

# UPPER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP

## Financial Advisory Committee Meeting

March 21, 2024

The March 21, 2024 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Financial Advisory Committee was convened at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Financial Advisory Committee: Ray Myslinski, Harold Tamburo, Elizabeth Thompson and Jason Yager. Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor/Liaison Braun Taylor and Supervisor Tom Cino were also in attendance.

### I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Caporiccio at 6:30 p.m.

### II. Election of Chair

Ms. Dorph resigned from the FAC since being elected chair to accept another committee appointment. Nominations were open for a new Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Yager and seconded by Mr. Tamburo to nominate Mr. Myslinski to serve as Chair. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mr. Myslinski presided over the meeting from this point.

### III. Approval of Minutes – January 31, 2024

A motion was made by Ms. Thompson and was seconded by Mr. Tamburo to approve the meeting minutes of January 31, 2024. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### IV. Update – DCNR Plans for PA250.

Ms. Caporiccio shared highlights of a meeting she and Mr. Nyman had with the Manager of the Washington Crossing Historic Park and the Director of the Friends of Washington Crossing. She explained the Park's plans related to lighting, parking, pedestrian access and safety, flags/banners/plants/concessions.

**Parking:** The DCNR plans to turn the current visitor lot across from the museum into a gated lot for staff only, although it will still have handicap and EV charging spots for the public. Shrubbery and/or low fencing will be added to discourage usage by non-staff members. For visitors, parking will be expanded at the Valley of Concentration and soccer field; parking at the triangle near Embarcation will be discouraged, and foot traffic will be pushed to use existing nearby pathways.

**Lighting:** The DCNR plans to add safety lighting at the large parking lot at the Valley of Concentration. There are no plans to add lighting around the newly renovated historical buildings since the park is closed at night with limited evening events.

**Pedestrian Access:** The DCNR plans to add a crosswalk in the path connecting to Old River Road. There will be no crosswalk at the gated staff lot to discourage visitor parking in that location. They will also encourage the use of the existing Rte. 532 crosswalk at Embarcation.

**Sidewalks:** The DCNR plans to repair the brick sidewalks from the bridge to the intersection, and from the intersection to General Greene Road.

**Aesthetics:** The DCNR plans no flags or banners. There will also be no permanent retail or food establishments considered.

After reviewing the above, the committee found that the plan for sidewalk renovation was beneficial to our current plans. All of the other planned renovations appear to be driven by safety and maintenance concerns.

## **V. Engineering Evaluation of FAC List of Potential Improvements**

Ms. Caporiccio distributed the Township Engineer's evaluation of the list of potential improvements provided by the FAC.

Mr. Myslinski summarized the memo from the Township Engineer as follows:

- Recommendation to replace existing sidewalks along Rte. 532; no new sidewalks added along residential area on north side of Rt. 532 or in front of Dunkin property; no curbing due to cost and conflict with current landscape / housing.
- Recommendation regarding traffic control is that while speed bumps can be effective, they create maintenance challenges for snow and ice removal. However, there is a recommendation to use softer traffic calming measures (e.g., planters, road lines to create optical illusions, narrowing the streets, etc.).
- Recommendation to replace all crosswalks using a better construction method than was used prior, in a similar style, with full pedestrian connections on both sides of crosswalks.
- Recommendation to standardize lighting elements around the village using 1-type of fixture, and only take the lighting to River Road since the DCNR does not want lighting at the houses.
- Recommendation to develop an aesthetic plan that fits the above plans and current village layout.
- Recommendation to add an ADA compliant crosswalk by the canal bridge, either on existing path or at-grade (more costly).

After reviewing the recommendations, the committee agreed to consider the feedback between now and the next meeting with the goal of finalizing a recommendation at the next meeting.

## **VI. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **VII. Next Meeting: May 16, 2024**

## **VIII. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Yager and was seconded by Mr. Tamburo to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: May 16, 2024