

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
June 14, 2018

Attending: Claude Beaver, Joseph Rudderow III, Heidi Fiedler, Eugene Orlando, Jr. – Orlando Law Office, Diane Hollenbach – Manager

Guests: Robert Rautzhan, Jeannette Rautzahn, Gerald Fuoti, Francis Scott, Gabriel Yoder, Jill Yoder, Vickie Solberg, David Boulin, Tom Gorgia, Jim Schoellkopf, Jr., Val I. Lacin

Claude Beaver called the June 14, 2018 meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Maidencreek Township Building, 1 Quarry Road, Blandon and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

MINUTES & FINANCES

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the minutes for the May 10, 2018 meeting with corrections. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the special meeting minutes for the May 18, 2018 meeting. Claude Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed with Joseph Rudderow III abstaining.

Treasurer's Report and Bill List

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to approve the May 2018 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robert Rautzhan, 112 Via Dolorosa, Blandon brought to the Board's attention that the property across the street at 119 Via Dolorosa had tall grass and weeds, a pool that was not maintained and the front door was not secure. There is lawn furniture and debris in the yard. Diane Hollenbach added that the property was vacant since December and is on the Sheriff sale list as active.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize the Township Road Crew to cut the grass, drain the pool at 119 Via Dolorosa, Blandon. No summer help shall be used. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

David Boulin and Vickie Solberg, 317 Sofia Blvd, Blandon told the Board that Systems Design Engineering and the Board have been fantastic during the work on the swale; it is beautifully shaped. Water flows and the grass grows. However, the contours are not what was called for at the south wall on the property and are off by almost two feet. Mr. Boulin questioned if the new storm water plan with the new contours had been accepted or used to modify the original recorded subdivision plan, and if so, has Berks County Conservation District looked at the amended soils and if they are sufficient to meet the plan. Diane Hollenbach responded that the

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new storm water plan was not recorded, and she will ask the Berks County Conservation District if they had inspected the properties. Vickie Solberg told the Board that the road paving in front of her driveway seems gouged out a little bit. There is a 2 ¾ inch lip where her driveway meets the road and it jars her as she drives over it. She requested 1 ½ inches of blacktop added in front of her driveway and noticed on the way out of the development that there are six driveways in that are flush to the road. Joseph Rudderow III asked Mrs. Solberg to contact her builder. Diane Hollenbach added that she informed the engineer that this should be looked at during his final inspection.

Tree Tops Subdivision – James Fegley

Mr. Fegley updated the Board of Supervisors on the status of the Tree Tops Trust. The Board of Supervisors had assisted the Trust in getting the detention basin returned to it after it was sold at sheriff sale and helped get a new trustee appointed. Since that time the homeowners in the development have met but have not formed a home owners association to take over the maintenance of the basin. The homeowners are still paying dues with 52 homeowners current and 69 homeowners delinquent. Some haven't paid in five years. Mr. Fegley has been retained by the Trustee to begin action to collect dues from delinquent properties. He asked before that action begins, how the Board felt about reconsidering taking over the responsibilities of the detention basin.

Claude Beaver stated that his feelings haven't changed at all. He is not in favor of taking it over. Heidi Fiedler asked how much is outstanding. Mr. Fegley stated there was \$33,350 of unpaid dues. Joseph Rudderow III brought forward his concerns that home owners not in the subdivision should not have their tax dollars spent on the maintenance of this subdivision's detention basin. Given the outstanding balance, he would be more agreeable to having a discussion about the township taking ownership if those delinquent home owners paid. Heidi Fiedler questioned the P & L statement income of \$29,000. Mr. Fegley stated that the statement showed receipts and disbursements as if everyone had paid. Heidi Fiedler stated most accountants would drop that income after six months because the likelihood of it being paid was pretty small. Mr. Fegley agreed. He did not know the real balance in the account. The fees for mowing were fairly consistent. The other fees for administration and insurance. Much less would need to be paid if a home owners association was developed.

REPORTS

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Tom Unger, P.E., Systems Design Engineering

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Eugene Orlando, Jr.

Litigation Disclosure and Conflict Letter

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize the Chairman to sign the June 8, 2018 conflict letter from Siana Bellwoar regarding representation concerning the matter

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between the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 71 and Northern Berks Regional Police. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Diane Hollenbach

BUSINESS

Resignation of Susan Carbaugh , Park and Recreation Board

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to accept the resignation of Susan Carbaugh from the Park and Recreation Board. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Resignation of Brad Pflum, Planning Commission

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to accept the resignation of Brad Pflum from the Planning Commission. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Traffic Signal Plan

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize the Chairman to sign Resolution 14-2018 authorizing the submittal of the Traffic Signal Plan to Penn DOT. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize the Chairman to sign the application for traffic signal approval as supplied by Penn DOT. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize the Township Engineer to sign the traffic signal plan that he reviewed. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Willow Creek Erosion - Heidi Fiedler and Keith Shuman, Public Works Forman reviewed the section of the Willow Creek between East Wesner and W Walnut Tree. The stream banks are eroding.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to authorize Systems Design Engineering, Inc. to review the Willow Creek for solution to the bank erosion problem. Joseph Rudderow III seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Executive Session 7:54 p.m. to 8:07 p.m. to discuss litigation.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III to authorize the Code Enforcement Officer and Solicitor to proceed with litigation against 232 W Walnut Tree Drive, Blandon. Claude

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Beaver seconded the motion and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed with Heidi Fiedler abstaining.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to adjourn the June 14, 2018 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye". Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Diane Hollenbach, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer