Maidencreek Township Planning Commission

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As required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code Act 170 of 1988, Section 207, the Maidencreek Township Planning Commission is hereby submitting a report of its activities for 2009.

The Planning Commission recommended conditional final approval for the following subdivision and land development plans:

- Custom Milling Land Development Plan
- Crossing at Maidencreek Subdivision and Land Development Plan
- Excelsior Industrial Park Lots 42, 43 & 44 Annexation Plan
- James Hardie Building Products Land Development Plan
- Melrose Place Commercial Lots C4 and C5 Revision to a Plan of Record
- Village at Summit Crest III (private water system)
- Praise Christian Fellowship Exemption from the Land Development Process
- State Farm Insurance Exemption from the Land Development Process

The Planning Commission reviewed but has not yet recommended approval of the following subdivision and land development plans:

- Corrado Commercial Land Development
- Esbenshade's Greenhouse Land Development
- Villa at Maidencreek Land Development

Other:

- Made recommendations on a special exception and variance request for the Village at Summit Crest III.
- Listened to a presentation by Diversified Energy Partners, Inc. for an alternative fuel manufacturing facility on Maidencreek Road.
- Reviewed and provided comment on the revision to Section 411 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- Reviewed and provided comment on the revision to the Zoning Ordinance to provide regulations for Assisted Living Facilities and Congregate Care Facilities.
- Reviewed and provided comment on the revised On Lot Sewage Management Ordinance.
- Reviewed regulations for residential, commercial wind mills and outdoor furnaces.
- Continued with the revisions to the Zoning Ordinance.
- Sent ideas for improvements to Rt 222 to Senator David Argall and Penn DOT.

Special Meetings:

None

Continuing Education:

The Planning Commission is appreciative of the Board of Supervisors including monies in the budget for Commission members to further their education of planning issues by attending workshops and conferences. The Commission is grateful for the Board's support of its activities.

Goals for 2010:

- Participate in the creation of the Fleetwood – Richmond – Maidencreek Joint Comprehensive Plan.
- Finalize the revisions to the Township Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- Establish communication with Penn DOT and the Reading Area Transportation Group in order to provide input on the plan to improve Route 222 in Maidencreek Township.
- Maintain a cooperative working relationship with the Township Board of Supervisors.
- Provide input to the Board of Supervisors on matters which pertain to land use planning.

In sum, the Planning Commission has acted in good faith as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission looks forward to working with the Board in 2010 in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Schoellkopf, Jr., Chairman
Maidencreek Township Planning Commission