LOWER MAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP SPRING ROAD TOUR MAY 4, 2001

The Lower Makefield Township Spring Road Tour for 2001 was held on Friday May 4, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Frank Fazzalore, Wesley Hackman, Grace Godshalk and Frederick Allan, Duke Doherty and Bill Briegel from Pickering Corts and Summerson, James T. Coyne Sr., Public Works Director, Police Chief Ken Coluzzi, William Taylor Finance Director, Donna Liney, Park and Recreation Director, Albert Roeper and John Pazdera of the Planning Commission and Rosemarie Curran of the Public Works Dept.

The following items were discussed:

1. Pistol Range: Chief Coluzzi reported the work is approximately 90% completed. Mr. Hackman asked how the wood on the back would be protected. Mr. Briegel advised the rotted boards were replaced with treated wood and membrane will be placed over the wood to protect it.

Regarding the new tower constructed in that area, Mr. Coyne advised the township's antenna has been added to the tower and the new base station is being installed. He suggested with the money left over from the construction of the building, a generator could be purchased for emergencies with the County's Contribution and help.

- 2. Relocation of mulch pile: Mr. Coyne pointed out moving the pile to the new location provided the needed parking for Park and Recreation. He added the main pile was sold to a contractor for \$4,000. Mr. Hackman suggested having a front end loader and operator at the pile on Saturdays to help load mulch for residents. Mr. Coyne indicated overtime would be involved.
- 3. Township Pool: Ms. Liney reported the roof work has been completed. Three buildings and the pavilion were included. The new fence was installed in front. The staff is preparing for opening day. Mr. Hackman discussed the possibility of installing a hydraulic chair or ramp to provide handicap access. He said a sprinkler system is being considered also. Mr. Fazzalore discussed the request to have 50 Yardley Borough residents considered for membership. Ms. Liney indicated membership was down at the time of the request, however membership has increased.
- 4. Roelof's Rd. and Oxford Valley Rd.-: Ms. Liney reported the Seniors are enjoying the newly completed bocci courts. She will be requesting funds in the next budget to provide shade in the spectator area next year. Mr. Hackman recommended purchasing an inexpensive canopy for this year. Mr. Fazzalore suggested providing bleachers. Mr. Allan noted the location of the new storage shed.



- 5. Makefield School drainage: Mr. Coyne explained Phase I of the project has been completed and Phase II is ready to bid. He explained how Phase II will pick up the existing system and will address the school problem. He pointed out the existing outlets and explained how the new plan will correct the drainage problems.
- 6. Canal Cleaning: Mr. Coyne explained the power company will be moving the lines this summer. He asked the Board to contact the local State Senator and Representative and urge them to persue the dredging of the Canal. He added removing the silt will help alleviate the flooding on Ivy Lane. The Board also discussed the construction of bike paths in the area east of the Canal.
- 7. Macclesfield Park: Mr. Coyne reported Mr. Fedorchak applied for a grant to clean up the fenced in area of approximately 4 acres. He explained it was a dump sit for Westinghouse and glass and lead from the filaments were dumped there years ago. Mr. Fedorchak indicated the Township meets the minimum requirements for grant money through the state and will update the Board when he returns. Ms. Liney reported the lights are operational and the upgrades have been completed.

Ms. Liney discussed a request to light Field F by using the standards on Fields E & G. Mr. Fazzalore thought the lighting could effect the residential area by the cemetery. The Board indicated they would take a look at a proposal.

- 8. McKinley Road: Mr. Roeper discussed plans for the construction of a Montessori School on the 9.75 acre site. He indicated one entrance would be on Dolington Road and another on Taylorsville Rd. A special exception would be needed. The Board discussed the possibility of wetlands on the site.
- 9. Elm Lowne: Mr. Coyne announced a copy of the sketch of the proposed parking lot was including in the packet distributed. The boundaries of the lot were staked out and Mr. Doherty explained there would be 66 parking spots. Mr. Coyne estimated \$7,000. would cover the cost of stone and the rental of equipment needed to install the parking lot. Ms. Godshalk added the site was chosen because it was closer to the house and fields and more convenient for guests. Discussion followed on the entrance to the parking lot.
- 10. Bridle Estates: Mr. Coyne discussed the flooding along adjacent creek and joint paving of Quarry Road along the new development from I-95 to Gray Nuns creek. He discussed the possibility of having Toll Bros. pave the Township's portion and reimbursing them for the costs. Mr. Taylor asked Mr. Coyne to check with PennDOT if Liquid Fuels monies could be used for the Township's portion.

- 11. Quarry Road/Grey Nuns: Mr. Coyne explained the need to realign the dangerous curve, reconstruct the deteriorated existing roadway and install a bike path. Approximately 1.8 acres of land will be required to complete the changes. Mr. Fazzalore expressed concern that the Township would be creating a raceway. Ms. Godshalk recommended the Township consider reducing the speed limit and keeping trucks off the road. The Board will address those issues at a later time.
- 12. Spring and Hillside Roads: Mr. Coyne discussed the need to widen the roads to 26'. In addition to water and sewer lines, curbs would be installed to direct the water to the inlets and hydrants would be installed every 600'. A fire engine from Yardley Makefield Fire Company was brought in to show the need for wider roads during fire and other emergencies to permit the equipment to operate properly. Mrs. Koehler, Mr. Gunkel, and several other neighbors were present to discuss the issue with the Board.

Mr. Hackman discussed the possible location for the water and sewer lines. Mr. Doherty reported according to the PUC, PA American Water Company could afford to pay up to \$5400. of the cost per property. The Water Company needs 14 users in order to install the water at no cost to the property owners.

- 13. CAU-Lindenhurst Road/Newtown Office Park including Upper Silverlake Rd./Twining Rd./Storm water management off Heston Farm and Sterling Farm. Mr. Hackman reviewed the proposed developments on the Newtown Twp. side of the site and the possibility of opening a new road through to Lower Makefield Township
- 14. Pebble Creek Flooding Problem/Creamery Rd.: Mr. Coyne explained how the build up of trees and silt on the site is causing a flooding problem to one resident in particular. That neighbor was cutting trees from properties that she did not own because the water was rising in her back yard. She was not getting water in her house.

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Whitman of the Bucks County Coil Conservation District inspected the site with Mr. Coyne and advised him not to disturb the creek without DEP permission. Mr. Whitman asked DEP to advise the Township of its decision as soon as possible. To complicate things, the area is partly a township sewer easement.

15. The Board chose not to inspect the Sandy Run Bridge site and the Harris farm because they were familiar with the problems in those areas.

16. Old Middletown Grange Hall/Edgewood Village: Mr. Allan suggested this might be a good site for a Senior Center and the Township might be able to purchase it. The Board felt there was not enough parking and thought handicap access might be a problem. As an alternative, Mr. Allan recommended looking at purchasing the Moon Nursery site. Mr. Fazzalore replied the Board already considered that but did not have three votes to purchase it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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