

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
February 8, 2006 7:00 PM

Present: Roy Timpe, Robert Kopfer, Claude Beaver, Gene Orlando – Roland & Schlegel, Tom Unger– Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Keith Shuman – Public Works Director, Diane Hollenbach - Secretary, Johanna Lella – Recording Secretary

Guests: Ashley Stump, Cindy Stump, Fay Isamoyer, Lisa & Brendon Weida, Ann Marie Carpenter, Paul Martin, Rebecca Vandermeulen, Vicki Kline, Rick Kline, Carl Weston, Chris Kline, Kim Rossetti, and Randi Peters.

Roy Timpe called the February 8, 2007 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 PM in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

POLICE REPORT

Officer Dillman reported that Northern Berks Regional Police responded to 235 assignments in Maidencreek Township in the month of January. This resulted in 95 citations. Total patrol hours were 925.57 hours. Total mileage was 7383.3. Total fines were \$2,683.51.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, to approve the January 11, 2007 regular meeting minutes of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. All members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Marie Carpenter of Cornerstone Drive stated that:

- 1.The Cornerstone playground is boring and needs updating.
- 2.A stop sign is needed on Cornerstone Drive.
- 3.Turning arrows are needed at Route 222 and Route 73.
- 4.Cactus growing alongside Spirit Court in a resident's yard are potentially dangerous if a child fell into them. They have three inch thorns.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Subdivision Status Checklist

Villages at Maidencreek Resubdivision Plan

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to accept the withdrawal of the plan entitled “Resubdivision Plan of Record” in the letter dated February 2, 2007 from Van Cleef Engineering Associates on behalf of Larken Associates. All members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Village @ Summit Crest Phase III

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to accept the time extension that has been received by the Township for the Village @ Summit Crest Phase III. All members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Subdivision Improvements Agreements and Letter of Credit Reductions

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A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, releasing the Meadowood Music Maintenance Fund moneys. All members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Subdivisions/Zoning

Maidencreek Crossings (Corrado)

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to accept the time extension letter that has been received by the Township for Maidencreek Crossings. All members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Projects

Hoch Road Culvert Replacement – No action required at this time from Board.

Comprehensive Plan Revision - No action required at this time from Board.

Municipal Building Connection – No action required at this time from Board.

Zoning Ordinance and SALDO – No action required at this time from Board.

Act 537 Plan – No action required at this time from Board.

Lehigh Cement Noise Study – No action required at this time from Board.

Limestone Acres Storm water - No action required at this time from Board.

Rt. 222 Drainage - No action required at this time from Board.

339/343 Cassidy Storm water - No action required at this time from Board.

Traffic Calming - No action required at this time from Board.

Water Well Ordinance

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing SDE to forward the Draft Water Well Ordinance to Maidencreek Township Authority and the Township Solicitor's office for review and possible publication. All members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Bingo Hall Inspection

SDE inspected the property. The Bingo Hall is not in compliance with the meeting minutes. SDE sent out a letter to Mr. Young explaining the noncompliance.

8 Chestnut Street

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to have the Road Working Crew board up 8 Chestnut Street working under the direction of the Property Maintenance Code. All members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, amending the motion to have the Solicitor review the Property Maintenance Code prior to beginning the work. All members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

385 West Walnut Tree Drive – Tabled.

145 Buena Vista Drive – Tabled.

Subdivision Improvement Agreement LOC/Escrow Release Letters

A motion was made by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Subdivision Improvements Agreements LOC/Escrow release letters in the amount of \$81,006.39 for the month of January 2007. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

Code Enforcement Officer's Activity Report

SDE advised the Supervisors that a letter had gone out to Ms. Bossler regarding her property on 185 W. Wesner Road.

OPERATION'S REPORTS

Mr. Kopfer asked the Road Crew to inspect the road conditions on North View Road, in Limestone Village.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Improvements Agreements

Dollar General - Awaiting developer input.

March 8, 2007 Meeting @ 6:45 PM

The Solicitor advised that he will not be ready for re-adoption of the Zoning & Saldo Ordinance on March 8th and asked that the hearing be postponed.

Traffic Ordinance – Tabled.

Cable Franchise Renewal for Comcast – Tabled.

Construction Code Ordinance – Tabled.

Noise Ordinance - Tabled.

Manager Ordinance - Tabled.

Ingot Drive deed of dedication

SDE has sent the legal description of the property to the Township Solicitor.

Sludge Ordinance

Mr. Kopfer, Mr. Beaver and Mr. Tom Unger visited the bunks (pits) on the Gerhard's Property as discussed at the February 11, 2007 meeting. Mr. Kopfer asked how the pits can be safe when there are ground hog holes bored in the sides of them. Mr. Kopfer

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stated that the pits are not lined, uncovered, have shrubs growing out of them and are nothing more than a peat dump. Mr. Kopfer stated that it would not be a problem to cover the pits if they would put a large enough divider between the two pits. Mr. Kopfer said that DEP stated that the pits were fine and the water isn't going to run out of the pit and down into the creek. Mr. Kopfer observed that the creek is right down hill from the pits. Mr. Beaver asked if DEP states the bunks are okay and the permit states that they must be covered and are not, what is the next step? Mr. Orlando said that the most effective thing to do is make the local legislator's office aware of the discrepancy between what the permit requires/states versus what is actually being done.

Mr. Kline had a meeting with DEP and made Mr. Sweeney of the PA DEP aware that he is not looking to stop the spreading of the sludge, but is looking for the pits to be covered. Mr. Sweeney told Mr. Kline that the permit, which was submitted by Synagro, stated that they would cover the pits.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to exclude from the ordinance the coverage of the bunks, since it is already part of the DEP permit. All members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to advertise the Public Hearing for the adoption of the Draft Sludge Ordinance on March 8, 2007 at 6:30 PM. All members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Mr. Beaver advised Ms. Hollenbach to put a notation on the web stating that the Draft Sludge Ordinance will be revised.

Mr. Kline thanked Mr. Kopfer and Mr. Unger for stopping by his home on January 16, 2007 to look over his situation and thanked Mr. Timpe for responding to his call of January 12, 2007.

Manager Ordinance – Tabled.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, to approve the January 2007 Treasurer's Report and paid bills report. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION

Ontelaunee Heights Neighborhood Park

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing System Design Engineering to survey the property with a cost not to exceed \$2,500 and to obtain proposals to have a geologic evaluation performed with the cost not to exceed \$3,000 to determine the likelihood of the sinkholes spreading to other areas of the site and obtain recommendations on sinkhole mitigation and repair. All members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – Tabled

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BUSINESS

Public Access Computer

There will be no Public Access Computer due to cost.

Approval and signature of Boyer Agreement

A motion was by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, authorizing the approval and signature of the Boyer Agreement. All members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Certification for Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Disbursement & General Municipal Pension System State Aid

A motion was made by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, authorizing the Chief Administrative Officer to sign the Certification for Foreign Fire Insurance Tax Disbursement & General Municipal Pension System State Aid. All members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Tree Topping Quotes at Genesis & Rt. 222

A motion was made by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, authorizing the Public Works Director to accept the lowest bid not to exceed \$2,100.00 for tree topping on Genesis & Rt. 222. All members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Property Maintenance Code of 2006

Currently, the Township has adopted the Property Maintenance Code of 2000. The Board did not wish to authorize an ordinance be prepared to adopt the revised Property Maintenance Code of 2006.

Meetings

The Fleetwood Area School District Board invited the Supervisors to attend a meeting on February 20, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

Richmond Township invited the Supervisors to attend their Planning Commission meeting on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:00 PM, at which time Lehigh Cement will have representatives specifically explaining the quality and quantity of truck activities needed to service their quarry expansion.

Executive Session was held from 8:45 p.m. to 9:20 to discuss litigation & personnel. AFLAC

A motion was made by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, allowing AFLAC to be offered to the Township employees and authorizing the Township Secretary to sign on behalf of the Township. All members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Robert Kopfer to adjourn the February 8, 2007 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. All members voted, "Aye." Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Transcribing Secretary

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Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Roland & Schlegel, Solicitor
Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Engineer
Ed Kopicki, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Planning Commission Engineer
Planning Commission
Park & Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates
Paul Herbein, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager
JoAnn Schaeffer, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary
Robert Hobaugh, Jr. Esq., Stevens & Lee, Authority Solicitor
Greg Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Authority Engineer
Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Company Chief
Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police