

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 2006**

A special meeting of the Lower Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Wednesday, February 21, 2006 for the purpose of interviewing individual candidates for reappointment and vacant Township Board and Commission positions. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Caiola called the roll noting four of the five Supervisors were present.

Those present:                    Steve Santarsiero, Secretary/Treasurer  
   Ron Smith, Chairman  
   Greg Caiola, Vice-Chairman  
   Grace Godshalk Supervisor  
   Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor

Others:                                Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager

Individuals were interviewed in the following order:

Jim Bray, EAC  
Phil Tyler, Sewer Authority Board  
Paul Bamburak, Zoning Hearing Board  
Zachary Rubin, Cable TV Advisory Council  
Deborah Gable, Cable TV Advisory Council  
Jeffrey Gust, Emergency Management  
Susanne Curran, Farmland Preservation Corporation

**Jim Bray – Reappointment to the Environmental Advisory Council**

Mr. Smith stated he is very familiar with Mr. Bray and his resume and opened up the meeting to the Board for comment. Mr. Santarsiero stated he is hard pressed to find anyone as dedicated as Mr. Bray and he has done a tremendous job of turning the Council into a review board that has taken the lead on environmental issues in the Township.

Mr. Caiola asked Mr. Bray what the next step is for the LID in 2007. Mr. Bray stated the Council is interested in the Cool Cities Club by the Sierra Club. He stated that Ms. Grayson is heading up the proposal and would present the proposal to the Board of Supervisors at the March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Mr. Caiola asked Mr. Bray if any Bucks County municipalities have a Cool Cities designation. Mr. Bray stated that Lower Makefield will be the first in Bucks County.

Mr. Stainthorpe asked Mr. Bray what other initiatives he envisions the Environmental Advisory Council taking on in 2007. Mr. Bray stated the Council would be looking at recycling in the Township more, green building codes, an invasive plant ordinance, creating an open space inventory and recommendations on existing open space.

Mr. Stainthorpe asked how the review process was going with the Council. He stated he was not happy with the Matrix review noting the Council gave a lot of opinions instead of suggestions. Mr. Bray stated that Matrix was the first review by the Council and the Council's focus was on the project itself and felt they should make their concerns known to the public. He stated the Council is preparing a review checklist to address the issue of time sensitivity of plans.

Mrs. Godshalk raised the issue of people dumping garbage in business dumpsters and asked Mr. Bray if the Council could address that issue.

### **Phil Tyler – Sewer Authority Board**

Mr. Stainthorpe asked Mr. Tyler to tell the Board about himself. Mr. Tyler stated that he is the owner of a family owned pest control business. He stated that he has had the opportunity to work with the sewer department in his business dealings and wanted to get involved. Mr. Stainthorpe noted that the Township is looking at selling the sewer system and the Sewer Authority Board will play a big part in that process.

Mr. Santarsiero asked if the Township engineers recommend that the Township sell the sewer system because of the economic feasibility how would he feel. Mr. Tyler stated it has to be beneficial to the residents first and foremost.

### **Paul Bamburak – Reappointment to the Zoning Hearing Board**

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Bamburak what he likes and dislikes about the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Bamburak stated he likes the technical aspect of his position and feels he makes a difference in the community.

Mr. Caiola stated that he knows Mr. Bamburak from serving on the Board and noted that he has never missed a meeting in two years. He stated that he has done a good job on difficult issues like Allegheny. Mr. Caiola thanked Mr. Bamburak for his service.

### **Zachary Rubin – Cable TV Advisory Council**

Mr. Rubin stated he was first involved in the Township fifteen years ago when Lower Bucks Cablevision was laying fiber optics in the Township. He stated that over 200 people attended the Township meeting regarding the installation of the fiber optics. Mr. Rubin stated he spoke out because the cable company wanted to put in cable boxes and the price to rent the box each month was a lot higher than the price of the other cable company. He spoke about how the cable companies need to be more accountable and he is glad that there is competition within the Township.

### **Deborah Gable – Reappointment to the Cable TV Advisory Council**

Mr. Stainthorpe asked Ms. Gable how long she has been on the Cable TV Advisory Council. Ms. Gable replied two years. Mrs. Godshalk asked if the Township could get New York channels. Ms. Gable replied that we cannot because there is an exclusivity clause.

Mr. Smith asked what she would like to see accomplished in the coming years. Ms. Gable stated she would like to see more exposure for the Cable TV Advisory Council within the Township. Mr. Smith suggested members of the Council attend a Board of Supervisors meeting in April to give a presentation.

### **Jeffrey Gust – Reappointment to Emergency Management**

Mr. Santarsiero noted that Mr. Gust was reappointed to Emergency Management two years ago and he asked Mr. Gust if the team should meet more frequently. Mr. Gust stated the meetings are called by Chief Coluzzi when the need arises and there are a few standing meetings per year. He stated that the Township could always improve, but the policies and practices are in place and have proven to have worked in the past emergencies.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated that he has been the Emergency Management liaison for three years and stated that Mr. Gust is a great asset to the team and he feels the existing meeting schedule works well.

Mr. Smith stated there has been some discussion that Chief Coluzzi would like to acquire a command center vehicle such as the one borrowed from Middletown for Community Day. He asked Mr. Gust to look at the vehicle and asked the Emergency Management team if they would recommend having such a vehicle for the Township.

### **Susanne Curran – Farmland Preservation Corporation**

Mr. Smith stated her application to Farmland Preservation and resignation from the Historical Commission took him by surprise. Mr. Santarsiero asked Mrs. Curran why she was resigning from the Historical Commission. Mrs. Curran stated that she has gone as far as she can with what the Historical Commission is working on like Edgewood Village. She stated the Village plan is going forward that will govern the area and the Commission will not have as much input as the Village concept moves ahead.

Mr. Santarsiero asked what she would like to see Farmland Preservation accomplish. Mrs. Curran stated that she's had a lot of experience appraising farms and found out that Lower Makefield set the trend for preserving farms in Bucks County. She would like to see farms in the Township become more profitable.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated the Township spreads the leaves collected in the Township at Patterson Farm and asked if that practice should continue. Mrs. Curran stated that she heard the spreading

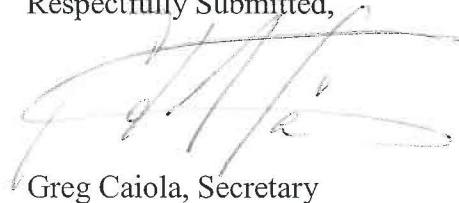


of the leaves upset the balance of the soil and as a result crops did not grow last year. She stated the practice of spreading the leaves should be looked into.

Mrs. Godshalk asked Mrs. Curran if she read the Farmland Preservation Corporation ordinance and noted that Patterson farm is not included in the Corporation. She stated the ordinance only covers the land given by developers. Mrs. Curran stated she understands that but did not have a chance to read the ordinance yet.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Caiola', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Greg Caiola, Secretary