

Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors
April 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The April 21, 2010 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Dave Kulig at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Dave Kulig, Vice Chair Bud Baldwin, Treasurer John Silvers, Member Tom Cino and Member Dan Rattigan. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli, Township Solicitor John Rice, Esq., Township Engineer Larry Young, P.E., Director of Planning & Zoning Dave Kuhns and Chief Mark Schmidt.

There were also members of the public and representatives of the press present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mr. Kulig led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Kulig announced that Earth Day would be held Saturday, April 24th at Brownsburg Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Kulig reported on the success of the recent distribution of the Township's E-news. He encouraged residents to sign up to receive the monthly e-newsletter.

Mr. Baldwin announced that the Upper Makefield Business Association (UMBA) would be holding a road cleanup on Saturday, April 24th on Highland Road.

Mr. Silvers reported that Upper Makefield's response rate for the 2010 Census was currently 83%. He explained that Census takers would now be canvassing the community door-to-door for those household that did not respond to the mailer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Guy Polhemus, 882 Washington Crossing Road, provided comment on his opposition to House Bill 2126, which would allow for the transfer of 137.5 acres of Washington Crossing Park to the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE:

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the April 7, 2010 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Kulig read into the record the bills for April 21, 2010. A motion was made by Mr. Silvers and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve the April 21, 2010 Bills Payable list in the amount of \$233,744.11. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES:

Washington Crossing Inn Zoning Hearing Board Application

Attorney Edward Murphy represented the applicant and provided an overview of the application that requests two Special Exceptions: expansion of a nonconforming use and alteration/expansion of a structure within the floodplain. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Baldwin, which was seconded by Mr. Rattigan, to authorized Mr. Rice to attend the May 3, 2010 Zoning Hearing on this request. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Conditional Use Hearing PHMC Visitors Center

Mr. Kulig opened the Conditional Use Hearing at 7:49 p.m.

Mr. Rice explained that the December 30, 2009 approval letter for the Washington Crossing Visitor's Center Land Development included a condition requiring a Conditional Use to permit the construction of stormwater management facilities in zone 2 of a riparian buffer.

Mr. Rice entered the following exhibits into the record:

B1 – February 28, 2010 Application

B2 – Proof of Publication of Hearing advertisements on April 7, 2010 and April 17, 2010

B3 – Gilmore and Associates review letter dated April 15, 2010

Architect Morrie Zimmerman and Acting Site Director Doug Miller were present, representing the applicant.

Engineer, Steve Burger, from T&M Associates, was sworn in as an expert. Mr. Burger provided an explanation of the project and a description of the stormwater management facilities.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to approve the Conditional Use request. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

The hearing was closed at 8:00 p.m.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Fund Balance Report

Ms. Teoli provided highlights of the Fund Balance Report.

Propane, Heating Oil and Gasoline Bids

Ms. Teoli provided an overview of the 2010 Fuel Bids. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and was seconded by Mr. Silvers to award the 2010 Premium Gasoline and #2 Heating Oil Bids to Superior Plus Energy Services and the Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel and Propane Bids to Farm 7 Home Oil Co. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Electric Rate Cap Expiration Discussion

Ms. Teoli led discussion on the expiration of PECO electric generation rate caps on January 1, 2011. She explained that the generation portion of township utility bills will now be split out, resulting in an anticipated increase in electric costs. She outlined the benefits of participation in a cooperative purchasing program through the Municipal Utility Alliance (MUA), sponsored by the PA League of Cities and Municipalities. The Board of Supervisors, by common consensus, authorized the manager

to move forward and solicit a proposal from the MUA for UMT's participation in MUA. It was agreed that this item would be placed on the May 7, 2010 agenda for consideration.

Duathlon Request

Ms. Teoli provided an overview of the request to hold a fundraising duathlon in the township on September 5, 2010 to benefit the Missy Flynn Foundation. Discussion followed regarding details of the event and the impact on township resources. The Board agreed that it would be best to invite event organizers to attend an upcoming meeting to provide greater detail.

Affirm Chair of Environmental Advisory Council

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to affirm the Environmental Advisory Council's selection of Barbara Hirst as Chair of the Upper Makefield Township Environmental Advisory Council. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer's Report

Mr. Young reviewed highlights of the Engineer's Report.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

Mr. Kulig announced that the following reports were included in the Board packets:

- Park and Recreation Board – March 8, 2010
- Joint Zoning Council – April 1, 2010
- Planning Commission – February 8, 2010 and March 8, 2010

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Planning & Zoning Department

Mr. Kuhns highlighted the monthly Planning & Zoning Department Report.

Police Department

Chief Mark Schmidt highlighted the Police Department Report.

Mr. Kulig announced that the following reports were included in the Board packets:

- Fire Marshal Report
- Public Works Department Report

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Kulig led discussion on two resident requests to adjust their water & sewer bills. After some debate, it was agreed that the township could not provide credit to the two residents.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Baldwin and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Approved: May 5, 2010