

Upper Makefield Board of Supervisors October 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The October 1, 2024 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Yvette Taylor at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Yvette Taylor, Vice Chair Ben Weldon, Treasurer Braun Taylor, Member Tom Cino and Member Tim Thomas. Also in attendance were Township Manager David R. Nyman, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Township Solicitor Mary Eberle, Esq., Township Engineer Amanda Fuller, P.E., and Planning & Zoning Director Denise Burmester, and Chief Mark Schmidt.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Taylor led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a moment of silence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Taylor made the following announcements:

- Thank you to all who helped make Upper Makefield Community Day a success! We've heard very positive feedback on the day and will soon begin planning our next event. Colonial Farms, Dominicks, Rita's, the Friends of Washington Crossing, Sol Feinstone Elementary, Township volunteer boards and staff all worked together to create a fun day for all.
- PennDOT projects are still underway on River Road, Wrightstown Road and Route 532. Please use caution while driving in these areas weekdays from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Upper Makefield Fire Company and Lingohocken Fire Company will be celebrating Fire Prevention month by hosting events at their fire stations.
 - Visit Upper Makefield Station 71 at 1221 Taylorsville Road on October 11 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
 - Lingohocken's event is on October 18 from 6-9 p.m. at the fire house located at 1090 Washington Ave in Wycombe

We encourage you to support our volunteer fire companies by attending these events and learning more about the services they provide to the community.

Bridge Update:

- We continue to monitor the Washington Crossing Bridge project and attend the monthly meetings of the Joint Toll Bridge Commission. We encourage residents to attend as well to voice your opinions about the Washington Crossing Bridge project. Their next meeting is on Monday, October 28 at 10:30 a.m. Attend in person or virtually. Visit drjtbc.org for meeting information

PUBLIC COMMENT

Priscilla Linden, 50 Dillon Way, brought damaged political signs collected since the last meeting to demonstrate what she believes are intended to intimidate stating that the incidences have become more frequent and violent.

Mr. Cino stated that election signs for both parties are being vandalized, and he encouraged reporting it to the police.

Kathy Budd, 1295 River Road, expressed appreciation for the lowered speed limit on River Road but remains concerned about continued speeding and excessive noise levels from vehicles and motorcycles. She requested increased enforcement of speed and noise violations.

Ellen Goldblatt, 1299 River Road, requested a professional evaluation of the noise concerns on River Road.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the September 17, 2024 Budget Workshop meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the September 17, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the October 1, 2024 Bills Payable List in the amount of \$714,010.57. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & ZONING ISSUES

Gasperi Zoning Hearing Board Application, 736 Towerview Drive

Chelsey Crocker Jackman Esq. and Vince Fioravanti, P.E. represented the applicant and provided an overview of the Gasperi Zoning Hearing Board Application requesting variances for front and side yard setbacks and building coverage for construction of a detached garage, front porch, side living space and attached covered rear porch. A stormwater management rain garden is proposed, and the existing septic system has been deemed viable. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to take a neutral position regarding the requested variances. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Kaniewski Planning Module, 2955 Windy Bush Road

Ms. Burmester provided an overview of the Kaniewski Planning Module application proposing the installation of six new on-lot sewage disposal systems to serve six new single-family homes, noting that an existing dwelling on the property will be demolished. Discussion followed and a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the Kaniewski Planning Module. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Grinder Pump Ordinance Public Hearing

Ms. Eberle provided an overview of the Grinder Pump Ordinance. Ms. Taylor opened the public hearing. There were no comments by the Board of Supervisors and no comments from the public. Ms. Taylor closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to adopt the Grinder Pump Ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adoption of Conditional Use Adjudication, 1292 Taylorsville Road (Weyant)

Ms. Eberle provided a summary of the conditions of the Weyant Conditional Use Adjudication for 1292 Taylorsville Road as follows:

- The Applicant shall demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Township, compliance with all the requirements of JMZO Section 803.16.B.
- The dwelling unit in the barn shall be the principal use of the Property.
- The Applicant shall execute a Declaration of Covenants, in a form acceptable to the Township Solicitor, limiting the occupancy of the rental unit in the garage to members of the owner's family or individuals employed on the Property.
- The Applicant shall comply with all other Codes and Ordinances of Upper Makefield Township including, without limitation, the Zoning Ordinance, and the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

- The Applicant shall obtain any and all outside agency permits and approvals as set forth in JMZO Section 803.16.B.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Weyant Conditional Use Adjudication for 1292 Taylorsville Road subject to the conditions stated above. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Revised LI/O-LI Jointure Ordinance

Ms. Erbele provided an overview of revised LI/O-LI Jointure Ordinance. Discussion followed, and a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to authorize advertisement of the LI/O-LI Jointure Ordinance. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MANAGER'S REPORT

There was no Manager's Report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Ms. Fuller recommended approval of the Enclave Escrow Release #8 (Final) in the amount \$32,499.99. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to approve the Enclave Escrow Release #8 (Final). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PennDOT Multi Modal Transportation Fund Grant Application

Ms. Fuller provided an overview of the PennDOT Multi Modal Transportation Fund Grant. Discussion followed, and a motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to authorize Township Engineer to prepare the PennDOT Multi Modal Transportation Fund Grant Application for sidewalks and crosswalks in Washington Crossing Village. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Jericho Creek at London Court Debris Removal

Ms. Fuller provided an overview of the Jericho Creek at London Court Debris Removal Project. Discussion followed, and a motion was made by Mr. Weldon and seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the proposal to design, permit, prepare bid documents and provide construction administration for the debris removal within Jericho Creek at London Court. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Cino and seconded by Mr. Weldon to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman
Township Manager

Approved: October 15, 2024