

Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors
June 2, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The June 2, 2010 meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice Chair Bud Baldwin at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: 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. and Township Engineer Larry Young, P.E.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Baldwin announced that an informational meeting was recently held at Representative Petri's office regarding the Washington Crossing Historic Park.

Mr. Cino and Mr. Silvers reported on Memorial Day events held throughout the Township.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Van Wagner, 1263 General Washington Memorial Blvd, expressed his opposition to HB 2126 and also raised his concern that there may be a violation to the Sunshine Law since there was a quorum of the Board of Supervisors present at the May 22nd Scott Petri meeting.

Ellen Lane-Novitz, Dunkin Road, stated her opposition to the transfer of any state parkland to any private entity.

SPECIAL ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and was seconded by Mr. Silvers to reluctantly accept the letter of resignation submitted by Supervisor David P. Kulig. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Baldwin announced that he would continue acting as Vice Chairman until the Board had an opportunity to reorganize at its June 16th meeting. He reported that letters of interest in the vacancy should be submitted by June 9th at 12:00 noon. The Board of Supervisors will hold a Special Meeting to interview candidates on June 9th at 7:00 p.m. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rattigan, seconded by Mr. Silvers, to authorize that the Special Meeting be televised. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2010-06-02 – In Recognition of Robert Johnson

A motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve Resolution No. 2010-06-02. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Robert Johnson, Superintendent of Public Works, was then presented with the Resolution of Appreciation in recognition of his 30 years of service to Upper Makefield Township. Mr. Baldwin and Ms. Teoli provided comments of praise and presented a gift to Mr. Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE:

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and was seconded by Mr. Silvers to approve the May 19, 2010 minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Teoli directed attention to the bills list for June 2, 2010. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Silvers and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to approve the June 2, 2010 Bills Payable list in the amount of \$1,076,469.70. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES:

Heble Sketch Plan - 919 River Road

Attorney Ed Murphy represented the applicant and provided an overview of the plan to subdivide the property at 919 River Road, creating two new building lots and one lot which will contain the existing dwellings. Mr. Murphy answered questions and explained that the next step is for the applicant to appear before the Zoning Hearing Board.

Kirk Planning Module - 1390 Wrightstown Road

Matthew Mercuri of Mercuri and Associates outlined the proposed planning module. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Silvers and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to approve the Kirk Planning Module. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

JMZO Ordinance 2010-1 – Federal Cemetery Overlay

Mr. Rice introduced the Ordinance to remove certain parcels from the Federal Cemetery Overlay district. Mr. Baldwin opened the public hearing to consider approval of JMZO Ordinance No. 2010-1. There were no comments from the Board of Supervisors and there were no comments from members of the public. Mr. Baldwin closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Mr. Silvers to recommend approval of JMZO Ordinance No. 2010-1. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Visitors Center Conditional Use Decision

Mr. Rice provided an overview of the proposed Conditional Use Decision to allow construction of a stormwater management facility within the Township's Riparian Buffer Zone. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Silvers and was seconded by Mr. Cino to approve and sign the Conditional Use Decision subject to compliance with the final land development approval letter dated December 30, 2009. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Rice announced a brief Executive Session regarding pending litigation. No action will be taken.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Ms. Teoli reported on recent correspondence from PennDOT announcing a funding adjustment to the Winter Services Agreement for severe conditions during the 2009/2010 winter season. \$9,549 in additional funding will be sent to the township in the next sixty days.

Ms. Teoli provided background on a new requirement by DEP for direct notification of water customers in the event of an emergency. Beginning May 2010, public water providers are required to notify residents via email, automatic dial or in person when there is an emergency situation. Ms. Teoli provided a recommendation that the Township contract with OneCallNow, a company that provides automatic dial notifications. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino, seconded by Mr. Rattigan, to authorize a three-year contract with OneCallNow at a cost of \$1,500 per year. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Eagle Road Drainage Improvements and Road Resurfacing Project

Mr. Young provided an overview of the project and requested authorization to advertise bids for the Eagle Road Drainage Improvements and Road Resurfacing Project. Mr. Rattigan made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Silvers to authorize advertising for bids for the Eagle Road Drainage Improvements and Road Resurfacing Project. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Engineer's Report

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

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Silvers announced the upcoming Friends of Washington Crossing "Tavern Tasting" fundraiser which will be held Saturday, June 5th.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Mr. Silvers to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: June 16, 2010