

Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors June 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The June 6, 2023 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 Ed Ford, Treasurer Tim Thomas, Member Yvette Taylor and Member Ben Weldon. Also in attendance were Township Manager David R. Nyman, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Planning & Zoning Director Denise Burmester and Chief Mark 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:

- The County's next Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will take place on June 24, rain or shine, at Central Bucks South High School. Find details on the recycling page at BucksCounty.org.
- The 41st Annual Rev Run will take place on July 4 at Washington Crossing Historic Park. Register now at RevRunPA.com.
- An executive session was held prior to this evening's meeting for personnel matters.
- Finally, during this period of significantly lower than normal rainfall, we encourage residents to conserve water where you can and take precautions to guard against fire.

Dr. Ford shared that the annual Rebels and Redcoats Car Show is in the Washington Crossing Historic Park on July 2nd.

SPECIAL ITEM

Police Officer Promotion

Chief Schmidt introduced part time officer Colin Murphy and recommended that he be promoted to full time. A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Weldon to promote part-time Officer Colin Murphy to the position of full-time officer effective June 7, 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sol Feinstone Elementary School Construction Update

Colin Case, Senior Project Manager from D'Huy Engineering, provided an update of the Sol Feinstone Elementary School construction project. He stated that the project is two months ahead of schedule and should be completed by August 2024. Phase I, which includes site work and installation of utilities, is complete. Phase 2 will begin when the school year ends and includes the parking lot and exterior lighting. The Board asked for consideration to control the bus lot exterior lights separately so they can be turned off when not needed.

Sunoco Pipeline Project Updates

Joe Massaro, representative of Energy Transfer, provided a status update on the Jacob's Creek Sunoco Pipeline Project. He indicated that delays in completing the sitework restoration are due to weather conditions this Spring, but noted that they are currently on-site removing rock and regrading. All restoration for homeowners is planned to be completed by the end of June, and repaving Oakdale Avenue is scheduled for July. Another update will be provided at the June 20 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the May 17, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Ms. Taylor to approve the June 6, 2023 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$213,078.59. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

Hritz Tree Grant Request, 1004 Colonial Drive

Ms. Burmester provided an overview of the Hritz Tree Grant request for reimbursement that exceeds the annual cap. Ms. Hritz explained her goal is to replace, in phases, some of the 100 trees lost due to the Emerald Ash Borer. The EAC recommended reimbursement of 25 trees/planting/deer protection for the first phase of planting for an amount not to exceed \$2,025. A motion was made by Dr. Ford and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the Hritz Tree Grant request for reimbursement of 25 trees for an amount not to exceed \$2,025. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no Solicitor's Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Big Oak Whitetail Management (BOWMA) 2023-24 Proposal

Mr. Nyman outlined the 2023/24 proposal of Big Oak Whitetail Management Association (BOWMA) for deer management on Township-owned property. The proposal has the same terms and conditions as the previous contract, at no cost to the Township and in accordance with PA Game Commission regulations. BOWMA also requested a letter of recommendation from the Township to distribute to local property owners. A motion was made by Mr. Thomas and seconded by Dr. Ford to authorize the Township Manager to execute an agreement with BOWMA for the 2023-24 season and to authorize a letter of recommendation. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Works Laborer

A motion was made by Ms. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Ford to accept the resignation of Public Works Department Laborer Jamie Noon effective June 13, 2023. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Mr. Thomas to authorize advertisement of the Public Works Laborer's position. 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. Taylor and seconded by Dr. Ford to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: June 20, 2023