

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES – JUNE 1, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on June 1, 2011. Chairman Caiola called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Smith called the roll.

Those present:

Board of Supervisors: Greg Caiola, Chairman
 Pete Stainthorpe, Vice Chairman
 Ron Smith, Secretary
 Dan McLaughlin, Treasurer
 Matt Maloney, Supervisor

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager
 David Truelove, Township Solicitor
 James Majewski, Township Engineer
 Kenneth Coluzzi, Chief of Police

REPORT ON STATE GRANT

State Representative, Steve Santarsiero, was present to discuss the status of the State Grant for the ball fields and community center. He reported that late this afternoon, he received a call that Governor Corbett did agree to release the money. Mr. Santarsiero stated they should get the Contract within the next few weeks, and he asked that Mr. Caiola put this matter on the Agenda at the next meeting to discuss in more detail what needs to be done going forward so that the Township is well positioned to take advantage of the Grant and get the projects completed. Mr. Santarsiero thanked Mr. Fedorchak and Ms. Susan Mazzitelli who helped put the Grant Application together. He also thanked former Governor Rendell for originally approving the projects and Governor Corbett who saw the value of the projects to the community and agreed to approve releasing the funds. Mr. Santarsiero also thanked the Board of Supervisors for agreeing to move expeditiously on this when it was originally discussed. Mr. Santarsiero stated this is a real win for Lower Makefield, and he looks forward to working with the Township in the future.

Mr. McLaughlin asked how much was received, and Mr. Fedorchak stated he believes it was the full \$2 million. Mr. Santarsiero stated the Application was for \$2 million, and this was the amount approved by the Governor today. He stated the Township will get the Contract executed by the State, and the Board will then have the money to fund the projects that were put in the Application which included the ball fields, resurfacing of the facilities at the Community Pool, the special needs playground at Memorial Park, and the

community center. Mr. Santarsiero stated the purchase of the Samost Tract, which is where the baseball fields will be constructed, qualified as the local match for that portion. He stated they also found out that the purchase of the Patterson Farm qualified as a local match so the Township will be receiving \$2 million from the State without the Township having to put up any money. Mr. Santarsiero stated at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on June 15, they will go over the process to make sure everything gets done in a timely manner.

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Santarsiero for his help with this. Mr. Smith asked if he feels there will be any serious impediments getting the projects done; and Mr. Santarsiero stated at this point it is in the Township's hands, and they need to get everything designed and ready to go.

Mr. Caiola thanked Mr. Fedorchak and Ms. Mazzitelli for the work they did to get this money.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Harold Koopersmith, 612 B Wren Song Road, asked for further discussion about the Senior Center. Mr. Smith stated the Seniors group has been working on coming up with a business plan to assist the Township in putting together a Senior/Community Center. Mr. Smith stated the Board of Supervisors will work on this, and he feels they will be able to get this done for the seniors and the rest of the community which is long over due. Mr. Koopersmith thanked the New York Attorney General for continuing the moratorium on drilling in the Delaware Valley Basin. He also commented on his concerns with the economy.

Ms. Gudrun Alexander, 256 S. Fieldstone Court, stated several weeks ago she discussed a problem she was having at her property because of the downspouts from her neighbor's property. She stated the Board agreed to look into this, but nothing has been done. Mr. Majewski stated while he has not done this yet, he will be out in the Township tomorrow to look at similar problems in the Township, and he will check her property at that time. Ms. Alexander also noted that there are a number of trees which are leaning into the street on Bluestone Drive between Fieldstone and Marble Court. She stated the trees are on Township property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Maloney moved, Mr. Smith seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2011 as written.

PRESENTATION OF TOWNSHIP'S UPGRADED WEBSITE

Mr. Zachary Rubin, Mr. Joe Ader, and Mr. Josh Waldorf were present from the Electronic Media Advisory Committee along with Mr. Mike Spillane. Mr. Rubin announced that Mr. Dave Kelliher, who is in the control booth, is also a member of their Committee.

Mr. Rubin stated a number of years ago when the Township first started broadcasting the Board of Supervisors' meetings, a number of residents complained that since they do not have Verizon or Comcast, they were unable to watch the Board of Supervisors' meetings. He stated at the same time, Supervisor Maloney was looking for ways to upgrade the existing Website; and they therefore combined these two projects. He stated they contacted a number of providers, and Mr. Mike Spillane had the best presentation and they contracted with him to upgrade the Township Website. Mr. Rubin stated they also worked with the Economic Development Committee, and they were able to have their map put electronically on the Township Website.

Mr. Spillane stated he is the designer/developer of the new Lower Makefield Township Website which was shown on the screen this evening. He stated the Website is user-friendly for the residents. He stated they now have an integrated Google calendar which is put on by Township staff. He stated the Board of Supervisors meetings are now on line, and you can view current and archived meetings. Mr. Spillane stated they have integrated the Website with the on-line email registration list so that people can sign up directly on the Website to receive updates. He showed the link to the map which Mr. Rubin discussed. He stated there is also a Site Search. He discussed the documents and forms which are available on-line. He stated the Website is easily upgradeable.

Mr. Stainthorpe thanked Mr. Rubin and the rest of the Committee adding the end product represents itself very well.

Mr. Maloney agreed and stated he feels it is now on the Township to keep up with the content. He stated he does feel there is room for improvement on some of the Department pages.

Mr. Kelliher stated they have tried to make the site as simple as possible, and the system allows the Township to internally make changes easily. He stated Mr. Spillane has also offered to train the Township staff on the system. Mr. Rubin stated with the upgrade it is very easy for the staff to put updates on the Township Website such as School closings, snow emergencies, etc.

Mr. McLaughlin commended those who worked on this. He asked Mr. Fedorchak who will be in charge of keeping this up to date. He also asked if there will be an editing/ approval process to make sure what is put on is what the Township wants.

Mr. Fedorchak stated whatever the Boards and Commissions wish to put on the Website would have to go through his office for approval. Mr. Fedorchak stated over the next thirty days, he will introduce Mr. Spillane to his Department Heads and begin training; and at that point, he will allow the Department Heads to take ownership of their own sites. He stated because of the ease of the software, this should not be difficult for the staff to make the changes they see fit. He stated he still plans to maintain the relationship with the Webmaster who has a certain skill set that some of the Township staff do not have to assist them over the next several months.

Mr. McLaughlin stated he would like to get information on the number of people using the Website including what they are clicking on. Mr. Smith stated there are counters on some of the Web pages. Mr. Smith stated he would also like to find ways to drive people to the Website. Mr. Rubin stated provided there is a proactive Board, people will go to the Website especially watching the televised Hearings. He stated there has been a great improvement having the character generator and Mr. Kelliher also puts on the Agenda. Mr. Rubin stated as to “driving” people to the Website, it depends on how involved people want to get involved in local politics and their community.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated the Website is meant to be useful. He stated he does not feel it should be measured by how many people go to it, but that those who go to the Website can find what they want. Mr. Maloney stated he would like it to be used as a replacement for people having to come into the Township Office for something that could easily be accessed on the Website. He asked that the Committee look into the Forms Section of the Website so that it can be editable and submittable on-line even if it is only a PDF that someone could fill in electronically and e-mail to the Township as opposed to having to print it out and bring it in to the Township.

Mr. Maloney also asked Mr. Fedorchak to consider ways to use the e-mail list that will be built up so that they can communicate with the residents in this way. Mr. Fedorchak stated they have had the sign-up available for at least the last two years, and they do have approximately 750 residents who have signed up to date. He stated as they promote other elements of the Website, they need to concentrate on this; and he recommended that they market this more effectively to try to get more residents signed up. Mr. Maloney stated he feels that if the Township starts sending useful content with relative regularity, he feels more people will sign up. He stated there are some Lower Makefield specific notifications such as snow emergencies, river levels, etc. which would be helpful to the residents. Mr. Fedorchak stated they could also consider mini newsletters.

Mr. Maloney asked that the Electronic Media Advisory Committee stay on top of the Departments to have them update their information adding he feels the Committee should consider themselves as editors.

Mr. Smith asked if the Township has received any feedback on the new Website, and Mr. Fedorchak stated they have received a few comments and they were very favorable.

Mr. Spillane stated with regard to the counters, they will integrate the Website into Google analytics, and they will get detailed reports which will be more than just a counter so that they can find out which pages people are going to and how they are going from one place to another.

Mr. McLaughlin stated he would be interested in knowing how many people are watching the streaming of the Supervisors' meetings and taking advantage of what else is being offered as this helps justify the expense.

Mr. Stainthorpe stated an announcement should be made on the Township TV Channel to visit the Township's Website. Mr. Kelliher stated the TV Channel is going through an update as well at this time, and there will be a new character generator running on that as well.

Mr. Smith stated he hopes that the newspapers will put something in the paper to direct people to the Township Website as well.

Mr. Kelliher stated Marybeth in the Office has been doing a great job integrating information.

Mr. Maloney stated he feels if they re-do the Township forms, they could include the Township Web address on the bottom of all the forms. It was noted that they could also tell people who come to the Office to ask for information, that they could in the future find such information on the Township Website. Mr. Maloney stated they also should continue to work on having the documents for the land use submissions available on the Website.

DISCUSSION OF H2O GRANT AWARD AND AUTHORIZATION OF EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT AND COMMITMENT LETTER

Ms. Danielle Farrell, sanitary sewer engineer, was present with Mr. Bucky Closser, Township solicitor. Mr. Fedorchak stated on May 16, the Township received notification of the \$850,000 Grant award as a result of the efforts of State Representative, Steve Santarsiero, and State Senator, Chuck McIlhinney. He stated they received the H2O Grant Agreement from the Department of Community and Economic Development and a commitment letter from the Commonwealth Financing Authority. He stated the commitment letter states that action is required within sixty days of the date of the letter or the award will expire. He stated the date of the letter was May 11 which means the Township has until July 11 to take action. Mr. Fedorchak stated if the Township does not

approve the Grant Award within that time period, the money will go away. He stated the Board of Supervisors must authorize the execution of the H20 Grant Agreement and authorize the execution of the commitment letter. Mr. Fedorchak stated the Township did not receive the \$315,000 Federal Grant for which the Township applied. He stated they now have a \$315,000 gap to bridge. He stated the H20 Grant Application was put together over one year ago, and the construction industry has changed as have expenses and unit costs during this period of time. Mr. Fedorchak stated he asked Ms. Farrell to re-visit the construction cost estimates and revise the scope of work as necessary and report to the Board of Supervisors this evening with the updated figures.

Mr. Fedorchak stated Mr. Closser and Mr. Truelove were provided a copy of the Grant Agreement and commitment letter for their review. He stated Mr. Closser has considerable experience with the Commonwealth Financing Authority and will make a report as to what legal obligations there are on the part of the Township.

Ms. Farrell reported on the status of the Act 537 Plan and the Township's obligations to DEP for sewerage areas of the Township which are not currently sewerage. She stated the focus for this evening is the Edgewood Village sewer extension. She stated the design is complete, and she showed an overview of the proposal. She stated the design includes approximately 3,000 feet of gravity sewer main which will go from a terminal manhole that exists on Edgewood Road which she noted on the Plan. She showed on the Plan the route it will take. She stated the project also includes approximately 600 feet of low-pressure sewer system, and she showed the route that this line will take. She stated there are twenty-nine connections that currently do not have public sewer that would be brought into the public sewer system through this extension, twenty-six of which are gravity connections, and three would come in on the low-pressure system.

Mr. Maloney asked the status of the CVS sewer system, and Ms. Farrell stated CVS has its own private system, and there is a pump station on their site with a force main. She stated it comes down on the other side of the park with an easement through the detention basin on Township property. She stated that site is not part of this project.

Ms. Farrell stated the design has been submitted to the regulatory agencies, and they did receive approval from PennDOT and the Bucks County Conservation District. She stated they are looking to finalize and obtain an endorsement from the DEP, and they need to fine tune the estimate and the schedule of the project. Ms. Farrell stated they anticipate responding to the DEP within the timeframe for signing the letters for the Grant. She stated they feel it will be a quick turnaround for the DEP to provide their final endorsement. She stated they hope to advertise the project for bid by late summer/early fall of this year, hopefully award the project in the fall of 2011, execute contracts, and commence construction late fall/ early spring, 2012. She stated one of the requirements of the Grant funding is that the money has to be spent by June, 30, 2013, and she feels this is ample time for the construction of the project given the work to be performed.

Mr. Stainthorpe asked if the work could be done more quickly than this, and Ms. Farrell stated she feels twelve-to eighteen months to construct is a conservative approach to take.

Ms. Farrell stated the prior estimate on the project was dated July, 2009, and they have provided an updated estimate. She stated they estimate the construction cost of the project to be approximately \$1.28 million for the improvements the Township will be conducting including the gravity main, the pressure mains, manholes, trench restoration, and pavement restoration, but does not include the improvements that may be required on individual properties. She stated individual residents may need to re-plum their property and will need to close their on-lot septic systems. She stated these costs are the homeowner's requirements and is not part of the \$1.28 million estimate.

Ms. Farrell stated with estimated construction costs of \$1.28 million, less the H2O Grant of \$850,000, the Township will be responsible for surveying costs, inspection fees, engineering and Grant administration which they propose will be approximately \$100,000. Ms. Farrell stated there is a gap in the financing which they estimate to be approximately \$430,000. Ms. Farrell stated there are a number of partners involved in the project; and while the H2O Grant is helpful, it does not cover all of the expenses. She stated there will be contributions by the Township and property assessments as part of the project funding. She stated there are twenty-nine assessable properties that will benefit from this sewer extension.

Ms. Farrell stated this is part of the sewer extension for Edgewood Village which the Township is required under the 537 Plan to address. Mr. Caiola stated for some time the Township has been seeking funding to help so it would not be so large a burden on the property owners, and having the Grant is very helpful.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved and Mr. McLaughlin seconded to authorize execution of the H2O Grant Agreement and execution of the commitment letter.

Mr. McLaughlin stated he assumes the \$430,000 will come from the assessment to the twenty-nine property owners, and Mr. Fedorchak stated this is the staff's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. He added this would also be consistent with other similar projects in the Township where the Township served as project manager extending public sewers/public water into residential neighborhoods.

Mr. McLaughlin asked how the assessments are handled, and Mr. Fedorchak stated there are a number of ways this can be handled. He stated previously property owners were notified of what was expected of them financially, and there was a payment plan so that they were able to pay over a ten-year period of time, and there was an interest rate in the range of 5% to 6%. Mr. Fedorchak stated these are ten year old numbers, and the Board and Sewer Authority would have to determine what would be appropriate for Edgewood Village. He suggested that the Township use the prior projects as models for this project.

Mr. Jeff Benedetto, Green Ridge Road, asked if the \$100,000 is part of the \$430,000; and Mr. Fedorchak stated the \$100,000 would have to be added so it would be \$530,000. Mr. McLaughlin stated he understands that this \$100,000 could come out of the Sewer Capital Fund, and Mr. Fedorchak agreed. He stated they established the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund for projects such as this. Mr. Maloney stated this means that the engineering would not be part of the assessment.

Mr. Dave Miller, 1648 Yardley-Langhorne Road, asked that Ms. Farrell review the routes for the proposed sewer lines; and she showed these routes on the Plan. Mr. Miller noted the Edgewood Crossing parcel, and asked how this ties into what is proposed. Ms. Farrell stated this parcel is being re-developed as a commercial site, and that developer needed to go to the DEP separately to ask for additional capacity for more than what the existing site was. She stated there is a credit for the one connection provided to that property for the additional flow that the parcel will be producing through the re-development. She stated when the Application went into the State, they had to estimate the number of Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs) for the area. She stated a single-family home is one EDU which is approximately three hundred gallons per day. She offered as an example that when a developer comes in on a commercial site and wants to put in a type of building that might generate 2,100 gallons per day, they are a seven EDU facility. She stated when they looked at providing public sewers to the area, there were twenty-nine connections. She stated there is a parcel in the area that has two dwellings on one lot, and they had to allocate two EDUs to that property. She stated for the parcel on the corner of Stony Hill and Langhorne-Road, Edgewood Crossing, they allocated an EDU to that property; and since they will likely provide more flow to the system than one EDU, the developer was required to go to the DEP to get approval for the additional flow.

Mr. Miller stated that parcel is already under construction, and he asked if this would hold up Occupancy Permits until the main line is put in. Ms. Farrell stated that particular property is approved under a temporary holding tank through the County Health Department. Mr. Miller noted the Flowers Field tract, and Ms. Farrell stated they do not have approval, and the State will require all downstream infrastructure to be installed prior to Flowers Field coming on line.

Mr. Miller showed his property on the map and stated he has two lots. He asked if they are considering them as two laterals, and Ms. Farrell stated they are.

Mr. Miller asked about the property assessment, and Mr. Fedorchak stated while they do not yet have firm numbers, each property owner who derives benefit from the installation of the public sewer will pay some sort of assessment, the details of which have not yet been determined. He stated some ways of assessing are either on a per lot basis or on a front foot basis.

Mr. Miller asked what the Board is voting on this evening and asked if there is a document already completed which the Board is agreeing to. Mr. Fedorchak stated it is a Contract between the State, the Department of Community and Economic Development, and the Commonwealth Financing Authority and Lower Makefield Township. It defines what the Township's obligations are once they accept the \$850,000. Mr. Miller asked if the Board of Supervisors is aware of what the document says. Mr. Fedorchak stated Mr. Closser is going to explain this to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Miller stated he looks forward to seeing this project progress.

Mr. Closser stated they must sign this by July 11. He stated the commitment letter incorporates some of the key terms of the Grant Agreement. He stated this is a public Grant from the State, and the project will be tied to prevailing wage requirements, public bidding requirements, and public contract requirements; and these need to be provided to the State in a timely manner. Mr. Closser stated the Grant will also be subject to a post-completion audit. He stated the Township will be able to receive reimbursement for project costs on a monthly basis once the Agreement is finally approved through the State up to 66% of the invoices or proofs of payments. He stated this is then capped at \$850,000. Mr. Closser stated project costs incurred after January 1, 2007 up to June 30, 2013 are eligible project costs so to the extent that that Township has already incurred some expenses to date, those are eligible for reimbursement.

Mr. Maloney stated if the project runs over the end date, he assumes the Township would not get reimbursed, and Mr. Closser agreed; but he stated if they run into a problem in the future, they could request an Amendment to that date.

Mr. Fedorchak asked Mr. Closser if a Motion would suffice or would they need a Resolution, and Mr. Closser stated a Motion is proper.

Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Truelove stated the Executive Session commenced at 7:00 p.m. and items of real estate and personnel were discussed.

UPDATE ON PATTERSON FARM SUBDIVISION BID/ADVERTISEMENT

Mr. Truelove stated several weeks ago, the Township approved the Subdivision of five acres from the Patterson Farm with the direction to the solicitor to engage in a process to develop an advertisement and/or public auction option for putting the subdivided parcel

up for sale or some kind of conveyance. He stated they are in the process of evaluating this, and will have a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors in a concrete form at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors on June 15, 2011.

UPDATE ON GARDEN OF REFLECTION ENDOWMENT

Mr. Truelove stated there was discussion on this matter at the last meeting on the desire to establish a more sustainable endowment fund through the auspices of the existing 501C3, Lower Makefield Community Foundation. Mr. Truelove stated they are looking into this to make sure that the structure is appropriate for the Garden of Reflection and the Township to make sure that a sustainable fund process can be established while also making sure that there is no commingling of the funds that go to the Endowment with the intent of people donating the funds and also allowing other funds generated through the Golf Outing and other endeavors to remain separate but connected.

GRANT WAIVER TO INCREASE THE IMPERVIOUS SURFACE TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A POOL HOUSE AT 1350 JAMES COURT

Mr. Truelove stated the homeowners are present this evening. Mr. Majewski stated this is similar to other requests they have had over the last few years where the Recorded Linen for the Subdivision has a lower impervious surface requirement than what is required otherwise by Zoning. He stated the owners would like to build an addition which will increase the impervious surface coverage to 332 square feet greater than what is allowed. He stated in order to control the stormwater runoff generated by the additional impervious surface, he is recommending that some stormwater management facilities such as a dry well, infiltration trench, or landscaping be installed in order to mitigate this; and this would make up for the overage for what the stormwater management facilities were designed for in the neighborhood.

Mr. Stainthorpe asked if those Conditions would be acceptable, and the homeowners agreed.

Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. McLaughlin seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Waiver.

APPROVE EXTENSIONS FOR CAPSTONE TERRACE, DOGWOOD DRIVE,
FREEMAN’S FARM, AND ARIA HEALTH F/K/A FRANKFORD HOSPITAL

Mr. Smith moved, Mr. Maloney seconded and it was unanimously carried to grant an extension for Capstone Terrace Final Land Development to 9/15/11.

Mr. Maloney moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to grant an extension for Dogwood Drive Revised Preliminary Subdivision Plan to 9/7/11.

Mr. McLaughlin moved, Mr. Stainthorpe seconded and it was unanimously carried to grant an extension for Freeman’s Farm Revised Preliminary Subdivision Plan to 9/5/11.

Mr. Maloney moved to grant an extension to Aria Health f/k/a Frankford Hospital Preliminary Plan to 9/23/11. Mr. Smith asked what this will allow, and Mr. Truelove stated this would give the Township Boards more time to review the Plans. He stated the Applicant appeared before the Planning Commission on May 23 but did not ask for a recommendation at that time. Mr. Truelove stated this is a very involved project, and the Applicant wanted more time to present, and the Planning Commission wanted more time to review it. He stated this does not halt the Township’s ability to participate in the Zoning Hearing Board matter which is the Remand Hearing which commences on June 21, 2011. He stated the Board of Supervisors is still taking the position on the Zoning Hearing Board matter that the Special Exception should not be granted. He stated the matter has come back to the Zoning Hearing Board for consideration of some specific issues that were raised on the Appeal. He stated the two processes can proceed simultaneously. Mr. Stainthorpe stated there is a time limit during which the Township must review the Land Development which is ninety days; and if the Township does not complete the review, the Plan is deemed approved, so the extension is a protection for the Township. Mr. Smith seconded the Motion, and the Motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF CARRYING FIREARMS IN TOWNSHIP PARKS

Mr. Truelove stated he and the Township received a letter from Kenneth Richmond who he understands has also submitted similar letters to other Municipalities and also the County discussing Ordinances that prohibit carrying firearms in Municipal or County-owned facilities and parks. Mr. Richmond has noted Section 6120 of the Crimes Code in Pennsylvania passed in 1997 overrules any local Ordinances or laws which contradict any provisions regarding the lawful carrying of a firearm. Mr. Truelove stated the Township Ordinance was passed in 1979, and many Police Departments around the County are aware of the State law; and have not been actively enforcing the Ordinance. He stated the Ordinance is technically invalid as it is on the books currently, and the County recently amended its Ordinance with respect to carrying firearms in County parks.

Mr. Truelove stated he feels they could continue the approach the Police have taken under the Chief's recommendation to date, and Mr. Truelove stated he could look at the Ordinance and consider some recommendations in the future. He stated since it has not been enforced, there has been no reason to be concerned as to whether it has been challenged.

Chief Coluzzi stated it is not being enforced at this time, so there is no need to rush to amend the Ordinance.

Mr. Zachary Rubin stated he is in support of keeping the Ordinance. He provided an analysis of the Second Amendment which discusses a well-regulated militia and the right of the people to bear arms but stated this does not give anyone an individual right to possess a gun. He stated this was challenged in 1939; and up until that time, the prevailing law in the United States was the Second Amendment discusses the arming of militias. He stated in 1939 the Supreme Court by a 9 to 0 vote said that the Second Amendment does not give an individual the right to own a gun, and it is a collective right. He stated this was the law until 2008 and by a 5 to 4 vote it was indicated that a person does have an individual right to bear arms. Mr. Rubin stated this only related to carrying guns in the District of Columbia and on Federal properties. Mr. Rubin noted another case in 2010 in Chicago which affirmed this by a vote of 5 to 4; however, he noted the majority opinion which indicated "it is not casting doubt on such long-standing prohibitions on gun possession by felons or the mentally ill or keeping firearms out of sensitive places such as schools and government buildings ... and does not imperil every law regulating firearms." Mr. Rubin stated he feels this indicates that Municipalities and other types of agencies do have the right to limit types of firearms at sensitive places. He does not feel the State law passes Constitutional muster.

Mr. Truelove stated they also have the Pennsylvania State Constitution provisions that are pertinent as well as those on the local level.

Ms. Virginia Torbert, 1700 Yardley-Newtown Road, stated there has been a recent Pennsylvania Supreme Court Decision on this, and they ruled for the individual who challenged the Ordinance. She asked that they see if there is any leeway in the State law so that they can provide some commonsense restrictions. She stated she feels it is in the interest of the citizens of the Township that there not be people roaming the parks with firearms.

Mr. Caiola stated he feels the Board will come up with something that is palatable to the residents. Mr. Stainthorpe stated he has no interest in changing the Township Ordinance.

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APPOINTMENTS

Mr. McLaughlin moved, Mr. Maloney seconded and it was unanimously carried to re-appoint Alan Dresser to the Environmental Advisory Committee and Marilyn Huret to the Emergency Management Committee.

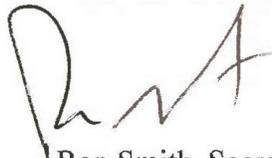
SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Mr. Caiola stated on Saturday June 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. there will be a shredder event at the Township Building in association with the Police and Neighborhood Watch.

Mr. Smith stated the Disabled Persons Advisory Board is excited about the Grant process and looking forward to getting the special needs playground constructed. He stated the Planning Commission met and discussed the Aria project.

There being no further business, Mr. Stainthorpe moved, Mr. McLaughlin seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ron Smith, Secretary

