

Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors
January 8, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes

The January 8, 2019 special meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Tom Cino at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Tom Cino, Vice Chair Diana Nolan, Member Kris Ballerini, Member Ed Ford and Treasurer Mike Tierney. Also in attendance were Township Manager David Nyman, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, 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. 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:

- An Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting for litigation matters.
- A reminder that the next regular Board of Supervisors meeting will be held in two weeks, on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:30 pm here at the Township Building.
- There are still volunteer board vacancies. Residents interested in being considered for appointment are invited to submit a Volunteer Board Application. Visit uppermakefield.org to download the application and learn more about volunteer opportunities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Decker, 36 VanSant Road, shared several concerns about the pending A-4 Riding Academy at Holly Farms. He stated that there are 25 horses on site and horse rehabilitation has begun on the property, the dumpsters are uncovered and overflowing, and run-off from one dumpster is going into the pond. Mr. Decker also observed an uncovered construction dumpster onsite causing trash to blow out, and truck traffic using his driveway as a turnaround. He stated that he feels the Board's adjudication is fair, and he expressed disappointment with the property owner's actions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

There was no meeting minutes and no bills list.

PLANNING AND ZONING ISSUES

There were no Planning and Zoning issues.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no Solicitor's Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Public Works Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Nyman stated that consideration of the Public Works Collective Bargaining Agreement is continued until the next Board meeting to permit several Board members additional time for review.

Deputy Tax Collector

Mr. Nyman referenced the request of Tax Collector Nick Ettorre to appoint William B. Jones as Deputy Tax Collector, which is permitted by the DCED. Following discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Ms. Ballerini to appoint William B. Jones as Deputy Tax Collector for Upper Makefield Township subject to approval by the surety bond company. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Open Space Updates

Mr. Nyman provided an update on Township-owned open space parcels noting that staff is currently reviewing which parcels may be considered for conservation easements, per Board request.

Easement Monitoring

Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Ms. Nolan to authorize staff to request a proposal from Heritage Conservancy to monitor existing conservation easements. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

There was no Engineer's Report.

MELSKY TRACT REMAND HEARING CONTINUATION

Mr. Cino stated that the Melsky Tract Remand Hearing would now commence and that the hard stop for the hearing is 10 p.m. A stenographer was present for the hearing. At 9:50 p.m., the hearing was continued to January 30, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

A ten minutes recess was called at 9:20 pm. Mr. Tierney was not present when the hearing resumed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Ballerini and seconded by Ms. Nolan to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: January 22, 2019