

MAIDENCREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AUGUST 21, 2003 8:35 PM

PRESENT: Roy Timpe - Supervisor, Gloria Kemmerer - Supervisor, Robert Kopfer – Supervisor, Eugene Orlando - Township Solicitor, Terry Manmiller – Operations Director, Ruth Manmiller – Recording Secretary.

GUESTS: James Schoellkopf, Jr, Ronald Kemmerer, Krista Timpe, Mary Dymeck, Reading Eagle Newspaper Reporter.

Roy Time called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 8:35 PM and asked everyone to rise for the pledge to the flag. Prior to this meeting, the Board conducted a public hearing at 8:00 PM for testimony and public comment relative to the Recreational Ordinance and the Recording Regulations for Public Meetings Ordinance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Supervisors conducted an executive session 7/24/03 to discuss personnel issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ORDINANCE 194 – RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS

Robert Kopfer made a motion, and seconded by Gloria Kemmerer, to adopt Ordinance 194 – Recreational Regulations as presented and discussed during the Public Hearing with the following modifications:

Section 1 – Motorized Motor Vehicles: **Delete** “not licensed for legal operation on the streets and highways of the Commonwealth”

Section 4 – 6 lines down: **The sentence should read as follows:** “No overnight parking shall be allowed, without prior written approval from the Board of Supervisors.”

Section 5 – Last line: **The word** “office” **should be** “offense.”

All Board members voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 195 – RECORDING REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Robert Kopfer, to adopt Ordinance 195- Recording Regulations for Public Meetings as presented and discussed at the Public Hearing. All Board Members voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MUNICIPAL BUILDING OUTDOOR LIGHTING

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the Operations Director to provide outdoor lighting for the Municipal Building parking lot not to exceed \$3,500.00. All Board Members voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

ROUTE 222 – 12 YEAR PLAN MEETING

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the Operations Director to attend the Route 222 - 12-year planning meeting with Penn DOT on 9/25/2003 at the designated Lehigh Valley location. All Board Members voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

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COOPERATIVE SALT AGREEMENT

Robert Kopfer made a motion, and seconded by Gloria Kemmerer, authorizing the Operations Director to fax the application to Kevin Sharp/City of Reading to be included in the Cooperative Salt Agreement for 2003-2004. All Board Members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

COMMUNITY PARK

An over abundance of bugs (Sod Web Worms) and "rust" fungus in the Community Park has been brought to the attention of the Board. The Board agreed to treat the Community Park for the bugs (Sod Web Worms) but will hold off treating for the "rust" fungus in hopes that a change in the weather will take care of the problem. Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the Operations Director to have the Community Park treated for Sod Web Worms for a cost of \$1,400.00. Gloria Kemmerer voted, "Aye." Robert Kopfer voted, "Aye." Roy Timpe voted, "No." Motion carried.

2003 ROAD WORK

Robert Kopfer made a motion, and seconded by Gloria Kemmerer, authorizing the Operations Director to review the invoices for the 2003 Road Work with the State Representative. The Operations Director reported that the 2003 Road Work was completed in a timely and cost effective manner. All Board Members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE VIOLATION

The Operations Director advised the Board that Dean Shuman, Main St., Blandon, PA (property owner near the intersection of Park Road and Main Street) was informed of code violations – junk vehicles and unlicensed vehicles. To date, Dean Shuman has cleaned approximately 70% on the property. The Operations Director plans to send a follow-up letter to thank Dean Shuman for his efforts and advise him to continue clearing the property.

WEED VIOLATIONS

1. VILLAGES AT MAIDENCREEK

The weeds are mowed however; there is pending litigation to be discussed.

2. MELROSE PLACE

Citation was not filed because the property owner scheduled the mowing. The mowing was delayed because the mowing equipment broke down. The property will be mowed as soon as the equipment is repaired.

3. MORGAN PROPERTY

Robert Kopfer made a motion, and seconded by Gloria Kemmerer, authorizing the Operations Director to mow the weeds on the Morgan properties after the Solicitor notifies Morgan's legal council. All Board Members voted, "Aye." Motion carried.

HEADWALL – SOONER LANE & CASSIDY COURT

R. Brian Horner, 302 Sooner Lane, Blandon, PA submitted pictures earlier in the day pertaining to a headwall near the intersection of Sooner Lane and Cassidy Court. He asked the Board to inspect the area surrounding the headwall for erosion and possible safety concerns. The Operations Director agreed to inspect the head wall.

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CODIFICATION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES

The Solicitor reported that he has not completed his research of the codification proposals. He will be prepared to provide a recommendation to the Board at the September meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –9:20 PM – 10:18 PM

The following action was taken as a result of the Board’s executive session:

Robert Kopfer made a motion, and seconded by Gloria Kemmerer, authorizing the Operations Director to withdraw the Villages at Maidencreek citations for the weed violations upon proof of payment for court costs. All Board Members voted, “Aye.” Motion carried.

Gloria Kemmerer made a motion, and seconded by Robert Kopfer, authorizing the Solicitor to notify in the specific property owners in Ontelaunee Heights to remove personal property that is encroaching on the Township Open Space. The Operations Director and/or the Township Secretary will forward the property owners names and addresses to the Solicitor. All Board Members voted, “Aye.” Motion carried. The letters will be sent regular mail.

Robert Kopfer made a motion, and seconded by Gloria Kemmerer, adjourn the meeting at 10:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth M. Manmiller

CC: Board of Supervisors
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Terry Manmiller, Operations Director
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Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Engineer
Ed Kopicki, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Planning Commission Engineer
Planning Commission
Park and Recreation Board
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Paul Herbein, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority
Robert Hobaugh, Esq., Maidencreek Township Authority Solicitor
Joann Schaeffer, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary
Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Co. Chief
Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police

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