

**Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors
September 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

The September 18, 2018 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Tom Cino at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Tom Cino, Vice Chair Diana Nolan, Member Kris Ballerini and Member Ed Ford. Treasurer Mike Tierney was not present. Also in attendance were Township Manager David Nyman, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Engineer Larry Young, P.E., Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Director of Planning & Zoning Dave Kuhns and Chief Mark Schmidt.

There were also members of the public 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. Cino made the following announcements:

- Bucks County is offering free flu shots for County residents ages 3 and up beginning September 29. Check the Township or Bucks County websites for dates, times and locations.
- The first Budget Workshop is scheduled for Monday, October 1 at 7:00 pm

SPECIAL ITEMS

George Calaba, Washington Crossing Historic Park Manager, provided an update of recent and upcoming projects and events at the park.

Bernie Handler, Lurgan Road complimented the new park signs and asked about removal of tires accumulating at the maintenance building. Mr. Calaba noted that was part of the Delaware Canal State Park and are scheduled to be removed this week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and was seconded by Ms. Ballerini to approve the September 4, 2018 meeting minutes with the addition of Ms. Nolan's comments regarding her no vote in opposition to taking a neutral position on the Lin Zoning Hearing Board Application. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Cino presented the bills list for September 18, 2018, acknowledging the notation of the quarterly dispersion of real estate tax funds. A motion was made by Ms. Ballerini and was seconded by Ms. Nolan to approve the September 18, 2018 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$188,310.69. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

Van Zelst Zoning Hearing Board Application, 1119 General Hamilton Road

Mr. Kuhns provided an overview of the Van Zelst Zoning Hearing Board application requesting relief from the front yard setback for construction of a front porch. Dr. Ford expressed concern that many of the variance applications reviewed by the Board do not demonstrate a hardship as required by the

Municipalities Planning Code. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Ballerini and seconded by Ms. Nolan to take a neutral position on the Van Zelst Application. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Watershed Restoration Plan Community Workshop update

Mr. Kuhns provided an overview of the Watershed Restoration Plan Community Workshop held on September 11 when LandStudies Inc. provided a presentation of their assessment of Jericho and Houghs Creeks. There were also breakout sessions with community members to discuss issues and opportunities, and LandStudies is in the process of updating the Watershed Action Plan map based on that feedback.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Conditional Use Hearing – Holly Pond Partners, 43 Vansant Road

Mr. Cino opened the Conditional Use Hearing for Holly Pond Partners, which was continued from September 4, 2018, to permit an A-4 Riding Academy on the property located at 43 Vansant Road. The applicant, Eric Kretschman, was present at the hearing, represented by legal counsel Ed Murphy, Esq. and Scott Miller, P.E. of Van Cleef.

A court reporter was present to transcribe the proceeding. Following testimony and public input, the Hearing was closed with the Board having 45 days to render a decision.

JMZO Ordinance – PRD Deletion

Ms. Ebele provided an overview of the Jointure Ordinance deleting Planned Residential Development (PRD) use. Mr. Cino opened the public hearing. There were no comments by the Board of Supervisors.

Dan Johansson, Upper Makefield, asked for details of the impact on Upper Makefield. Ms. Eberle explained the rationale for the deletion.

The hearing was closed. A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to adopt the JMZO Ordinance to delete Planned Residential Development (PRD) Use. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Brownsburg Park Fields 5/6 Irrigation

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the proposal to install irrigation to Brownsburg Park fields 5/6. The system would be added to the existing system irrigating fields 2-4.

Ms. Nolan relayed feedback she heard from constituents regarding the Soccer Club's making a monetary contribution towards the project and asked Patriot FC if they would contribute funds to the project. She also suggested the Soccer Club apply for a grant to help make our park and recreation funds go further.

Rich Thomson, Patriot FC President shared data regarding the Club's membership and contributions to development and maintenance of the park over the years, including a \$5,000 grant and \$5,000 club contribution toward the cost of a new well pump in 2017. He noted that they have a scholarship fund for families in need and would be willing to use \$500 of those funds if the Township felt compelled that they make a contribution. He said he has also applied for a general use grant on behalf of the Club which they will contribute to the project if received.

Ms. Ballerini expressed support of the project and stated that the improvements are for the safety of children and all visitors to the public park. She also asked why those residents opposed to the project were not in attendance.

Mr. Cino expressed support of the irrigation project, noting significant financial and volunteer contributions of Patriot FC and stated that costs of this project would be paid from the Park & Recreation Capital Fund, supported by developer fees and not tax dollars.

Cathy Magliocchetti, Park & Recreation Board Chair, stated that the Park & Recreation Board supports the project, recognized the contributions of the Club to the park and the fields, and encouraged the Board to approve the proposal with no financial contribution from Patriot FC.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to accept the proposal of Wet Scapes Irrigation in the amount of \$19,900 for Brownsburg Park Fields 5/6 Irrigation with no contribution from the Soccer Club. Motion carried by a 3 to 1 vote with Ms. Nolan voting in opposition. Mrs. Nolan stated that she does not oppose and does support the irrigation, however, she opposed the second part of the motion which was that the Soccer Club not make a contribution towards the cost of the irrigation.

Township Landscape Bids

A motion was made by Ms. Ballerini and seconded by Dr. Ford to authorize advertisement of 2019/20 Township Landscape Bids. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Upper Makefield Fire Company Volunteer Grant

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the Upper Makefield Fire Company recommendation for call-out/drills program for volunteer firefighters and rescue personnel designed to incentivize members. A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Dr. Ford to approve a \$17,110 grant to Upper Makefield Fire Company to assist in the support of a Fire Company initiative to provide stipends for response to call-outs and drills as set forth in the Upper Makefield Fire Company Pay/Call Trial Program recommendation dated April 19, 2018. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2018/19 Stone & Asphalt Bid

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the 2018/19 Consortium Stone & Asphalt Bid, noting the recommendation of Public Works Superintendent Bruce Scott to award the bid to Eureka Stone Quarry per his memo dated September 7, 2018. A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to award the 2018/19 Stone & Asphalt Bid to Eureka Stone Quarry. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2018/19 Salt Bid

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the 2018/19 Consortium Salt Bid, noting the recommendation of Public Works Superintendent Bruce Scott to award the bid to Morton Salt, Inc. for a delivered cost of \$47.92/ton. A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to award the 2018/19 Salt Bid to Morton Salt, Inc. for a delivered cost of \$47.92/ton. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sale of 2004 Chevrolet Impala

Mr. Nyman reported on the bid for the sale of the 2004 Chevrolet Impala, which was listed on Municibid. A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to award the bid for the sale of the 2004 Chevrolet Impala to Greg Pecko for the purchase price of \$1,401.00. Motion carried

by unanimous vote.

Request to Hire Public Works Seasonal Employee

A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to hire Will Konawaluk as a Public Works Department seasonal employee at a rate of \$18.50/hr. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Award of Bid – 2018 Road Project – Phase III, Old Dolington Road Base Repair

Mr. Young provided a summary of the bid results and recommended awarding Phase III of the 2018 Road Project, Old Dolington Road Base Repair to the lowest responsible bidder, James D. Morrissey, Inc. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Nolan to award the 2018 Road Project – Phase III, Old Dolington Road Base Repair Bid to James D. Morrissey, Inc. in the amount of \$113,450. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2018 Road Paving Project – Phase II – Payment Request #1 (Final)

Mr. Young provided an update of Phase II of the 2018 Road Paving Project and recommended approval of Payment Request #1 (Final) in the amount of \$237,198.28. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Nolan to approve Payment Request #1 (Final) in the amount of \$237,198.28. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Pineville Road Stormwater Drainage Recommendation

Mr. Young provided an overview of the Pineville Road stormwater drainage issue that occurs east of the driveway at 680 Pineville Road. Mr. Young then provided a potential solution with costs estimates based on the concept plan to install a storm sewer system with inlets, end wall, piping and riprap. Mr. Young noted that this project involves a State road and therefore involves a policy decision by the supervisors.

Ms. Eberle suggested checking with the Township's liability insurer to ascertain whether the carrier objects to a Township project on a State road. Discussion followed and the Board directed staff to inform PennDOT of the drainage concerns and to share Mr. Young's concept plan with PennDOT for their use in addressing the issue.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Young reminded the Board that his monthly report is in their packets.

Ms. Nolan asked for further details regarding the Crossing Partnership Redevelopment plan at General Washington Blvd. and Taylorsville Road, which is listed in Mr. Young's report. Mr. Young noted concerns regarding the plan and stated that there had been no action on it in over a year.

BOARD AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Mr. Cino announced that the Planning Commission meeting minutes of June 27, 2018 and July 25, 2018 were included in Board packets.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

- Planning & Zoning Department
- Finance Department Report
- Fire Department Report
- Ambulance

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan Johansson asked Mr. Young if he is satisfied with the work on a section of Route 532 which PennDOT worked on several months ago. Mr. Young noted that it was a temporary repair that has not been finished and which is slowly settling. PennDOT has been made aware of the problem. Mr. Johansson then referenced another section of repairs along Rt. 532, which Dr. Ford stated is satisfactorily repaired.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to adjourn at 10:10 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: October 2, 2018