

LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
April 30, 2001
1 P.M.

A special meeting of the Board of Supervisors was called for the purpose of awarding bids for the farming of Township owned properties.

Supervisors present: Frank Fazzalore, Chairman
Scott Fegley, Vice Chairman
Grace Godshalk, Secretary/Treasurer
Wesley Hackman, Supervisor
Fred Allan, Supervisor

Others present: William Taylor, Finance Director
James Coyne, Public Works Director
Rosemarie Curran, Admin. Assistant

YARDLEY BOROUGH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Before calling the meeting to order, Chairman Fazzalore called the Board's attention to Yardley Borough's Comprehensive Plan which had been presented to the Township for review and comment. Mr. Fazzalore asked the Board's permission to respond to Yardley Borough stating that Lower Makefield Township will accommodate the Borough in any way it can and cooperate in implementing its plan.

FARMING OF PATTERSON TRACT

Chairman Fazzalore called the meeting order stating the Board would first review bids received for farming the Patterson tract. Wes Hackman moved that the Board award the bid to Tanner Brothers at a cost of \$105 per acre.

Mrs. Godshalk stated the bid specifications include a statement citing a charge back for leaf spreading activities. Mrs. Godshalk stated the bidders had taken that into consideration when presenting their bids and that should be made a part of the minutes.

Mr. Allan stated he would have liked to have seen a price breakdown for the costs involved in leaf spreading, such as man hours and use of machines.

Mr. Hackman said he would amend his motion to read that the bid be awarded to Tanner Brothers at \$105 per acre with the understanding that the Township will be using the property for recycling leaves and that any work performed by the lessee for these activities will be negotiated separately.

One of the bidders, Mr. William Rook was present. He stated he agreed with Mrs. Godshalk's statement, and that for the Board to make changes now is not legitimately fair.

Mr. Fegley seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Maureen Friedman of 1230 Quarry Hill Court asked if there would be leaf spreading activity on the entire tract and would that mean that it would not be farmed. Mr. Coyne explained that the leaves are spread prior to the farming as a means of fertilizing the ground. Mr. Tanner stated he planned to plant corn.

FARMING OF VARGO TRACT

Mr. James Coyne stated that Toll Brothers had taken a small portion of this acreage and a berm is being created which reduces the tillable acres slightly. Mr. Garton said the berm is in accordance with the Dolington Estates II Development Agreement.

Mr. Hackman moved that the bid be awarded to Tanner Brothers in the amount of \$105 per acre with the understanding that the Township will be using the property for recycling leaves and that any work performed by the lessee for these activities will be negotiated separately. Mr. Allan seconded.


Mr. Fazzalore stated he wanted a clause in the lease agreement stating that if the Township decides to proceed with creating a park on this site, the lease agreement will be null and void. Mr. Tanner agreed to that provision.

Mr. Fazzalore pointed out that these tracts are bringing a figure of \$105 per acre while most Farmland Preservation parcels only bring \$50 to \$60. This is due to the fact that this is the most desirable farmland in Bucks County.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Allan moved, Mr. Hackman seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Grace M. Godshalk,
Secretary Treasurer