facebook page; and then over time you learn that a better way to get involved is to talk to the Supervisors, the Police Chief, and different people around the Township and try to implement change yourself. He stated with everything that transpired over his life and this last year, he felt applying for Supervisor was a unique opportunity; and he would like to further extend what he is doing in the Township.

Mr. Lewis asked which decision of the Board over the past five years did he most disagree with, and how would he have addressed the issue had he been a Supervisor. Mr. Brody stated while he whole-heartedly supports the Dog Park and is glad that they are doing it, he disagreed with the funding of the Dog Park by the Board because the Dog Park was proposed to the Township as something that would require no Township funds. Mr. Brody stated he recalls that Mr. Lewis had wanted to add an explicit note that it would not be funded by the Township. He stated the Township is now paying for the Dog Park, and the money raised by the residents which was an amazing amount, will just go to add-ons to the Dog Park. He stated while it is a small amount of money, procedurally it went against the core of the decision. Mr. Brody stated Sandy Run is obviously a “massive mistake;” but he is not sure that it would be fair to say that the Township Supervisors should have inherently figured out the sight line issue, and the Supervisors should have been able to trust their engineers in that case. He stated without having all the legal

background, he did always wonder why they did not take quicker action to get the engineering firm off; and he would have asked more firmly why the Township was not ceasing business with them or suspending them barring further investigation.

Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Brody if he has any innovative suggestions with regard to acquiring additional open space and where he stands with regard to open space as a priority for the Township. Mr. Brody stated he believes open space is very important for the Township, but he does not believe all open space is equally important. He stated some open space is little used, and he noted the land that was purchased by the Delaware Bridge Authority which he felt was perfect land to sell since no one was hiking in that open space and it was more brush, weeds, and trash. He stated this was an opportunity to make a significant amount of money that they could then be applied to more high-quality open space such as the Jennings Tract and the tracts on Big Oak Road which are the types of purchases he prefers. Mr. Brody stated he is in favor of anything they can do to continue to preserve Patterson Farm.

Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Brody what approach he would take to deal with the challenges related to escalating sewage treatment costs. Mr. Brody stated he feels besides hiring Mr. Fedorchak's replacement, sewer costs are number one; and he feels it is going to be a "nightmare." He stated they need to be finding out what State or Federal help we can get and to explore all avenues. He stated he would also like to know what other Townships not just in our immediate area are doing across Pennsylvania in towns that are of the same age. He questioned whether all the systems are falling apart this bad. He stated he feels this is the number one issue that will negatively impact the Township.

Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Brody if he would run for election in two years if he is selected as Supervisor. Mr. Brody stated that would be at the will of the people as he is an Independent. He stated he is not opposed to running. He stated he is here because this is a good opportunity, and he feels he would be a good fit for the Board. Mr. Lewis stated the job of Supervisor can be challenging and residents often call on weekends and nights and ask questions when they see you out in the community. He states some people also make negative comments about you on social media and during Public Comment. He asked Mr. Brody if he could give an example of how he has dealt with angry people in the past that would indicate his ability to deal with that as a day-to-day challenge. Mr. Brody stated it is easy to use Facebook wrongly, and there have been times when he has started a "Facebook battle," about different Township issues. He stated in August the Township changed for him and people became much more important, and he felt a sense of community. He stated ignoring peoples' thoughts and putting people down does not help promote the community. He stated he believes that the Board of Supervisors serve the Township; and he would need to present himself in a way that makes the Township proud much like

the way he represents his company. He stated a Supervisor needs to remember the importance of decorum and be able to interact with people and recognize that you always represent Lower Makefield Township and must keep an even keel. He stated with regard to how he deals with anger personally, he was a Philosophy Major in College and spent his time learning how to think. He stated he got into Finance, and he spends his time working with people “yelling” at him about their stock trades and technology; and he feels the best thing he can do is listen and hear what the problem is and try to calm people down, and then try to work with them to determine how they can make it better.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Brody why he is applying for the position, and Mr. Brody stated a lot of the reason is because of Ms. Tyler. He stated the things she did when things went wrong showed him the importance of having leaders in the community who are there for all people and not just there for their political Party or their next job; and that it is all about the community first. He stated he has also seen that with the Chief and all the Supervisors. Mr. Brody stated he and Mr. Grenier became friends because of their disagreement about Oxford Valley; but Mr. Grenier asked him to read a document that explained his view which he did and found it interesting. He stated they both started attending Township meetings and talked about what was going on in the neighborhood. Mr. Brody stated caring about the Township comes naturally to him. He stated driving in the Township he pays attention to what he sees needs to be done and how he can help the Township. He stated if he does not get this position, he would like to serve the Township in some other position.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Brody what are the top issues the Supervisors will need to consider, and Mr. Brody stated he feels number one is finding Mr. Fedorchak's replacement. He stated shortly thereafter, they need to find a Finance Director. He stated the sewer issue is monumental. He stated they also need to make sure the Capital projects they have already relatively completed are implemented correctly, and he particularly noted the Community Center where seemingly he feels not much planning went into what was going to go on inside. He stated from his discussions with Ms. Tierney, he believes she has the ability to lead us in the right direction. He stated Sandy Run is a top issue as are roads in general, and he will always be interested in the safety of the road and what they can do to improve safety. He stated they also need to manage debt and determine how they are going to be able to still expand. He stated in reading about past meetings from well before he moved to the Township, the way the Township grew was the developments that were sold were large enough that they could get the builders to build out our infrastructure in terms of Park & Rec. etc. He stated they are now at an interesting point when the Township does not get that benefit, and there are still a lot of people who are not getting their needs served by what was previously built. He stated the

newer residents have needs, and it becomes a much more difficult situation because it now has to come “out of peoples’ pockets.” He stated it is a key part of the Supervisors’ role to juggle what people want, and he particularly noted Snipes.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Brody what he would bring to the Board that would help them be a better Board. Mr. Brody stated he feels they need to continue to improve communication getting information out and receiving information. He stated he does feel it is somewhat unfair to ask a Supervisor to be on call via Facebook; and he feels there should be a better use of our resources, although he does not necessarily feel it has to be a Township employee. He stated the Township has the Newsletter which he feels is better for the older residents of the Township. He questioned why they could not have students doing Internships where they sit in on the Board of Supervisors’ meetings and write up recaps of the issues which could be approved in terms of the Supervisors’ meeting. He stated it would not have to be an expensive, long newsletter, but would be a source of information; and would give the youth the opportunity to create a newsletter. He stated he feels they could find companies who would be willing to donate ad space so it would not cost the Township anything. He stated he feels it would be good, in light of the success of the Candidates Forum this year, to have a Facebook Town Hall. He stated residents could submit questions, and Mr. Costello and Mr. Weldon could run it so that some of the issues could be discussed more openly. He stated he feels a lot of the complaints that occur “miss the mark,” and he feels more open communication and giving people more access to the Supervisors in a coordinated effort would help reduce some of the comments being relayed to the Supervisors individually by phone, etc.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Brody to speak to his professional background. Mr. Brody stated he works in New York City in sales. He stated he started at Datek Online when he graduated college in 1998 as a customer support rep. He stated Datek Online is like Etrade and is now part of TD Ameritrade. He stated he worked his way up from customer service, got his Licenses, moved to project management, and then moved to their operations team working with all the computers to bring up and take down all the system, and then moved to ITG where he was more focused on supporting hedge fund and institutional clients. He stated his jobs have included Internship training, writing procedural documents, and writing spec documents for Websites. He stated he also speaks to clients who trade on his systems and makes sure their trades are working.

Ms. Tyler stated normally she would ask the Candidates if they feel they have the time to be a Supervisor; but she has seen him at all of their meetings for the past several years, so she assumes Mr. Brody would make it the priority it needs to be. Ms. Tyler asked if he sat down with any of the Supervisors concerning the Application for the job, and Mr. Brody stated he did not sit down with anyone;

however, he stated he and Mr. Grenier have had conversation and he has had conversations with Ms. Tyler, and ex-Supervisors Fritchey and Benedetto. He stated he did reach out to everyone in case they wanted to speak with him.

Mr. Weiss stated he understands Mr. Brody's passion and commitment to the Township. Mr. Weiss stated the sports groups pay a lot of money to use Township fields. He stated there are also groups that use the Garden of Reflection, and up until recently they did pay; but now are not paying. He stated there is also a Veterans area which they made a commitment to keeping it a beautiful spot. He asked how Mr. Brody would make sure that the promises made by these groups stick. He stated they were told by certain groups that they would take care of the Garden of Reflection, Veteran's Square, and the Farmers Market, and would not make the Township pay for it; and then all of the sudden, the Township is footing the bill much to the concern of 33,000 residents. Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Brody what he would try to do. Mr. Brody stated if the majority of those scenarios are "falling apart," they should not be entering into those scenarios, and they should not be entering into new ones. Mr. Brody stated each of those situations Mr. Weiss mentioned are unique and different; and as he had mentioned previously, while he does not necessarily find User Fees offensive, he finds it offensive that the User Fees are so "out of whack" with what other groups pay. He stated he loves Patterson Farm and that the Stewarts are farming it; however, they pay less for all the land they use than the User Groups do for the sports fields which are a fraction of the space. He stated he would like to see how other Townships support their extra-curriculars. He stated it is difficult for families involved in sports to pay the User Fees.

Mr. Weiss stated Mr. Brody mentioned the largest contingent liability which are the future endeavors with the sewer flows. He stated currently the Township is a customer and is at the mercy of the suppliers. He asked Mr. Brody his feelings on the relationship with the Municipal Authorities that we deal with knowing that Bucks County Water and Sewer has issues as does Morrisville Municipal Authority, and he asked Mr. Brody where he sees the Township in the scheme of things. Mr. Brody stated he feels we are in a "terrible situation," because we do not have an alternative and do not have a sewer plant in Lower Makefield so there is not a home-grown solution. He stated he would love for Lower Makefield to have a seat on a Joint Commission with Morrisville which he feels they should fight for. He stated he feels they would have to risk paying more in the short term for the sewage in order to make them realize we will go away if we do not get that seat so there might be a "short-term hurt" for the long-term gain of being an equal partner. He stated in Lower Makefield Township when you look at the School District, each individual family is the biggest payer of the School tax based on the cost of the

properties in our Township, and we are now the biggest payer into the sewers; and for that reason we need to do what we can to get an equal seat if not a bigger seat at that table. He stated he would not want to build a sewer plant in his back yard.

Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Brody where he sees the Township in the next five years. Mr. Brody stated he sees a re-opened Sandy Run that is raised and not fully paid for by the Township. He stated he agreed with the decision to try the chicanes, and he is surprised that they brought down the speed as much as they did; but he still has a big issue about putting this in the road to resolve this issue. He stated he will continue to ask if they have liability if they put in an island chicane and someone “plows into it;” because of the negligence that created that issue originally. He stated he fears that by not raising the road and getting rid of the sight line issue completely, all avenues to re-open Sandy Run leave us at risk, but not reopening Sandy Run should not happen. Mr. Brody stated he would like to see Snipes developed, and he supported the Plan that was put up. He stated people feel they were not given a chance to talk about Snipes, but he does not feel that is fair. He stated he lives across the street from the softball fields, and within six months of living there, he asked if lights would ever be going up there; and he cannot imagine living next to a big fenced-in plot of ground and not asking what is going on there. Mr. Brody stated they do not have a paid-for Plan on the table; and from what he has seen of the Budget, we do not have the money to fully fund the Plan that was put forward. Mr. Brody stated his top concern with Snipes is making sure that the water run off is not an issue to the neighbors. Mr. Brody stated he would like to see the developers work together in Edgewood Village; and he feels having two identical shopping centers back-to-back does nothing of value for the Township, and he feels it would be better if they could have a more cohesive view. Mr. Brody stated he personally would prefer the Township not be dry.

Mr. Grenier thanked Mr. Brody for all the work he has done with the Ride of Silence and Josh’s Squad House which has been helpful to the Township and brought a lot of people together after a very unfortunate, sad circumstance. Mr. Grenier stated as Mr. Brody indicated earlier, he and Mr. Brody got together over disagreements; and found a way to get together to discuss things in a nice way which he appreciates. Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Brody what other volunteer activities he has done in addition to the Ride of Silence, Josh’s Squad House, and PAA. Mr. Brody stated when he moved here four years ago within a year he had his second child so it was difficult to do much else. He discussed the first Supervisors’ meeting he attended when there was an argument. He stated he has coached soccer, T-ball, and basketball. He stated he is involved with Kol Emet’s Parent Teacher Association to help them build their playground. He stated his wife is the Homeroom Mom at Kol Emet and Edgewood. He stated he will be involved in a fundraiser to help raise money for the Dog Park; and when they did it last year, they raised \$500, and they will do it again this year. He stated he also organizes taking groups of children to attend 76’s games.

Mr. Grenier asked how many meetings Mr. Brody has attended over the last few years, and Mr. Brody stated he would estimated he has attended thirty-six meetings over the last few years. Mr. Grenier asked if he feels he is up to speed on the Township issues, and Mr. Brody stated he feels he is from “his side of the desk.” He stated usually the next day, he and Mr. Grenier speak, and he has called Ms. Tyler, and Mr. Benedetto; and he and Mr. Costello talk. He stated he feels if you want to get something accomplished it is better to talk to people than to raise it on Facebook.

Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Brody how he could leverage his professional background in this role. Mr. Brody stated he is outgoing and willing to talk to people. He stated he has been told by clients that he is able to calm them down. He feels his personable side would be a big help. He stated with regard to his desire for more technology and communication, he could help drive that vision to implement more technology in the Township.

Mr. Brody stated he appreciates the Board giving everyone this opportunity and appreciates that he was given the time to answer questions fully. He thanked the Board for what they do for the Township.

It was noted that Mr. Dan Gleason and Mr. Paras Parekh who were scheduled to be interviewed this evening had left the Township Building.

#### Interview of Ross Bruch

Mr. Ross Bruch was present. Mr. Bruch stated he and his family moved to Lower Makefield in 2014; and shortly after the election in 2016 Ms. Reiss put out a note urging residents to get active and participate in the local community in any way they could and listed the vacancies one of which was the Farmland Preservation Corporation. He stated he grew up on a farm and highly values the community he and his wife decided to join and its preservation ideals. He stated he appreciated the Board’s approval allowing him to join Farmland Preservation, and for the past year it has been a highly enjoyable partnership to be part of that organization. He stated he wants to be able to find a way to participate in the community in a fuller level, and joining Farmland Preservation has increased his interest; and when he saw the opportunity to seek the Supervisor position, it spoke to him.

Mr. Grenier stated Mr. Bruch has as a number of degrees and interesting legal experience serving currently as an attorney as well as having a Masters Degree in Criminology. Mr. Bruch stated he was a paralegal for a year in Washington D.C. after obtaining his Undergraduate Degree to explore the legal field. He stated he had a

long-standing interest in Federal law enforcement, and he knew a Law Degree would be helpful to that; however, he did a one-year Masters in Criminology that was highly analytical which would allow him to pursue some Federal law enforcement opportunities. He stated he later decided to pursue law school and worked in property law and tax law. Mr. Grenier noted that Mr. Bruch also has a Psych Undergrad. Mr. Grenier asked how he would use his background and current technical skills in the legal field to the betterment of the Board of Supervisors and the Township. Mr. Bruch stated transfer of real property was interesting to him, but 2009 was not the best time to be a Commercial Real Estate attorney so he did spend some time with land use cases and Zoning cases. He stated he also filled his time with tax law which is a useful tool in terms of Real Estate. He stated he was asked by his firm at the time, Saul Ewing, if he would be willing to switch to the Trust and Estates Department. He stated his current role at Brown Brothers Harriman is as a wealth planner where he spends most of his time talking to his clients and their families about preserving wealth, transferring the family business, and the welfare of their children, etc. He stated because of his experiences he has developed the ability to listen, understand the concern, think strategically, and find a way to educate individuals why the decisions they make matter providing all the information in a way people can understand; and he feels there is a lot of that in this opportunity since it is listening to concerns, informing and helping people understand things that are very complex subjects, and getting a better understanding of what issues are at play so that they understand why the Board makes the decisions it does. He stated he has also been taught patience since sometimes explanations need to be made a number of times to the individuals he has been working with which he suspects will come in handy as well.

Mr. Grenier asked Mr. Bruch what he sees as one of the biggest issues the Township faces and his ideas as to how to deal with them. Mr. Bruch stated he is very much pro preservation, but he feels they need to think through what the future of Farmland Preservation is going to be. He stated they work with farmers who rent the Corporation's land, and it is a great relationship for everyone; however, the farmers may not always be interested in this, and they need to consider what happens to the preserved farmland if there is no one to farm it. He stated looking at a map of the land that is left to preserve in Lower Makefield, there is not that much left; although there are still parcels of land over which those inside and outside of the community have strong opinions as to what should happen with that land. He stated he feels it is important for Farmland Preservation and the Township to look at the opportunities and evaluate their best use since once the land is gone, it is gone. He feels this should be closely studied by all the interested parties – Farmland Preservation, the Board of Supervisors, and anyone else who has an interest in what should happen to that land should be part of that analysis.

Mr. Grenier stated as a Supervisor there are a lot of different opinions coming before you, and he asked Mr. Bruch how he handles differing opinions and his approach to conflict resolution and coming to a decision. Mr. Bruch stated he has dealt with a number of families over his career where there is fighting for various reasons; and some of that which has been the most unsuccessful in terms of resolution, has been driven out of “pure spite.” He stated where there has been the most success in his career was in helping a family get through conflict and helping each party to understand why the other party feels the way they do and what facts they are missing. He stated he feels the goal of the Board of Supervisors should not be to have everyone walk away feeling great; but if there is an opportunity to explain and help them understand why decisions are made, he feels that is the most important goal.

Ms. Tyler stated the Board had the opportunity to interview Mr. Bruch just over a year ago when his Application came in for Farmland Preservation, and she thanked him for serving on that very important Committee. She stated Mr. Bruch has a very impressive schooling history which she asked that he outline. Mr. Bruch stated he graduated in 2004 from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor’s in Psychology. He stated he has a Master in Criminology also from the University of Pennsylvania. He stated he graduated in 2009 from Law School from the University of Pennsylvania. He stated he also has an LLM in taxation from Temple University.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Bruch how he found out about the vacancy for Supervisors and why did he apply. Mr. Bruch stated Farmland Preservation is in the middle of a self-exploration of what they want to accomplish. He stated fellow Farmland Preservation Corporation member, Dan Bankoske, and he met in December and started to map out their ideas of all the different considerations of what they hope to accomplish with this organization. He stated they also wanted to look back at the original purpose of their organization. He stated they realized that they have a great opportunity to re-evaluate what they are doing and through that he realized that he wanted to play a bigger role in the future of the community. Mr. Bruch stated he was away on vacation when the vacancy was announced, and Mr. Bankoske texted him about the opportunity since he knew that his would be of interest to him; and he was right so that he could explore not just where Farmland Preservation is headed, but also the entire community. He stated while he is probably much less well-versed on some of the outstanding issues than some of the other candidates as he just moved here over three years ago, he plans to be in the community for the next thirty to forty years; and the decisions being made now will have an impact over the entire time he is going to be here, and he wants to have a role in that process.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Bruch if he had the opportunity to speak to any of the Supervisors on the Board considering his candidacy for this position, and Mr. Bruch stated he had not. Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Bruch if he watches the Township meetings, and Mr. Bruch stated he does occasionally and has been to a few meetings on behalf of Farmland Preservation. He stated he does not feel he is as well versed as he wishes he was given the quality of the other candidates they have seen tonight.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Bruch what he feels the Board of Supervisors' obligation is with respect to the taxes in Lower Makefield. Mr. Bruch stated the obligation is to raise enough revenue to provide the services that are not only necessary but desired in the community. He stated it is an interesting time in terms of taxes because of the recent Tax Bill, and he believes that there will be additional pressure on the Township to be cognizant of individuals who no longer are able to deduct the full amount of their property taxes. He stated it is not inexpensive to live in Lower Makefield, and it is unclear how long this "new territory" will last or if there will be another solution to that. He stated this is in direct conflict with the need to raise revenue as mentioned for specific services that are essential.

Ms. Tyler asked Mr. Bruch if he feels he has the time to take on the job of Supervisor. Mr. Bruch stated the only reason he did not immediately follow with his Application after receiving the text message from Mr. Bankoske was because he wanted to discuss this with his wife debating that question. He stated he would not be here if they did not run that analysis and determine that this was important enough for him to be here, devote the time to it, and make it work as it is a high priority for him.

Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Bruch what does he envision in the next three to five years for the Township. Mr. Bruch stated he feels there are a lot of individuals who are his age, thirty-six or younger, who are starting families and who are looking for the ideal community to move to; and he and his wife believe that they have found it. He stated he feels there will be added pressure in the next three to ten years of individuals wanting to move here, make changes, and see additions to the community that may not be fiscally responsible and will be met with some reluctance from individuals in the community who have been here for an extended period of time. He stated their ideals may clash, and this is an issue the Board will have to deal with in various ways. He stated because of the tax issues, people may also look at an opportunity to be here less desirably than they did previously if they know that they will not be able to deduct State and local Income Tax up to the full amount of the property value that they previously would have.

Mr. Weiss asked how he would address the needs of revenues versus quality of life. Mr. Bruch stated this goes back to his original answer that there are approximately eight hundred acres left of developable land in the community, and they need to consider what to do with that land. He stated he believes that some of that land

should be preserved, but possibly some of it should be considered for the best economic interest possible; and that should be explored. He stated this needs careful analysis and comments from all the interested parties in order to come up with the best solution overall. Mr. Weiss asked Mr. Bruch if he feels he can make these hard decisions; and Mr. Bruch stated he does, and he would not be here if it was not for his desire and belief that he can work with other Board members in order to reach the best conclusions.

Mr. Lewis stated one of Mr. Bruch's former Supervisors from Saul Ewing who is also a Lower Makefield resident did reach out to him and gave Mr. Bruch a very positive endorsement.

Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Bruch if he were selected would he run for Office in two years, and Mr. Bruch stated he could not give a firm "yes" because there are uncertainties as he does not fully understand what is involved in being on the Board without having actually been on the Board. He stated his goal would be yes, but he cannot guarantee that. Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Bruch if he has questions about the role of Supervisor, and Mr. Bruch asked the Board what they think the successful candidate tonight would be most surprised to learn after serving on the Board for the length of time they have. Ms. Tyler stated she feels the most difficult and detrimental aspect is people are too political, and they want to put a letter on you and make assumptions about your character without regard to your abilities. She stated she is always looking for the community-service members who have the brain power and business experience to be an effective Board member. She stated the hardest thing is that you "are not a person anymore" when you sit on the Board in the eyes of many in your community. She stated she feels this job is not politics, and it is more like any other public service she has done; however, that is not the reality of the situation. She stated she feels that it is critical in this beautiful community that we rise above politics, and not artificially place ourselves on teams, but seek to do the public good and also grow a "thicker skin" and accept the criticism that is many times unfair. She stated the most difficult part of the job is time away from your family as time is precious, and the amount of time to be devoted to properly serve the community is a sacrifice few people understand until you have sat here and done it.

Mr. Lewis stated one of the things that surprised him after the first six months and even sooner was that there were skill sets he did not have even though he had previously worked in Municipal and Federal Government as well as for Corporations. He stated one of the challenges is you are learning about land use processes and development, and traffic engineering; but there are also a lot of people who are "amateur traffic engineers and developers" who have ideas for the Board. He stated part of the challenge is realizing what you do not know and being up front about that and willing to "dig in." He stated you also need to take a

portfolio approach to issues. He stated there are too many issues for you to be expert on, and sometimes you need to trust that another one of the Supervisors knows a little more than you do on some issues and give them more deference on an issue. He stated that is part of how you can strike the time balance; but he agrees with Ms. Tyler that the job does take a number of hours.

#### SELECTION OF SUPERVISOR

Mr. Lewis stated typically they have a recess at this point for a few minutes, and he stated he is not sure if Board members want to go into Executive Session. Ms. Tyler stated she is not sure that Executive Session is appropriate, and she feels this should be a public deliberation. Mr. Truelove stated it is, but he does not feel it would be inappropriate if there are any issues that might be confidential or deal with other circumstances, but any decision if there is one to be made has to be made in public. Mr. Lewis stated if Ms. Tyler is uncomfortable going into Executive Session, they could just take a short break and come back. Ms. Tyler stated she does not feel they should deliberate any of this outside of the meeting, and Mr. Truelove stated she is correct that they should not have any deliberation although they could go into Executive Session if there are any questions or concerns. He stated deliberation and the vote must be taken publically.

A short recess was taken at this time.

When the meeting was reconvened, Mr. Truelove suggested that someone make a Motion and then see if there is a Second for one of the candidates and they would then take a vote until they agree on someone.

Ms. Tyler asked what happens if they find themselves in the positive of two to two. Mr. Truelove stated they could recess the meeting and reconvene it and/or after thirty days, according to the Second Class Township Code Section 407 prescribes that after thirty days, there is a fifty-day window for the Vacancy Board to convene. He stated the Vacancy Board would be the four Supervisors plus Mr. Costello who is the Vacancy Board Chairman who would participate at that point. Mr. Truelove stated if a determination is still not made, it would go to the Court of Common Pleas in Doylestown. Ms. Tyler asked if it would be appropriate should they find themselves in that position that they convene the Vacancy Board tonight; however Mr. Truelove stated he does not know statutorily that they can, and he feels that according to the Section the Vacancy Board is only created after the expiration of thirty days.

Mr. Lewis noted that the Vacancy Board Chair, while present now, was unable to be present during the earlier interviews.

Ms. Tyler moved to appoint Mr. Mike Brody to the vacancy. There was no second.

Ms. Tyler stated these were fantastic candidates and the pedigree on some of the candidates, and their commitment to the community is “staggering.” She stated she is disappointed that they did not get a Second on Mr. Brody, and she feels no one has more knowledge of our community than does Mr. Brody.

Mr. Lewis stated there were two candidates who chose not to participate tonight but had submitted an Application, and there were here, but the duration of the meeting may have caused them to not “stay the distance.”

Mr. Grenier moved and Ms. Tyler seconded the nomination of Suzanne Blundi to the position.

Ms. Tyler stated Ms. Blundi was the second person she had significant notes on, and she has a history of community service and is an attorney adding attorneys have the ability to analyze issues in a manner that is logical; and she feels Ms. Blundi would add some “serious heft” to the Board. Mr. Grenier stated an attorney with her background in the public sector and her background in conflict resolution and conflict of interest review as well as the Legislative experience in addition to the all the volunteer work she has done shows that she is very interested in the Township. He stated she is a very thoughtful, analytical, and well-rounded person who he would support for the Board.

Mr. Lewis stated he knows Ms. Blundi very well and thinks very highly of her, and he feels she would be a wonderful addition to the Board. He stated while she was not his first choice, she was his second choice.

Mr. Weiss stated all of the Candidates were excellent, and any one of them would make an excellent addition to the Board. He stated Ms. Blundi has great experience, and her volunteer work is excellent. He stated her career path has been exemplary, and he would have no problem with her as a member of the Board.

Mr. Grenier stated he was very impressed with the Applicants and their different skills sets and their interest in service to the community as well as their historical service to the community. He stated their educational and professional backgrounds were “amazing.” He stated no matter how this vote goes, he hopes that they will all stay involved and continue to attend meetings, communicate their concerns, and provide the Board with their backgrounds and knowledge to continue their service to the Township and help the Board make good decisions.

Mr. Lewis asked if a person fails on the first ballot, could they be brought back later, and Mr. Truelove agreed adding if there is no majority, arguments could persuade people; and this could take much longer to decide.

There was no Public Comment at this time.

Motion was called, and the Motion carried unanimously to appoint Ms. Suzanne Blundi as Supervisor.

Ms. Tyler stated she is very happy with this, although she is sorry that they are not taking a closer look at Mr. Bruch who has a wonderful pedigree; and she would continue to encourage him to stay involved as he has on Farmland Preservation.

Mr. Fedorchak was asked to advise Ms. Blundi of her Appointment, and Ms. Tyler stated she would be glad to welcome her in as well.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2356 AND #2357 REQUESTING A SOLAR ENERGY GRANT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCING AUTHORITY FOR THE POTENTIAL INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS ON THE COMMUNITY CENTER AND TOWNSHIP BUILDING

Mr. Pockl stated this is administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). He stated the Application deadline is this Friday, January 19. He stated it is a Grant program that offers a matching commitment of one dollar to one dollar. He stated this includes up to 10% of the project cost for engineering and up to 2% of the project cost can be for administrative costs. He stated one “catch” for the Grant program is that the Township must surrender the solar renewable energy credits that they would get from the solar panels for the life of the project. He stated currently a solar renewable energy credit is about \$5 per credit in Pennsylvania and how this calculates is one SREC is equivalent to about 1,000 kilowatt hours. He stated the solar panels that would be put on the Township Building would generate approximately 70,000 kilowatt hours so the total of that is about \$350 per year that the Township would be giving up to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) if the Township were to receive this grant assuming that the \$5 stays the same throughout the life of the project.

Mr. Pockl stated for the Grant there is pre-screening Application that they would submit on-line, and it is based on funds available by the Municipality and project readiness. He stated there are two projects – one for the Community Center and the other for the Township Building. He stated there is a \$100 Application Fee. He stated he met with the Township and members of the EAC, and they discussed the desire and feasibility of moving forward with this project at the two locations.

Mr. Pockl stated they decided that two separate Applications would be most feasible as they did not want to get into a situation where it would be all or nothing. He stated they want DCED to have the opportunity to grant the Township one of the projects if they so chose to. He stated a Resolution is required to formally request the Grant and designate an Agent to act on the Township's behalf, and present an amount for the request to DCED.

Mr. Pockl stated given the total project costs, for the Community Center, they estimated a total of approximately \$99,687; so Lower Makefield Township's portion of that would be half of that or \$49,843.75. He stated for the Township Building the total project cost they have estimated at \$172,975, and the Township's portion would be 50% of that or \$86,487.50. Mr. Pockl stated they also estimated a return on investment; and for the Community Center it is approximately fourteen years, and for the Township Building it is between sixteen years and seventeen years. Mr. Pockl stated he believes that these are conservative estimates based on a 1% annual decrease in the electricity generation over the life of the project and based on the cost of electricity that the Township pays now at the Township Building and on a 2% inflation cost.

Ms. Tyler stated this evening they are only authorizing going forward and make the Grant Application on the Township's behalf; and they can then delve into which or both of the projects that they want to apply for, and all they are doing now is letting them get the Application in, and it does not obligate the Township to do anything other than submit the Application; and Mr. Pockl agreed.

Ms. Tyler moved, Mr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Resolutions #2356 and #2357 requesting a solar energy Grant from the Commonwealth Financial Authority for the potential installation of solar panels on the Community Center and the Township Building.

#### AWARD CONTRACT FOR POOL SNACK BAR MANAGEMENT TO SICILIA CATERING

Mr. Fedorchak stated the Township staff had placed this Contract out to Bid. Mr. Truelove had put together a very detailed Request for Proposals, which was advertised in the Contract, and the Bid opening was held on January 5. He stated they received two proposals; however, one proposal was eliminated because it was non-responsive leaving them with a proposal from Steve Sicilia who has over forty years experience in the hospitality industry and is experienced in the food industry overall. Mr. Fedorchak stated what is before the Board is the approval of a three-year Contract with Mr. Sicilia for the years 2018, 2019, and 2010 with options for the years 2021 and 2022. Mr. Sicilia has agreed to pay the Township \$6,500 for each year compared to approximately \$3,500 per year that was received in the past.

Mr. Fedorchak stated they have vetted Mr. Sicilia and his company, and they come well recommended. Mr. Fedorchak stated Jeff Brown, the Pool Manager, has worked with Mr. Sicilia and highly recommended him. Mr. Fedorchak stated the McCaffrey's have also highly recommend Mr. Sicilia, and it is the staff's recommendation to award the three-year Contract to Mr. Sicilia with the options for the next two years.

Ms. Tyler moved, Mr. Weiss seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Contract as outlined by the Township Manager to Sicilia Catering as the Pool Snack Bar Manager.

Mr. Truelove stated the Board met in Executive Session beginning at 6:30 p.m. and informational items, personnel issues, Real Estate, and litigation were discussed.

APPROVE RETAINING OUTSIDE/CONFLICT COUNSEL FOR REVIEWING AND DETERMINING APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF INITIATING LITIGATION AGAINST THOSE PERSONS AND/OR ENTITIES WHO ARE POTENTIALLY LEGALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SANDY RUN ROAD CLOSURE AT ITS INTERSECTION WITH EDGEWOOD ROAD, AND THE LIABILITY AND COSTS FOR REMEDYING THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES

Mr. Truelove stated the Sandy Run issue has been the subject of much discussion this evening. He stated this Motion addresses a recommendation to retain outside counsel to investigate potential liability for the circumstances leading to the road closure. Mr. Truelove stated the wording would be as follows:

Consider retaining outside/conflict Counsel for reviewing and determining appropriate course of action, including the possibility of initiating litigation, against those persons and/or entities who are deemed legally responsible for the Sandy Run Road closure at its intersection with Edgewood Road, and the liability and costs for remedying those circumstances.

Mr. Truelove stated the reason his firm would not be participating is because there was a report generated by Gilmore Engineering in September or October which implicated at least in part potentially the former Township engineering firm; and since his firm had worked with that engineering firm and done some projects with them, it would not be prudent for the Township to have his firm do the work.

Ms. Weiss moved to approve as read by Mr. Truelove.

Ms. Tyler stated she is concerned about the word “deemed” as she does not feel legal responsibility will be assigned until the conclusion of litigation, and she stated she would change to word to “potential.” Ms. Tyler stated she also feels this Motion needs to be subject to a conflict search, approval of fees and Retainer Agreement.

Mr. Lewis stated he is comfortable with this being subject to approval of fees and Retainer Agreement and but not a conflict search. Ms. Tyler stated the law firm has to provide the Township with a statement that they are not in conflict, and Mr. Lewis stated he would agree to that.

Mr. Grenier agreed to second as Amended by Ms. Tyler, and the Motion carried unanimously.

#### ZONING HEARING BOARD MATTERS

With regard to the Kevin and Kelly Hunter Variance request for property located a 36 Crown Terrace in order to permit construction of an in ground pool, retaining wall, concrete pool deck and fence resulting in encroachments in to the 50’ setback, it was agreed to leave the matter to the Zoning Hearing Board.

#### SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Mr. Lewis stated the Zoning Hearing Board met last evening where they had a case that has not been resolved involving a person operating a B and B out of their residence, and they will be hearing that again; and depending on the outcome the Board may want to consider an Ordinance in the future to address this.

Mr. Grenier stated Park & Recreation had their Reorganization meeting, and Dave Gordon will continue as Chair. Mr. Grenier stated Ms. Tierney presented various programs proposed for the Community Center with the fees. He stated Ms. Tierney and the Seniors moved into the Community Center on January 16. He stated there is one open spot on the Park & Recreation Board. Mr. Grenier stated the EAC met, and they discussed the potential for the Community Center to meet LEED Silver if they are able to obtain the Grant and add the solar panels given how close they were to the numbers, although they have not verified that. Mr. Grenier stated the EAC is also looking at planning a lecture series for the year with four lectures. Mr. Grenier stated the EAC was also asking the status of the MS4 Application, and Mr. Fedorchak stated he will find out about that. He stated they

do have coming to the Board an update on transition items and who will be handling what. Mr. Grenier stated the EAC also reviewed the potential for adding solar panels to the pools as they are heated; however, after careful review it did not seem there would be much if any return on investment using solar panels for the pool. He stated the EAC is seeking to coordinate more closely with Planning and other groups for review of projects.

Ms. Tyler stated Electrical Reliability has been e-mailing back and forth as they \have received some resident complaints about a potential cluster that has issues, and they are looking into getting some explanation. Ms. Tyler stated the Disabled Persons Advisory Board has reached out to the Board of Supervisors about \changing their name to make it more descriptive, and they would like to come before the Board of Supervisors to request the name change which she understands would require a Resolution. Mr. Truelove agreed it probably would require a Resolution; and if they have the name, it could be e-mailed to him and he could prepare a Resolution. Ms. Tyler agreed to advise their Chair and ask that it be sent to Mr. Truelove so that it is ready to be approved. Ms. Tyler stated with regard to the Historic Commission and HARB, there are a lot of new people and there are a few projects they are going to be moving forward. She stated she does not know if there are any vacancies left on those Boards.

Ms. Tyler stated Mr. Grenier made reference to the vacancy on Park & Rec, and she feels Mr. Fritchey who served on that Board for over twenty years until he was “drafted” to serve on the Board of Supervisors has expressed an interest in re-joining the Park & Rec Board although she is not sure that he has made his formal Application. Mr. Fedorchak stated he has, and Ms. Tyler stated she would like to promote that.

Mr. Lewis stated the Citizens Traffic Commission will be meeting tomorrow night to review the Makefield Road analysis that was done. He stated it was received January 3, and the engineer from TPD will be in attendance; and copies of the report will be available, and the community will have an opportunity to learn about the findings of the report. He stated the Citizens Traffic Commission will provide their comments and make a recommendation. Ms. Tyler asked if Chief Coluzzi could invite Mr. T. R. Kannan, who is on the School Board and was involved in this issue, and advise him of the CTC meeting; and if he is unable to attend to send a colleague.

#### APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 2358 AUTHORIZING DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN SPECIFIC RECORDS

Mr. Fedorchak advised that State law permits the Township to destroy certain official documents provided the Township has retained those documents for the

prescribed period of time that is stated in the Law. He reviewed the records to be destroyed. He stated State Law requires that these documents be kept for seven years, and the documents to be destroyed would be from 2010. He stated this involves a lot of paper, and they need to do this on a regular basis.

Mr. Lewis stated they have had similar Resolutions each year, and Mr. Fedorchak stated this is an annual “housecleaning” measure. Mr. Lewis stated the hope is they will eventually digitize. Mr. Fedorchak stated they just started that initiative; and he hopes within the next two to three years, they will be able to digitize all of these documents, and they will not have to do this anymore.

Ms. Tyler moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve Resolution #2358 authorizing destruction of specific records as outlines by the Township Manager.

#### UPDATE ON THE PURCHASE OF THE NEW RESCUE 80 FIRE VEHICLE

Mr. Fedorchak stated the Yardley-Makefield Fire Company is excited to announce the purchase of the new rescue engine. He stated they have purchased the vehicle through COSTARS, and the total purchase price will be \$772,235. He stated the first step is the payment for the chassis of \$360,193 which they will pay for by the end of the month in order to secure a \$10,000 discount. Mr. Fedorchak stated the remaining piece will come later on in the year. Mr. Fedorchak stated he believes the Fire Department is very close to finalizing the sale of their current vehicle, and they anticipate that they will receive approximately \$200,000 to \$250,000 so the net cost to the Township will be approximately \$500,000. Mr. Fedorchak stated this was already approved in the 2018 Budget.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Tyler announced that the Township executed its Deed Restriction on Patterson Farm with the County on Tuesday morning so an additional 180 acres have been permanently preserved.

#### MOTION ON MASTER PLAN

Mr. Truelove stated in Executive Session the Board discussed their concern with the Master Plan.

Mr. Weiss moved and Ms. Tyler seconded to direct the Lower Makefield Township Planning Commission to finalize its review and recommendations regarding the Lower Makefield Township Master Plan no later than the conclusion of its April 23, 2018 meeting.

Mr. Lewis stated the reason for this is the Comprehensive Master Plan is three years late; however, Mr. Truelove stated he believes it is closer to five years late. He stated the Planning Commission should finish this or the Board of Supervisors will take over the Comprehensive Master Plan and determine it accordingly.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Ms. Tyler moved to re-appoint David Fritchey to the Park & Recreation Board.

Mr. Lewis stated Mr. Fritchey has not been interviewed.

Ms. Tyler stated Mr. Fritchey gave up his existing position on the Park & Rec Board to assist the Board of Supervisors, and it would be punitive not to restore him to that position. Ms. Tyler stated if Mr. Lewis would like to interview him, he should do so; but she feels they should also make sure that they interview all the engineers and lawyers. Ms. Tyler stated there are new Board members who have never worked with any of these people.

Mr. Lewis called for a Motion to adjourn.

Mr. Weiss moved, Mr. Grenier seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristin Tyler, Secretary

