

Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors

March 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The March 16, 2011 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice Chair Tom Cino at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Vice Chair Tom Cino, Treasurer Mary Ryan, Member Dave Kulig and Member Dan Rattigan. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli, Township Solicitor John Rice, Esq., Township Engineer Larry Young, P.E. and Director of Planning & Zoning Dave Kuhns.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Kulig announced that there would be special meeting of the Joint Planning Commission on Wednesday, April 21st to review the new FEMA floodplain maps. The Joint Planning Commission will be meeting tomorrow evening to review the agenda for the upcoming meeting. The public is encouraged to attend.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Resolution No. 2011-03-16-01 – In Recognition of Detective Patricia Haines

Mr. Cino read the Resolution. A motion was then made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Kulig to approve Resolution No. 2011-03-16-01 recognizing Detective Patricia Haines for 25 years of service to Upper Makefield Township. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Resolution No. 2011-03-16-02 – In Recognition of Officer William Slobodin

Mr. Cino read the Resolution. A motion was then made by Mr. Kulig and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to approve Resolution No. 2011-03-16-02 recognizing Officer William Slobodin for 35 years of service to Upper Makefield Township. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Cino formally presented a framed Resolution to Detective Haines and thanked her for her service to the community.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Guy Polhemus, 882 Washington Crossing Road, reported on his attendance at the recent Pennsylvania Museum and Historical Commission (PHMC) meeting. He expressed criticism of the upcoming Brewfest event that is planned for the park and specifically the promotional signs for the event that depict General Washington holding a beer.

Victor Ameye, 2 Lookout Lane, provided comment on Act 600 and requested that the Board consider petitioning the state legislature to repeal Act 600. Mr. Ameye also provided input on the budget process, and requested that the Board begin the process earlier in 2011.

Amy McClellan, 882 Washington Crossing Road, reported on the recent PHMC meeting where questions were raised regarding ongoing concerns at the Washington Crossing Historic Park. She expressed specific upset about the proposal that was initiated a year ago to deed over land to the Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve. She concluded by providing comment on William Penn and the role he played in establishing democracy in the United States.

Dennis Heath, 1221 River Road, expressed appreciation to the emergency management team and township staff for response to the recent weather event. He requested that future written notifications during emergency events include a date and time stamp. Mr. Heath also noted that many of those running for Supervisor do not regularly attend meetings. He encouraged all candidates to become active.

Larry Breeden, 3 Bankers Drive, reiterated earlier statements about the sacredness of the Washington Crossing Historic Park. He then commented on the recent proposal to expand the Washington Crossing Inn and questioned the board's decision to allow the Inn to connect to the wastewater treatment system at the park. Mr. Breeden demanded that the Board provide an explanation to their recent approval of a "town center" in Washington Crossing. Mr. Rattigan responded to Mr. Breeden's accusation, emphasizing the fact that that no such approval was ever granted. He further clarified that there are currently no pending applications before the board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE:

A motion was made by Mr. Kulig and was seconded by Ms. Ryan to approve the March 2, 2011 minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Teoli read into the record the bills for March 16, 2011. A motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Mr. Kulig to approve the March 16, 2011 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$74,659.79. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES:

Phinn Zoning Hearing Board Application, 111 Bruce Road

Mr. Kuhns provided an overview of the application requesting relief from the side-yard setback for the addition of one story to an existing family room. After discussion, the Board directed Mr. Kuhns to contact the property owner and request that they amend their application.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Traditions Detention Basin Access and Maintenance Easement

Mr. Rice provided an overview of the easement. Lawn maintenance of the detention basin will be the responsibility of the Traditions Community Association. After brief discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to authorize execution of the Traditions Detention Basin Access and Maintenance Easement. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Fund Balance Report

Ms. Teoli provided highlights of the Fund Balance Report.

Open Space Loan

Ms. Teoli provided an overview of proposals received for refinancing of the 2007 open space loan, highlighting the Board's options. Discussion ensued regarding the differences between the proposal from First National Bank of Newtown and the proposal from First Savings Bank of Perkasio. The First National Bank offer included a fifteen-year guaranteed rate of 3.7% with a maximum conversion rate of 9.35% while the First Savings offer included a 2.5% rate for five years with a maximum conversion rate of 5.5%. Ms. Teoli then reviewed a comparison of present value costs prepared by Attorney Steve Moyer.

Resident Mike Murray, 19 Belamour Drive, asked for additional clarification from the Board regarding the professional advice received on this issue.

After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Mr. Kulig to accept the proposal for refinancing from First Savings Bank of Perkasio. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.

Theater Camp Request

Ms. Teoli provided an overview of the recommendation of the Park & Recreation Board to approve the request by Arts Tech Solutions to hold a children's theater camp at the Brownsburg Park pavilion from June 27-July 1, 2011 at a cost of \$50/day in addition to the \$200 refundable security deposit. A motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Ms. Ryan to approve the request of Arts Tech Solutions to hold a children's theater camp at the Brownsburg Park Pavilion from June 27-July 1, 2011, subject to receipt of required insurance and clearance documents. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Lookout Park Picnic Area Change Order No. 2 – Buried Water Valve

Mr. Young recommended approval of Change Order No. 2 in an amount not to exceed \$1,280 to explore the feasibility of returning a buried water valve to working condition. After brief discussion, Mr. Kulig made a motion which was seconded by Ms. Ryan to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$1,280. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Engineer's Report

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

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS:

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

- Park and Recreation Board – January 10, 2011
- Environmental Advisory Council – November 9, 2010 and December 14, 2011
- Planning Commission – December 22, 2010

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Planning and Zoning Department

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

Police Department

Chief Mark Schmidt highlighted the Police Department Report.

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

- Fire Department Report
- Fire Marshal Report
- Public Works Department Report

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Rattigan and was seconded by Mr. Kulig to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion carried on unanimous vote.

Approved: April 6, 2011