

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2006**

A special meeting of the Lower Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, April 17, 2006 for the purpose of interviewing individual candidates for re-appointment and vacant Township Board and Commission positions. Vice-Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Caiola called the role noting Mr. Santarsiero would be late and four of the five Supervisors were present.

Those present: Steve Santarsiero, Chairman (joined the meeting at 5:40)
 Ron Smith, Vice Chairman
 Greg Caiola, Secretary/Treasurer
 Grace Godshalk Supervisor
 Pete Stainthorpe, Supervisor

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager

Individuals were interviewed in the following order:

Bruce McClish, Citizens Traffic Commission
Art Cohen, Citizens Traffic Commission
Ed Miller, Cable TV Advisory Council
Gary Gilman, Citizens Traffic Commission
David Kelleher, Cable TV Advisory Council
Ed Kuzman, Economic Development Commission
Scott Weaner, Citizens Traffic Commission
Paul Kim, Zoning Hearing Board
Daniel Dotson, Golf Committee
Ellen Slott Fisher, Economic Development Commission

BRUCE MCCLISH

Mr. Smith noted that Mr. McClish is interviewing for the Citizens Traffic Commission and asked him if he would like to add anything to his resume. Mr. McClish replied no. Mr. Stainthorpe asked Mr. McClish how he ended up living on the East Coast being a native of California. Mr. McClish stated his family and children moved east. Mr. Stainthorpe asked Mr. McClish what he thought the traffic issues are in this area. Mr. McClish stated there is only about 10% new development left plus redevelopment like Edgewood Village and the Township needs to develop a plan of what the Township wants for its lifestyle. Mr. Stainthorpe asked if there are any experiences he had in the Bay area that could help him assist the Township with better planning. Mr. McClish stated in the past he evaluated traffic models and did traffic safety studies. He talked about how in one community they decided where they wanted traffic to go. He stated that Edgewood Village would be a high pedestrian community with two arterial roads running through it and the Township needs people to use the other arterials that go around Edgewood Village. Mr. Caiola asked Mr. McClish if he has served on any municipal boards. Mr. McClish

stated that would have been a conflict of interest with his consulting business but he served on school committees relating to traffic issues.

ART COHEN

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Cohen why he wanted to be on the Citizens Traffic Commission. Mr. Cohen stated he has a lot of experience with driving and noted he was a truck driver for many years. Mr. Caiola asked Mr. Cohen how long he has lived on Heacock Road and he replied eleven years. Mr. Smith asked him what problems does he see on Heacock Road. Mr. Cohen stated getting out of his development is difficult and the regional traffic near Sesame Place needs improvement. He stated the region needs to work on traffic before it happens giving the example of widening roads or adding traffic lights where needed. Mr. Stainthorpe asked what traffic issue should be a priority for the Township. Mr. Cohen stated Lindenhurst Road should be a priority. Mrs. Godshalk stated the Citizens Traffic Commission should look at ways to improve existing problems. Mr. Santarsiero noted the Board must determine the zones for the Traffic Commission soon.

ED MILLER

Mr. Santarsiero noted that Mr. Miller is re-applying for reappointment to the Cable TV Advisory Council and asked if he wanted to add anything to his resume. Mr. Miller stated that cable is an ongoing challenge to deal with and cable is an even bigger issue to deal with now that Verizon is coming into the Township. Mr. Santarsiero asked what are some of the challenges he sees with Verizon. Mr. Miller stated the Township has a contract with Comcast with parameters of service and Verizon wants to pick its customers, which could be a negative when the contract needs to re-negotiated. He stated the franchise agreement with Verizon might not yield the same franchise fees as with Comcast.

GARY GILMAN

Mr. Santarsiero noted that Mr. Gilman is interviewing for the Citizens Traffic Commission and asked him what is the main challenge for the Township going forward. Mr. Gilman stated driving at rush hour is a major issue and the Township could improve its risk management. He also stated that residents should cut back the vegetation on their property to make intersections safer. Mr. Caiola asked Mr. Gilman what areas he thought have been impacted by growth in the Township. Mr. Gilman stated Edgewood Road has been impacted greatly by the new developments along that road. He stated the 25 M.P.H. speed limit doesn't mean much without enforcement and that is a big concern for him with all of the athletic fields along that road. Mr. Stainthorpe asked what should be a bigger priority, slowing people down or moving people along. Mr. Gilman stated his priority is safety. Mr. Caiola noted when the Commission is fully formed they could evaluate the Township on issues such as overgrowth.

DAVID KELLEHER

Mr. Santarsiero noted that Mr. Kelleher has been involved in the cable television business since 1986. He asked Mr. Kelleher what is the main issue facing the Township with cable going forward. Mr. Kelleher stated a cable monopoly exists in the Township with Comcast being the only provider right now allowing Comcast to pass on all fees to the subscribers. He stated Comcast owns many channels and raise the programming rates when they please and pass the rate increases onto the subscribers. Mr. Kelleher suggested that ala carte programming should be an option. Mr. Stainthorpe asked Mr. Kelleher what he predicts with competition in the cable business in the future. Mr. Kelleher stated the Township should make progress with Verizon and competition would be beneficial to the subscribers. Mr. Caiola asked Mr. Kelleher if he is not appointed to the Cable TV Advisory Council would he be willing to be a member of another Commission. Mr. Kelleher replied yes. Mr. Smith noted the Township would be televising the Board of Supervisors meetings and asked if he has had any experience with that and how it worked out. Mr. Kelleher stated it worked out well. Mr. Stainthorpe stated he is concerned there may be a conflict of interest with what Mr. Kelleher does and the Township's relationship with Comcast. He asked Mr. Kelleher to explain what his business does. Mr. Kelleher stated he is an independent producer of media for many clients and has done work with Comcast in the past, but does not work with them exclusively.

ED KUZMAN

Mr. Santarsiero stated that Mr. Kuzman was interviewing for the Economic Development Commission and asked Mr. Kuzman if he wanted to add anything to his resume. Mr. Kuzman stated he has lived in the area for 20 years and has witnessed the growth and the traffic that goes with it. He stated he worked for NJ Transit, the Federal Government and the state and has expertise in purchasing and contracting. Mr. Santarsiero asked Mr. Kuzman what should the Township's economic goals be. Mr. Kuzman stated that all of the growth has been from the residential sector and business has not been contributing economically to the Township. He asked what direction does the Township want to go with the Economic Development Commission. Mr. Santarsiero stated the Township wants the Commission to investigate ways to generate future revenue in the Township.

SCOTT WEANER

Mr. Santarsiero asked Mr. Weaner why he wants to be on the Citizens Traffic Committee. Mr. Weaner stated he is interested in regional traffic issues. Mr. Santarsiero asked Mr. Weaner what is one challenge for our town relating to traffic. Mr. Weaner stated the Township should, despite the continuing growth, minimize traffic jams while keeping the roads safe. Mr. Stainthorpe stated two functions of traffic is to slow people down or keep people moving and asked Mr. Weaner which he would choose. Mr. Weaner stated he would choose to keep traffic moving. Mr. Smith asked Mr. Weaner where he lives. Mr. Weaner stated he lives off of Big Oak and Stony Hill Roads.

PAUL KIM

Mr. Santarsiero stated that Mr. Kim has been and alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board for two years and would like a full-time position. Mr. Santarsiero stated his frustration with Zoning Hearing Board is that the Township takes a position and then the Solicitor opposes that position. He stated one issue is extending the hours for Giant Supermarket and he asked why. Mr. Kim stated Giant proposed extending its hours two hours before opening and two hours after opening to make the new hours 6 a.m. to 12 a.m. He noted that Super Fresh is exempt from the Township core agreement. Mr. Kim stated Giant's argument for the extended hours was to better serve the community's needs. Mr. Santarsiero stated we should consider the safety of the community noting there is more crime with extended hours. He stated we should maintain the integrity of the community. Mr. Kim stated he sees a need for extended hours with double working families. Mr. Stainthorpe asked Mr. Kim what the Zoning Hearing Board does well and in what areas do they need improvement. Mr. Kim stated the independent thinking of the members is a strong point but the members could improve upon their knowledge of judicial laws and be more consistent.

DANIEL DOTSON

Mr. Santarsiero stated that Mr. Dotson is interviewing for the Golf Committee and asked him what he could add to the Committee. Mr. Dotson stated he attended the first few Golf Committee meetings when the golf course idea started, thinks the idea of the golf course is a great asset to the Township and wants to get involved. Mr. Santarsiero stated the Committee has evolved from construction through opening and the Committee continues to evolve. Mr. Dotson stated that Kemper is doing well managing a municipal facility and the next step is how to expand on other assets at the golf course. Mr. Stainthorpe asked what is the best at the golf course and what is the worst. Mr. Dotson stated the best is the service for a municipal golf course and the worst is marketing to the outside area.

ELLEN SLOTT FISHER

Mr. Santarsiero stated that Ms. Slott Fisher is interviewing for the Economic Development Commission and asked what would she want to achieve as a member. Ms. Slott Fisher stated to always include quality of life and look at the town as a community, noting there is no real center of town. Mr. Smith asked her what kind of quality of life is she talking about. Ms. Slott Fisher stated a community/town focus and re-create a place where people can walk and go out at night. The Board and Ms. Slott Fisher talked about the Edgewood Village concept. Mr. Stainthorpe stated that the Township is dry and asked if the Township should permit restaurants in Edgewood Village to have liquor licenses. Ms. Slott Fisher stated it will not determine the success of the Village but it would be helpful and should be looked into. Mr. Stainthorpe asked if Edgewood Village should be home to Starbuck's and Gap stores. Ms. Slott Fisher stated that might be necessary to give the small businesses success. Mr. Santarsiero noted there is already an issue with parking in Edgewood Village and asked if it could be a viable downtown. Ms. Slott Fisher said yes is could be viable. Mrs. Godshalk stated the Township shouldn't put

everything is has into Edgewood Village and should look at other areas of the Township. Mr. Santarsiero stated we must also look at redevelopment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Caiola, Secretary

