

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
January 3, 2017

Present: David Franke, Joseph Rudderow III, Tom Unger – Systems Design Engineering, Inc.,
Diane Hollenbach – Township Manager

Guests: Matt Zimmerman

Joseph Rudderow III called the January 3, 2017 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:30 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building.

MINUTES & FINANCES

Approval of the Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by David Franke to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the December 8, 2016 regular meeting. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List

A motion was made by David Franke to approve the December 2016 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Mr. Rudderow announced that an executive session was held on December 15, 2016 for personnel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Zimmerman representing Stoney Creek Rentals updated the Board on the Warehouse Expansion Plan. Mr. Zimmerman stated that he was hoping for approval of the plan at Planning Commission the following evening and asked if the Board of Supervisors could meet and take action on the plan before the next meeting in February. Mr. Rudderow stated that the Board appreciates Stoney Creek being in the Township and wants to see the business grow. Mr. Rudderow added that if there was a reason to reconvene, they could but the Supervisors switched Planning Commission engineers this evening at reorganization and the new engineer might need more time to get up to speed on the plan.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Letter of Credit Releases – Tom Unger stated that there is an issue with standing water at Small Storage and an issue with an incomplete sidewalk at Schwab Dental. These letter of credit releases for finished improvements were tabled until the engineer did further investigation.

Request for Right Turn Lane at East Wesner and Park Roads – A resident visited the Township office and requested a right turn lane at the intersection of East Wesner Road and Park Road because there are at times seven to eight cars waiting to turn onto or cross Park Road. When a car wishes to make a left turn onto Park Road, often times it is difficult because of the amount of traffic on Park Road and this backs traffic up on East Wesner Road. The Board discussed the requirements for permitting when a township road intersects a state road. The Supervisors felt the additional traffic could be caused by the Route 662 closure. No action was taken.

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Traffic Signal Plan Route 73 and Route 222 – A PDF was received of the proposed traffic signal plan at Route 222 and Route 73. Tom Unger reported that he had a call into Penn DOT to confirm that the plan is for left turn arrows on all approaches.

W. Walnut Tree Drive Storm Water Project – Not all easements have been received. Mr. Unger reported that the sinkhole is contained and there are no apparent flooding issues. Joseph Rudderow III asked if the storm water pipe could be sleeved with an insert and asked that the solicitor follow up on the outstanding easements.

8832 Allentown Pike Special Exception – The Board reviewed the application for a special exception to allow the Ransome Rental facility at 8832 Allentown Pike to be used as a weight training facility with incidental sale of food and supplements. Mr. Rudderow stated that based on what is in the application, he is comfortable with the use but questioned how the Township can be made aware if the facility becomes a retail location open to the public. Mr. Rudderow was not necessarily opposed to that but wanted to make sure the applicant would return to the Zoning Hearing Board for any modification of the use in the future due to the potential traffic concerns along Route 222. Mr. Unger stated that the applicant will testify at the hearing, and the Planning Commission and Supervisors could send a letter to the Zoning Hearing Board with their concerns. Mr. Rudderow asked the manager to make the Planning Commission aware of the Supervisors' concern.

MANAGERS REPORT

Crack Seal Purchase (\$.45 per pound)

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the purchase of crack seal in 2017 not to exceed \$9,000. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Maidencreek Township Authority Meetings – Mrs. Hollenbach informed the Board that the Authority meeting was moving to the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.

Kirby Homestead – Diane Hollenbach reported that the Route 222 widening project has identified some potential historical sites. The Kirby Homestead in Maidencreek Township is one. The Township has been asked to be a consulting party.

Cell Phones – The road crew is interested in carrying their personal phones instead of the ones the Township purchased. The Township does not provide anything more than a flip phone with direct connect capabilities. Mr. Rudderow stated that the Board does not want to pay to replace a personal cell phone if it were to get ruined at work. Mr. Rudderow asked if the manager could look into using radios.

NEW BUSINESS

Planning Commission Annual Report

A motion was made by David Franke to accept the Planning Commission annual report. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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Safety Policy – David Franke asked that the language in Article VIII Driving Safety in letter A “when requested to by law enforcement personnel” be struck from the policy because drug and alcohol testing may be requested by the Township also. Mr. Franke also suggested that a test be prepared of five to ten questions as a way to acknowledge that the employee has read the policy.

A motion was made by David Franke to accept and adopt the Safety Policy with the suggested change. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Resolution 12-2017 The 2017 Fee Schedule

A motion was made by David Franke to adopt Resolution 12-2017 the 2017 Fee Schedule. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Joseph Rudderow III asked that a resolution be prepared thanking David Anspach for his service to the Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Board.

An Executive Session was held from 8:45 to 9:00 p.m. for personnel.

A motion was made by David Franke, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to adjourn the January 3, 2017 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Township Secretary,

Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Solicitor
Thomas Unger, Township Engineer
Planning Commission
Park & Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates
Joan London, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager
Meagan Dompkowski, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary
Daniel Becker, Authority Solicitor
Greg Unger, Authority Engineer
Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Company Chief
Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police