

Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors
February 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The February 2, 2021 virtual 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, Treasurer Tim Thomas, Member Ed Ford and Member Karin Traina. Also in attendance were Township Manager David R. Nyman, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Planning & Zoning Director Dave Kuhns and Chief Schmidt.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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:

- Township offices remain open by appointment only. Please call the 215-968-3340 or find a staff directory at uppermakefield.org to make an appointment.
- Thank you to our public works, police and emergency services crews for their efforts over the last couple of days to keep residents safe during the winter storm.

Ms. Nolan reported that the effort to place suppressors on the rifles at the Mercer County gun range has been delayed until late 2021 due to production problems resulting from COVID-19. She also requested any residents able to contact the Bucks County Coroner ask her to contact Ms. Nolan as she has been leading an effort to establish a columbarium for the remains of unclaimed persons in the Bucks County morgue.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Ford to approve the January 19, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Traina and seconded by Dr. Ford to approve the February 2, 2021 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$316,483.03. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

Brownsburg Estates Subdivision Concept Plan, 386 Brownsburg Road East

Ed Murphy, Esq. provided background for the presentation of a Subdivision Concept Plan for 386 Brownsburg Road East. Rich Zaveta, Travis Hutchinson and Anand Bhatt shared environmental and aesthetic concept changes to the approved plan that include underground stormwater management, removal of fewer established trees, and less impervious surface by reducing the street to 18" from 30" and by using denitrification septic systems.

The Board inquired about street trees, the possibility of reducing the number of lots, lighting, golf course access, pond safety and Fire Marshal review. Board reaction to the presentation was positive.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no Solicitor's Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 2021-02-02-01 – Tax Collector Compensation

Mr. Nyman introduced the resolution setting the tax collector's compensation for the 2022-2025 term of office with a 2% increase each year. Discussion followed with Ms. Traina suggesting that the Tax Collector update the Board on operational improvements he has implemented. A motion was made by Ms. Traina and seconded by Dr. Ford to approve Resolution No. 2021-02-02-01. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Conservation Easement

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of a conservation easement being donated to the Township. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to authorize the Township Manager to accept the Brick conservation easement donation and execute the required documents subject to review and approval by the Solicitor. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Resident Mailer Update

Mr. Nyman shared staff suggestions to mail a postcard to residents providing information about accessing the eNews, which the Board endorsed.

Appointments

A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Dr. Ford to appoint Andrew Reiss to the Park & Recreation Board for a term which expires December 31, 2025. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Traina and seconded by Mr. Thomas to appoint Henry Lieberman as an Alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board to fill a vacancy for a term which expires December 31, 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

There was no Engineer's Report.

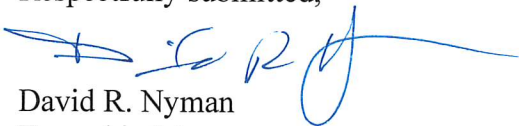
PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Nolan and seconded by Dr. Ford to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: February 16, 2021