

MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 9, 2000 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Karl Bolognese - Supervisor, Terry Rarick - Supervisor, Roy Timpe - Supervisors, Richard Orwig – Solicitor, Thomas Unger – Engineer, Ruth Manmiller – Recording Secretary, Terry Manmiller - Operations Manager

GUESTS: Ray Martin, Robert Beissel, Alice Beissel, Ronald Kemmerer, Gloria Kemmerer, Frank Wheeler, Kent Morey, J. Roy Wise, Joseph DeSantis, Fred Giorgi, Robert Hanna, Diane Hollenbach, Claude Beaver, James Schoellkopf, Patrick Harkin, Kurt Bottorf, Casimir Malys, Jared Malys, Tim Knarr, Allen Weaver, Nikki M. Murry – Newspaper Reporter.

Karl Bolognese called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked everyone to rise for the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jared Malys, 418 Cassidy Court informed the Board he was a scout from Pack 183. As part of the requirement to obtain the citizenship merit badge he must attend a township meeting and request information, especially a copy of the 2000 budget.

The Board thanked him for attending the meeting and promised to provide him with a copy of the 2000 budget and any other governmental information he might request.

Tim Knarr, 703 E. Wesner Road questioned the Board of their intentions:

1. To control the use of snowmobiles in the open space.

Roy Timpe informed Mr. Knarr the Board had discussed snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles and/or dirt bikes using the open space at the February Board of Supervisors meeting. The Board had referred their concerns to the Park and Recreation Board and will wait for their recommendation. The Board was in agreement if the people using snowmobiles used the open space with respect for the neighbors and public property there would be no reason to prohibit the activity. He suggested anyone who had questions pertaining to snowmobiles in the open space area to attend the next Parks and Recreation Board meeting, April 6, 2000.

Terry Rarick felt snowmobiles would not cause near the damage as all terrain vehicles and/or dirt bikes might.

2. The rerouting of the creek in the future Community Park will place the creek near his home and he is concerned about possible flooding to his home.

Terry Rarick stated the reason the creek is being rerouted is to return it to its natural bed, which will also enlarge the area to be used in the Community Park. The bridge at Hoch Road will be enlarged allowing for faster disbursement of water to prevent future flooding.

Terry Manmiller stated the section between the first bridge on East Wesner Road and the bridge on Hoch Road must be cleaned. A permit and permission from the property owners will have to be obtained prior to any creek cleaning.

Allen Weaver, 515 Guldin Road stated he was attending the meeting because of his concern of banning snowmobiles in the open space.

The Board directed him to the Parks and Recreation meeting on April 6, 2000, 7:00 PM

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The Board introduced Diane Hollenbach, the new township receptionist.

Jeffrey Shaylor, 757 Hill Road questioned when the Board would take corrective measures to control the storm water that flows on his property. He has experienced flooding in the past, but since the neighbor across the street installed a new sandmound septic system additional water flows in the direction of his home.

Terry Manmiller stated he had cleaned a drain that had been install several years ago to help with this same flooding problem. He felt some roadwork might help divert the water away Mr. Shaylor's home.

Frank Wheeler, 130 Hill Road questioned if there was an escrow account established for recreation equipment in the Tree Tops subdivision.

The Board felt there was an escrow account for Tree Tops.

Russell Bennicoff, Park Road Park & Lock, questioned what outstanding work is required by the Board to complete his project. He stated that in the last correspondence he had received from the township he was directed to complete the driveway. He informed the Board that Trails, Inc. or Larry Feger owned the driveway. Since he has right-of-way for this driveway, he has been in contact with Trails, Inc. to work with them to complete the driveway upon the completion of their project.

Terry Rarick stated if the Improvement Agreements directed him to upgrade the driveway as a condition of right-of-way privilege he must do so.

Alice Beissel, Route 222 stated she had heard Giorgio Foods had obtained a tax break and was interested if the money he was saving would go towards the expansion or upgrade of his business in Maidencreek and/or Ontelaunee Township.

The Board stated there were no plans on file at the present time concerning Giorgio Foods in Maidencreek Township and they cannot comment on any activity for Ontelaunee Township.

Fred Giorgi had no comment.

Robert Beissel, Route 222 questioned the status of installation of a street light on Dries Road near the bridge.

Terry Manmiller stated GPU would not install lights. The Board or developer must install the streetlights and GPU will energize. GPU will wait for instructions from the Board.

Roy Timpe felt reflective signs with measurements would be an asset to drivers to determine if it would be safe to cross the bridge on Dries Road under flooding conditions.

Terry Rarick informed Mr. Beissel the pole the light would be installed on is in Ontelaunee Township. If he wants a light, he might want to go to Ontelaunee Township to request the light.

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Kurt Bottdorf, 218 Cornerstone Drive stated if the township is concerned about liability because of people using snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles in the open space they should also consider the residents who mow the open space behind their homes with their personal mowers.

Terry Rarick stated the Board had not taken any action and would wait for a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board. He is more concerned about the all terrain vehicles destroying the area, than the snowmobiles. As always, the Board must be concerned for the liability no matter what type of active takes place in the open spaces.

William Krauter, 228 Callery Drive questioned when the streetlights would be installed in Phase II of the Tree Tops subdivision. He was under the impression from past meetings that the streetlights would have been installed several weeks ago.

Terry Manmiller stated he had been told the wrong lighting equipment had been delivered and the correct products should arrive in the near future.

The Board agreed to wait until the April meeting to take action on the delay of the installation of lights in Tree Tops Phase II.

Donna Moyer, 307 East Wesner Road asked the Board to repair a pothole that had formed since a new water line had been installed which has caused stones to deposit in her yard. She inquired if plans had been plans had been submitted for the retirement village subdivision planned behind her home.

Terry Rarick stated the Board could not repair holes or remove stones from private property, and could not pave all shoulders of the roadway. He did agree to allow the Operations Manager to inspect the problem.

The Board informed Mrs. Moyer that plans have been submitted for retirement village and the review process will begin.

Brad Wily, 342 Cornerstone Dr. stated he too had attended this meeting to hear the discussion and /or decision of the use of snowmobiles in the open space.

The Board directed him to attend the April 6, 2000 Parks and Recreation meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING/REPORTS

Karl Bolognese made a motion, seconded by Terry Rarick to approve the February 8, 2000 Board of Supervisors minutes. All Board members voted, "Aye."

POLICE REPORT: The February 2000 Northern Berks Regional Police activities were read by Ruth Manmiller as follows:

	TOTAL CALLS: 489		
	MAIDENCREEK	ONTELAUNEE	LEESPORT
ASSIGNMENTS	195	199	95
UNITS OF PATROL	676	468.5	405
CITATIONS	\$1848.51	\$2,070.80	\$1,823.71

Karl Bolognese informed the public of the Northern Berks Regional Police meetings which are conducted the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 PM in the Northern Berks Regional Police Headquarters.

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ROAD REPORT: Terry Rarick commented he is very unhappy with the progress of improving the intersection of Route 222 and Route 73. The township has been working on improving this intersection for nearly ten years. There were great expectations that the improvements would be completed by late summer. According to a recent newspaper article the improvements could be delayed for another year. This is unacceptable.

Terry Rarick read the Operations Manager's Report for February 2000:

EQUIPMENT REPORT

1. Unit 3,4,5 were inspected and serviced
 - a. Unit 3 needed brake rotor turned
 - b. Unit 5 was serviced
 - c. Unit 4 had a problem with sticking brake lights, electric motor for snow plow was replaced, also serviced
2. Unit 1 was repainted by Stitzer Auto Body from the mishap with the basketball net.
3. New truck was put on the road – works great!
4. Mowing equipment was serviced and prepared for spring mowing
 - a. mower arm \$9,000.00
 - b. rear tires \$3,000.00
 - c. air conditioner \$ 450.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Crews were called out on the following dates for road cleaning

1. February 1-3 trucks out - drift plowing and salting
2. February 2-2 trucks out - drift plowing and salting
3. February 3-4 trucks out with loader – pushed back drifts and removed snow piles from intersections
4. February 13-1 truck out - icy conditions
5. February 14-1 truck out - icy conditions
6. February 18-5 trucks out - snow and ice
7. February 19-2 trucks out - plowed slush

ROAD CREW COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING

1. Spring maintenance on play lots was started
2. Numerous signs were replaced
3. Numerous potholes were patched. Evansville Road and Orchard Road are in bad shape
4. Intersections along state roads were cleaned
5. Numerous drains were cleaned
6. All equipment is being serviced

STREET LIGHTS

Dries Road (near the bridge) and East Wesner Road were inspected to determine the need to install streetlights. GPU has informed the Operations Manager it is the Board's decision where they wish to install streetlights. GPU will wait for the Board's decision.

ROAD PATCHING

Evansville Road and Orchard Road need to be patched. The Operations Manager is in the process of obtaining quotes to patch the road. A contractor would complete the work with the assistance of the township road crew.

STREET SWEEPING

A proposal has been received from Industrial Maintenance for our street cleaning. This is the same company that completed the job last year. The road crew will assist with the sweeping to save time and money.

STREET INDEX SIGNS

The township has placed an order for street index signs for Phase One of installation. Costs for the signs will be reimbursed through a 911 Grant.

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Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe to hire Industrial Maintenance for the Spring Street Cleaning in certain areas of the township for a cost of \$1700.00. All Board members voted, "Aye." Street sweeping is planned for April 27, 2000.

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe authorizing the Operations Manger to proceed with the lowest bid to patch (time and material) Evansville Road and Orchard Road. QUESTION: Roy Timpe questioned if patching these two roadways would be a waste since they might be on the list for 2000 road work. Terry Rarick explained that sections of these two roadways are in such bad shape, they could fall apart totally until the road work could be completed. All Board members voted, "Aye."

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe authorizing the Operations Manager to obtain bids to install the necessary street lights, location and amount of lights to be decided by the Engineer and the Operations Manager. All Board members voted, "aye."

Terry Manmiller reported to the Board the recommendations from the Risk Management inspector for insurance coverage. Additions to the Personnel Rules and Regulations and a railing at the opening of the attic way was suggested, as well as changes to certain play areas. The suggestions for the play areas were given to Patrick Harkin to discuss at the next Parks and Recreation meeting. The Board took all suggestions under advisement.

Terry Manmiller reported on a recent meeting between Schlouch Excavation and residents of Mardin Drive and Sunset Ave. Schlouch Excavation has purchased an adjoining lot to his business where he plans to install a parking lot. After the residents voiced their concerns and Barry Schlouch agreed to address their issues, those in attendance agreed the project could move forward. There are questions that need to be addressed through the township: 1) Who owns June Ave.? 2.) Who owns the property that occupied the Authority well at one time? 3.) Would easements need to be obtained to install a cul-de-sac? The Board advised the Operations Manager to investigate all the outstanding issues and return to the next meeting with more facts and/or suggestions.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ruth Manmiller read the Secretary/Treasurer's report and requested permission for the following payouts:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING	\$95,485.19
PAYROLL	\$18,405.15
ST LIQUID FUELS SINKING	\$ 5.00
WESTVIEW HOMES 3 & 4	\$10,824.26
ONTELAUNEE HEIGHTS III & IV SIDEWALKS	\$ 25.43

Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe to approve the treasurer's report and approval of payments from listed accounts. All Board members voted, "Aye."

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

MAIDENCREEK PLAZA: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe to rescind the Board's previous approval of the Maiden creek Plaza final plan. All Board members voted, "Aye." Per Richard Orwig, all recommendations, contingencies and approvals still stand as far as the overall preliminary plan. A Phase I, final plan must be submitted for signatures, no re-review will be necessary.

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MAIDENCREEK PLAZA: (continued) Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe to approve Maiden Creek Plaza, Phase I final plan contingent upon receiving signatures and Improvement Agreements. All Board members vote, "Aye."

REZONING REQUESTS: Three areas of the township requiring zoning changes for projects to proceed in the proper manner: 1.) Rajah – property along Orchard Road and Slater Road, 2.) B & F Welding – property along Park Road and East Wesner Road. Blandon Meadows V – property near Spirit Court. Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe authorizing the Solicitor to advertise a public hearing to be conducted to receive public comment for zoning changes for Rajah, B & F Welding and Blandon Meadow V on April 13, 2000 at 6:00 PM, with the regularly scheduled township meeting commencing immediately after the conclusion of the hearing. All Board members voted, "Aye."

MARTIN RETIREMENT VILLAGE: Mr. Martin stated the E & S plan has been approved for this project. He requested permission from the Board to begin moving ground. There would be no pipes installed or improvements made which would require inspections. The Board suggested an escrow account be established for any problems during this phase of work in the project. Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe allowing Mr. Martin to proceed with moving ground in the Martin Retirement Village and prior to work commencing establish an escrow account (funds not to exceed the estimated cost in the improvement agreements) subject to the Engineer's approval. All Board members voted, "Aye."

ISIMAC: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe authorizing the Solicitor to notify the developer to file review time extension before 3/11/00. All Board members voted, "Aye."

MARTIN RETIREMENT VILLAGE: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe authorizing the Solicitor to notify the developer to file review time extension before 3/15/00. All Board members voted, "Aye."

MAIDENCREEK CARWASH: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe authorizing the Solicitor to notify the developer to file review time extension before 3/15/00. All Board members voted, "Aye."

BLANDON MEADOWS V: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe authorizing the Solicitor to notify the developer to file review time extension before 3/15/00. All Board members voted, "Aye."

CREEKSIDE MANOR: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe to re-approve Creekside Manor with the same contingencies as the original approval on August 12, 1999. All Board members voted, "Aye."

MAIDENCREEK CARWASH: The engineer reported the hearing had been conducted and approval was granted. Terry Rarick stated "No Parking" signs should be installed from the intersection to the end of the car wash property.

WEST WESNER ROAD: Berks County Conservation District has approved SE & C Plan. Engineer is meeting with the utility companies regarding their relocation of poles and gas lines.

MAIDENCREEK COMMUNITY PARK: The engineer reported he had submitted the Growing Green Grant. He is currently meeting with the Parks and Recreation Board to decide on a final lay out of the park.

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SEWAGE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REPORT: Copies were distributed to the Board members.

DEVELOPMENT/CONSTRUCTION STATUS REPORT: Copies were distributed to the Board members.

SUBDIVISION IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT LOC/ESCROW RELEASE LETTERS: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe authorizing the Chairman to sign the Subdivision Improvement Letter of Credit letters for payment of \$973.56. All Board members voted, "Aye."

HOCH ROAD BRIDGE: Roy Timpe made a motion, seconded by Terry Rarick to file for a Community Block Grant to obtain funding to improve the Hoch Road bridge. All Board members voted, "Aye."

HILL ROAD, Water Problem: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe authorizing the Engineer to look at the water run off problem on Hill Road which is causing flooding to the Shaylor property. All Board members voted, "Aye."

NEW BUSINESS:

1999 AUDIT: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe authorizing the Chairman to sign the completed 1999 audit after review by the Solicitor and to act on any suggestions from the Auditors. All Board members voted, "Aye."

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

GOLDEN MANOR III: Deed of Dedication for Golden Drive and Ingot Drive have been signed. Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe to record the Deed of Dedication for Golden Drive and Ingot Drive. All Board members voted, "Aye."

RECREATION TAX FUNDS: The Board advised the Solicitor and Secretary to research options to invest the funds received for recreation through the tax increase.

LIFE INSURANCE: Terry Rarick made a motion, seconded by Roy Timpe to acquire life insurance for the employees through Educators Mutual and Standard Insurance. All Board members voted, "Aye."

Kent Morey, 316 Galean Drive expressed his comments and concerns on the following items:

1. Thanked the Operation Manager for speaking to Martin's Modular Homes Sales to move their display homes further back on their property.
2. Distributed a sample ordinance pertaining to Open Space and Recreation Areas with Fee regulations, for the Board to possibly improve some aspects of their current Park and Recreation Ordinance.
3. He will walk the area where the stream will be located to obtain a feel for the land prior to his review of the proposed plan on file in the township office.
4. Thanked the Secretary for the prompt service in forwarding the copies of the minutes he had requested.
5. He quoted a section of the August 1999 minutes, where he felt a comment made by the Engineer had been omitted.
6. He questioned why no one from the township visited him personally pertaining to his grading problems.

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Kent Morey, 316 Galean Drive, cont.

7. He stated for the record he will not be responsible for the replacement of any curbing along his property due to poor grading, which has allowed water to undermine the curbing.

Karl Bolognese adjourned the meeting at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M. Manmiller
Recording Secretary

CC: Board of Supervisors
Terry Manmiller, Operations Director
Richard Orwig, Solicitor
Thomas Unger - Systems Design Engineering, Inc.
Planning Commission
Park and Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board
Paul Herbein, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Auditors
Maidencreek Township Authority
Maidencreek Township Authority Solicitor
Tax Collector

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