

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
September 13, 2007 7:00 PM

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

Guests: Michael Hartman, Joe Rudderow III, Jim Babiarz, Mike Cochrane, Neal Berger, Gloria Kline, Tina Poole, Lorraine Cochrane, Stanley Deeds, David A. Tranquillo, Cindy Stump, Colenn Heffner, Angelo Corrado, Fay Isamoyer, Sue Dompkowski

Roy Timpe called the September 13, 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 Drazenovich reported that Northern Berks Regional Police responded to 345 assignments in Maidencreek Township in the month of August. This resulted in 56 citations. The traffic fines for Maidencreek for the month of August were \$1,638.10 and non-traffic fines were \$494.37, totaling \$2,132.47. The total number of patrol hours was 820.16 for the month. Officer Drazenovich informed the audience that a lot of vandalism has been occurring in Limestone Village and the police force is asking for assistance from the residents.

Mr. Tranquillo asked the police to monitor the speed on Maidencreek Road, Evansville Road and Buena Vista Road.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, to approve the August 16, 2007 regular meeting minutes. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to approve the August 21, 2007 special meeting minutes. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, to have the Secretary advertise a special meeting to be held on September 21, 2007 at 7:30 pm, to open truck bids. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Subdivision Status Checklist – All plans are current.

Subdivision Improvement Agreement LOC

Lords & Ladies Land Development Improvements –

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the manager to return the Improvements Agreement Letter of Credit for Lords & Ladies Land Development. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Subdivisions/Zoning

Maidencreek Crossing (Corrado) Subd. Final Plan–

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Roy Timpe, approving the Maidencreek Crossing Final Plan contingent upon completion of the items in the Systems Design

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Engineering letter dated September 13, 2007, which is incorporated by reference. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted as follows; Mr. Claude Beaver and Mr. Roy Timpe, "Aye" and Mr. Robert Kopfer, "No". Motion carried.

Village @ Summit Crest Final Plan – Tabled

Melrose Place Commercial Final Plan Lots 4/5 –

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Roy Timpe, approving the Melrose Place Commercial Final Plan for lots 4/5 contingent upon completion of the items in the Systems Design Engineering letter dated September 13, 2007, which is incorporated by reference. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted as follows; Mr. Claude Beaver and Mr. Roy Timpe "Aye", and Mr. Robert Kopfer, "No". Motion carried.

Jantz Subdivision Final Plan –

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the Chairperson to sign the Planning Module Exemption Form for the Jantz Subdivision. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Projects

2007 Road Projects and Community Park Trails received at June Meeting -

A motion was made by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, approving payment #1 to EJB in the amount of \$141,039.05 contingent upon Penn DOT's review and curb repair on Acer Drive. Hearing no questions on the motion, members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Golden Manor III Street Trees – Mr. Unger informed the Board that 2 bids had been received for the Golden Manor III Street Trees project on September 7, 2007 from J. Margerison in the amount of \$12,600.00 and All Seasons Landscaping Co., Inc. in the amount of \$14,299.60.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, awarding the Golden Manor III Street Trees project to J. Margerison in the amount of \$12,600.00. Hearing no questions on the motion, members voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Traffic Study Buena Vista Road – Mr. Unger informed the Board of the results from the traffic study that had been completed on Buena Vista Road.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to include in the Traffic Ordinance limiting heavy truck traffic to local deliveries on Buena Vista Road. Mr. Timpe asked if there were any questions regarding the motion. Mr. Tranquillo asked if he could be informed of any studies that are being done in his neighborhood. Mr. Kopfer also asked if the truck size could be added to the Traffic Ordinance. Mr. Beaver then withdrew the motion. The Board agreed to discuss this at the September 21, 2007 meeting and asked the engineer to provide a weight limit for the truck restrictions.

Subdivision Improvement Agreement LOC/Escrow Release Letters –

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Subdivision Improvements Agreements LOC/Escrow release letters in the amount of \$28,209.71 for the month of August 2007. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Comcast and Service Electric Work –

A motion was made by Claude Beaver seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the Engineer and Township Manager to take action against the Bond for any repairs that need to be made and to have the Township Operations Manager make the repairs. Mr. Timpe asked if there are any questions. Mr. Deeds asked about the trucks that were left over the night on the bridge on W. Walnut Tree Drive and second that there is no traffic control while job is being done. Mr. Unger stated Service Electric and Comcast have been made aware of the violations. Mr. Beaver amended the motion authorizing the Township Manager to send a letter to Service Electric regarding the list of complaints from residents about the cable replacement project so far. Hearing no further questions regarding the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Park Road Repair in front of Melrose Place – Mr. Beaver asked when the road work will be done on Park Road in front of Melrose Place. Ms. Hollenbach said that this is a PennDOT issue and the developer of Melrose Place is waiting on PennDOT.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the Township Manager to act as a liaison between PennDOT and Melrose Place. Hearing no further questions regarding the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

OPERATION’S REPORTS - A written report was provided.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Exemptions Mandatory Water Connection – Stephanie Dake provided the Board with material from the PA DEP on well head protection.

TREASURER’S REPORT/MANAGER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, to approve the August 2007 Treasurer’s Report and bill list. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION

A motion was made by Claude Beaver seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing SDE to perform a survey of Wyatt Drive Tot Lot with the cost not to exceed \$1,500.00 Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver seconded by Robert Kopfer authorizing installation of fencing and screening at the Golden Drive entrance to the Community Park and along the tot lot with a cost not to exceed \$4,000.00 Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Request that the solicitor to look at legality of banning people who have broken the law in the parks from entering onto park property – to be discussed in executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident from Richmond Township read a speech to the Board regarding the Zwicky Project.

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Mr. Tranquillo, Buena Vista Road – Commented about Mr. Zwicky's project and asked if the Board was aware that Lehigh Cement has requested a permit from DEP to make their quarry deeper.

Ms. Tina Poole, Lee Spring Road - Ms. Poole would like a solution to the water that is running down Lee Spring Road, which is causing the landscaping on her property to run-off.

RESOLUTIONS

Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2008

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, approving Resolution 24-2007 2008 MMO in the amount of \$37,613. Hearing no further questions regarding the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion called.

BUSINESS

Corrado request to meet with Township Representative – Mr. Corrado would like to purchase Township property that is adjacent to his property. The Board stated they will discuss this in executive session. – Tabled.

Second request for stop signs at intersection of Maidencreek and Pleasant Hill Roads –

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer, to have the Township Manager send a letter to PennDOT to look at Maidencreek & Pleasant Hill Roads regarding safety concerns ASAP. A gentleman that lives near Maidencreek & Pleasant Hill Roads approached the Board regarding an accident that occurred in front of his home. Hearing no further questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by Robert Kopfer to have the Township Manager send a letter to Lehigh Cement trucking companies regarding safe driving at the intersection of Maidencreek & Pleasant Hill Roads. Hearing no questions regarding the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Executive Session was held from 8:37 p.m. to 9:25 p.m. to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Robert Kopfer, seconded by Claude Beaver, to adjourn the September 13, 2007 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.

Recording Secretary

Township Secretary, September 27, 2007

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Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Roland & Schlegel, Solicitor
Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township 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