

Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisor Meeting
June 9, 2011 7:03 pm

Present: Claude Beaver, Roy Timpe, Joseph E. Rudderow III, Eugene Orlando– Orlando Law Office, Mark Kitzmiller – Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Diane Hollenbach – Manager, Johanna Mattera – Recording Secretary.

Guests: Jim Schoellkopf,

Claude Beaver called the June 9, 2011 regular meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to order at 7:03 pm in the Maidencreek Township Municipal Building.

MINUTES & FINANCES

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the regular meeting minutes of May 12, 2011 as presented. Hearing no questions on the motion all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report and Bill List

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to approve the May 2011 Treasurer’s Report and Bill List. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Police Report

The Northern Berks Regional Police responded to 337 assignments in Maidencreek Township in the month of May. This resulted in 51 citations. The traffic fines for Maidencreek for the month of May were \$1,014.27 and non-traffic fines were \$493.31 totaling \$1,507.58. The total number of patrol hours was 721.81 for the month.

Maidencreek Township Authority – Ms. Hollenbach reviewed the June 2011 MTA Monthly Report with the Board.

MUNICIPAL ENGINEER

Subdivision Review Status Checklist

Esbenshades Preliminary Plan expires June 28, 2011

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to accept the Developer’s request for a time extension until September 28, 2011 for Esbenshades Land Development Plan. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Corrado Commercial Preliminary Plan expires June 30, 2011

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to accept the Developer’s request for a time extension until June 30, 2012 for the Corrado Commercial Preliminary Plan. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Subdivisions/Zoning – No Plans for Action.

Projects

2011 Annual Street Project

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, authorizing the Chairman to sign the contract. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

The above motion was amended by Roy Timpe to have the entire Board sign the contract not just the Chairman. The amendment was seconded by Joseph Rudderow III. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to notify EJB Paving of Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

FEMA Draft Model Ordinance

The Planning Commission recommended the Board of Supervisors make changes and submit a copy of the Ordinance to Berks County. The Ordinance will not have to be adopted until early 2012. There was a length discussion regarding the FEMA Draft Model Ordinance with the Board.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to make the changes proposed and forward the Draft FEMA Model Ordinance to the Berks County Conservation District. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

Subdivision Improvement Agreement LOC

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Subdivision Improvements Agreements LOC/Escrow release letters that was approved in the May 2011 meeting. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

MUNICIPAL SOLICITOR

Melrose Place Recorded Plan Storm Water Changes Required by Berks Conservation District. - There is continuing conversation regarding the changes required by Berks Conservation District that has affected the existing Melrose Place Plan that is recorded at the Court House. The Board advised the Township Engineer to contact the Developer's Engineer and the Developer to see if they sought out relief from the Berks Conservation District for previous and future sinkholes and limestone on the property. For these reasons, the Township did not approve an infiltration pond in the original plans and asked the engineer to advise the Conservation District the concerns.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, that the Planning Commission re-review the modified storm water plan for Melrose Place and make recommendations to the changes to plans. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager's Report – Ms. Hollenbach submitted the Manager's Report for the Boards' review.

Contract Negotiations - The Township needs to meet with the Teamsters in June to discuss negotiations. This is to be discussed in Executive Session.

Joint Comprehensive Plan - The Public Hearing for the Joint Comprehensive Plan will be held on Wednesday, June 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Park & Recreation – There will be four additional rules and regulation signs in Community Park and Ontelaunee Heights. A sample ordinance was distributed to the Board to allow for naturalized areas with open space management plans. The Manager is receiving quotes to install additional fencing along the basketball courts. No action was required on any issues pertaining to Parks and Recreation.

Weed and Grass Violations

447 E. Wesner Road, 228 Genesis Drive & 541 Guldin Road

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer, Solicitor and Township Manager to take the necessary steps to enforce the letters when 30 days of receipt of letter has passed. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

520 Walnut Tree Drive – The homeowner called and asked if the Township could put a Visually Impaired Sign up to alert drivers of the issue. The Board approved the signage.

Ridge Road Complaint - A resident called to complain about the resident living in his camper on his property, his house burnt in February.

Summer Help

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to leave it to the Township Manager's discretion to hire Bob Ramsey if needed for summer help. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

NEW BUSINESS

Auditor Engagement Letter

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing the Chairman to sign the Auditor Engagement Letter with Kosmerl & Company LC. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye". Motion carried.

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Quote to replace Traffic Signal Pole, arm and signs at Tamarack Blvd. – Telco Inc. sent in a quote for the repair of the damaged traffic signal pole, arm and signs at Tamarack Blvd. The Board advised to get three quotes for the repair.

Mr. Rudderow advised that he will not be able to attend the Police meeting on Monday June 13th. Mr. Rudderow wanted to know if the Board would like to have the Police audited and would the Board like to send a letter to Rep. Jerry Knowles to make him aware there are no requirements for Regional Police Department financial audits.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, authorizing the Township Manager to send a letter to Rep. Jerry Knowles to make him aware there are no requirements for Regional Police Department financial audits. Hearing no further questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Claude Beaver informed the other Board members that Senator Argall’s office called regarding a meeting tomorrow morning, June 10th at 10:00 am, at the Turkey Hill Mini Market. It will be about the curb cuts where there are no sidewalks that Penn DOT installed and how this was wasteful spending.

The Board went into executive session from 9:08 p.m. – 10:25 p.m. to discuss personnel and possible litigation.

A motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe, to authorize the Township Manager to meet with the Union Representatives for contract negotiations. Hearing no further questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to authorize the Township Manager to discuss personnel issues with Gene Orlando and Whitney Rahman. Hearing no further questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Roy Timpe, seconded by Joseph Rudderow III, to hire Watkins Architect for the Community Park Restroom Project. Hearing no further questions on the motion, all members voted, “Aye”. Motion carried.

Since there was no further business, a motion was made by Joseph Rudderow III, seconded by Roy Timpe to adjourn the June 9, 2011 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Recording Township Secretary, June 9, 2011

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Cc: Board of Supervisors
Eugene Orlando, Orlando Law Office, Solicitor
Thomas Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Township Engineer
Planning Commission
Park & Recreation Board
Zoning Hearing Board and Alternates
Paul Herbein, Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
Maidencreek Township Authority
Patrick Donovan, Maidencreek Township Authority General Manager
JoAnn Schaeffer, Maidencreek Township Authority Secretary
Robert Hobaugh, Jr. Esq., Stevens & Lee, Authority Solicitor
Greg Unger, Systems Design Engineering, Inc., Authority Engineer
Barbara Hassler, Tax Collector
Daniel Miller, Blandon Fire Company Chief
Chief Scott W. Eaken, Northern Berks Regional Police