Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
February 10, 2022
7 P.M.

Attending: Heidi Fiedler, David Franke, Eric Frey and Nicole Manley of E. Kenneth Nyce, Tom Unger of Systems Design Engineering, Inc., and Katelyn Gruber

Guests: Dave Crissman, Jen Shick, Mike Schittler, Kris Schittler, Anthony Spero, Victoria Solberg, Eric Bauman, Jim Cecchini, Scott Zimmerman, Michele Bement, Cody Rhoads, Heather Schoener, Brian Focht, Robin Fink, Dennis Fink, Angelo Corrado, Joseph Palmertree, Richard Wick, Diane Dreibelbis, Tyler Wolfinger, Tim Snyder, Tim Wales, Mary Wales, Joe Rudderow, Jarrett Gibboney, Josh Meck, Sharon Novakovich, Dan Novakovich, Eric Luckenbill, John Huemmrich, Carl Weston, Dave Zwickey, Thomas Borrelli, Massimo Folino

Attending on Zoom: Judy Halteman, Robert Wood, Ted Hughes, Dawn Geschwindt, and others

Heidi Fiedler called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to rise for the Pledge to the Flag.

AGENDA

A motion was made by David Franke to approve the agenda as presented. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

MINUTES AND TREASURERS REPORT

David Franke asked to TABLE the approval of the Reorganization Meeting Minutes because he had corrections to make. Heidi Fiedler agreed.

A motion was made by David Franke to waive the reading of the January 10, 2022 special meeting minutes and approve the minutes. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

A motion was made by David Franke to waive the reading of the January 13, 2022 meeting minutes and approve the minutes. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to waive the reading of the January 24, 2022 special meeting minutes and approve the minutes with the correction on page 2, last paragraph, second last line to include the word "wasteful". David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

A motion was made by David Franke to approve the January 2022 Treasurer's Report and Bill List. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Heidi Fiedler addressed the audience and stated that she appreciates residents attending the meeting and asks that the meeting be conducted in an orderly manner and people be respectful.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Focht, C2C Design Group and Angelo Corrado stated that the original Crossings at Maidencreek was approved in 2004 as 50 single family homes on the land between Hill Road

and the railroad tracks. It was intended to be built in 3 phases. Phase 1 is complete, which consists of 10 lots along Hill Road. Mr. Corrado would like to keep everything on one parcel and build 80 semi- detached homes. The roads would stay private and the units would not be sold, they would create a rental community. Storm water would remain private, water and sewer would be dedicated to the Maidencreek Township Authority. Mr. Focht asked for direction, as the Maidencreek Township Zoning Ordinance Regulations are not clear for what they intend to do.
Mr. Corrado gave a background as to why the development wasn't finished 18 years ago and told the Board that he would like to finish up the project before he retires. Angelo Corrado stated that the stormwater is all in place and he feels little work needs to be done to bring them up to SDE, Inc.'s standards. The proposed units would be 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bathroom, two car garage.

Mr. Unger would like Mr. Corrado and the Township to enter into a Professional's Consultant Agreement so that the Township would not incur any fees for the review of the proposal to look at the Zoning. Mr. Unger would review with the Planning Commission and then bring to the Board of Supervisors.

Eric Luckenbill, President of Fleetwood Area Baseball Association (FABA) asked that the Board of Supervisors support the installation of an 8' x 4' LED digital scoreboard at the Upper Field at the Maidencreek Community Park. Fleetwood Bank and other families in Maidencreek Township have donated towards the purchase of the scoreboard. Mr. Luckenbill stated that the Park and Recreation Board showed interest in supporting the installation of the scoreboard. Park and Recreation Board agreed to financially support running an electric line from the concession stand to the dugout at the upper field.
Heidi Fiedler stated that FABA is an asset to the community and it was great to hear so many kids were signed up for the program. Ms. Fiedler questioned if anyone looked at the electric to see if the concession stand could handle the amperage size. Mr. Luckenbill stated everything was looked at with Keith Shuman. Mr. Shuman proposed that the cost to the Township would not exceed $500.00. Keith Shuman also offered to donate his time to FABA to dig and lay the conduit.
Mr. Unger asked if there was a formal plan submitted. There was not. A plan needs to be submitted and reviewed by the Park and Recreation Board and then brought back to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Dave Crissman, 213 Longleaf Drive, Blandon is representing the Fleetwood Public Library. Mr. Crissman stated that the library is formally requesting money from Maidencreek Township. The Fleetwood Public Library feels that the library is significantly underfunded by Maidencreek Township. Mr. Crissman provided the Board of Supervisors with dollar amount donations from different municipalities in Berks County.

Victoria Solberg, 317 Sofia Boulevard, Blandon asked if the Vacancy Board Member could also serve on the Planning Commission. Eric Frey, Solicitor, does not believe it is a conflict. Mr. Frey will advise the Board after he researches.

REPORTS

Police Report

Chief Keiser reported that the way the meetings fell in February, the police fine numbers were not yet completed.

Chief Keiser wanted to make the audience aware that there are new traffic patterns on 222. There are two lanes open in each direction. The roundabout is still only one lane. Construction is continuing throughout the winter.

Chief Keiser reported on Dave Franke's previous question from January's meeting about crashes in the roundabout at Schaeffer Road. There has only been one single car accident since the roundabout opened in November of 2021.

Chief Keiser informed the Board that the body cameras and car cameras were ordered and it will be about 20 weeks until they are delivered.

Speed enforcement is being run on Schaeffer Road and Guldin Road. A speed limit sign has been added to Schaeffer Road coming from 222. Chief Keiser is looking into a grant to purchase solar powered speed signs. NBRPD has received numerous calls regarding speeding on Faith Drive. The Department is aware however there is a bend in the road and this makes running speed detail a little more difficult.

A discussion took place regarding tractor trailer trucks using Schaeffer Road.

Engineer

Blandon Mennonite Fellowship Church Proposed Parking Area – A motion was made by David Franke to accept the developer's letter extending the review period for the Blandon Mennonite Fellowship Church Proposed Parking Area until June 1, 2022. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Giorgi Mushroom – Project TITAN C – no action was taken by the Planning Commission at this time.

West Walnut Tree Drive Culvert – this project is ongoing. The original DEP permit was located from 1989. PA DEP is requesting more information for the project. SDE, Inc. is waiting for a response from the DEP as to which permit if any, needs to be obtained to complete the work.

Melrose Place C-1 Zoning Overlay – no action was taken by the Planning Commission at this time.

Berkshire Builders Escrow Release -

A motion was made by David Franke to release $417.01 for Berkshire Builders and to authorize the Chair to co-sign the letter. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Heidi Fiedler asked if any residents have reached out to Tom Unger with comments on the Melrose Place C-1 Overlay. Tom Unger requested that any comments be submitted in writing to Katelyn Gruber at the Township office and forwarded to the Engineer.

Solicitor

Manager Resumes. Review Applicants and Set Up Interviews

There were 3 resumes received for the position. The Board agreed that they would like to seek a larger pool of applications.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Chair to sign the contract with the Center of Excellence to seek additional applications and assist in the hiring of a township manager at a cost of $6,000.00. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

324 Main Street – Tom Unger asked for an Executive Session.

An executive session was held for possible litigation from 7:43 p.m. to 7:56 p.m.

BUSINESS

Accept Supervisor Resignation

Eric Frey, Solicitor, read Joseph Farley's letter of resignation.

A motion was made by David Franke to accept the resignation of Joseph Farley from the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Heidi Fiedler stated that the Township received a Letter of Interest from Joe Rudderow to serve as the third Board of Supervisor.

Joseph Rudderow III, 283 Longleaf Drive, Blandon stated that he noticed on the agenda that there was going to be a resignation of a supervisor and wanted to offer his services to Maidencreek Township. Mr. Rudderow served Maidencreek Township on various Boards since 2002. Joseph Rudderow has served as a Township Supervisor with Supervisor Franke and Supervisor Fiedler during their different terms. Mr. Rudderow believes he can bring a cohesive voice to the Board and get Maidencreek Township back on track to serving its residents. Mr. Rudderow wanted the Board to know he is interested in serving the remainder of the resigned term until the next Municipal Election. Joseph Rudderow raised his family in Maidencreek Township and loves the Community.

Heidi Fiedler asked if anyone else is interested in the position.

Josh Meck, 424 East Wesner Road, Blandon – Mr. Meck stated he would like to "put his hat in the ring" since he only lost by 14 votes to Joseph Farley in the election. Josh Meck stated he didn't have anything prepared because he only found out about the resignation yesterday. Josh Meck stated he has an Associate's Degree in Architecture and works in substation engineering. Mr. Meck has been doing CAD for about 20 years. Josh Meck serves as Fleetwood Area Baseball Association Vice President and is very involved in the community.

Heidi Fiedler stated she would like to see the position filled by someone with experience in numerous areas such as; planning, zoning and the police commission. Ms. Fiedler felt that right now is not the best time for a person with no experience to come onto the Board because of all the issues that the Township is facing, a person with experience would be the best choice.

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint Joseph Rudderow III to the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors to fulfill the term of Joseph Farley until the next Municipal Election.

David Franke asked the crowd their thoughts.

Mr. Frey explained the process of appointing the open Supervisor position. Mr. Franke and Ms. Fiedler have 30 days from the date of accepting Joseph Farley's resignation to agree and appoint someone. If they do not agree, it would go to the Vacancy Board Member, David Brown, to make the "tie-breaking" vote. If Mr. Brown, Ms. Fiedler and Mr. Franke cannot decide in the 15 days following the 30 days, it would go to the Court of Common Pleas. The position can be filled immediately or anytime within the 30 days. David Franke asked what the "normal" procedure is for appointing someone. Eric Frey explained that there is no "normal" with a situation like this. It is acceptable to appoint someone tonight and is helpful to appoint someone immediately when there are outstanding issues that Maidencreek Township faces.

Residents asked that it be opened up to more residents who might be interested.

Michele Bement, 13 Village Drive, Blandon – asked that the open position be advertised because no one knew about the open position.

Heidi Fiedler stated that it was advertised on the agenda that there was a resignation to be accepted.

Josh Meck – asked what Joseph Farley's background was before he became Township Supervisor and what Heidi Fiedler's background was before she became Township Supervisor in Maidencreek. Josh Meck questioned Heidi Fiedler's professional experience. Mr. Meck stated he could fill 15 pages with his professional background in Civil Engineering.

Heidi Fiedler responded that she had 8 years of experience being a Township Supervisor in another Township.

Joseph Rudderow III – has a Bachelor's Degree from West Chester University and owns a small business. Mr. Rudderow stated all the Boards he has served on in the past 20 years. Joseph Rudderow stated his resume could be passed around if the residents would like to look at it. Joseph Rudderow stressed he has always been aware and careful with the tax payer's monies. Right now, Mr. Rudderow is concerned about the employees of the Township that are in the day-to-day turmoil. The Township has good roadcrew workers and good office staff.

Carl Weston, 197 South View Road, Fleetwood – is interested in submitting a Letter of Interest for the Supervisor position. Mr. Weston agrees with Ms. Fiedler and Mr. Rudderow that right now the Township is in need of a person with in depth knowledge of the position and what it entails. Carl Weston stated it is not about politics, it is about bringing the Community together. Carl Weston has worked with Supervisor Fiedler and Supervisor Franke in different capacities. Mr. Weston is an elected auditor for Maidencreek Township for the past 12 years. Carl Weston is retired and will make himself available at all times. Mr. Weston does not have any personal motives; he is here for all Maidencreek Township residents.

David Franke asked that anyone interested should submit a Letter of Interest to the Township Office by Thursday, February 24th for the Supervisors to review.

Heidi Fiedler withdrew her motion.

Accept Resignation of Maidencreek Township Authority Board Member with a Term Expiring 12/31/2024

A motion was made by David Franke to accept the resignation of Karl Bolognese from the Maidencreek Township Authority and to send a letter of appreciation for his many years of service to the Township and Township Authority. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Appoint Jay Pendleton to Serve the Unexpired Term of the Zoning Hearing Board Alternate until 12/31/2022. – A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Jay Pendleton as Alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board to serve the unexpired term until 12/31/2022. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Accept Resignation of Maidencreek Township Park and Recreation Board Member and Authorize Advertisement of the Opening on the Township Website

A motion was made by David Franke to accept the resignation of Timothy Mills from the Maidencreek Township Park and Recreation Board and to send a letter of appreciation for his years of service to the Township. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Authorize the Engineer to meet with Park and Recreation Board to Develop a Plan and a Cost Estimate for the Installation of Four Pickleball Courts in the Community Park

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Engineer to work with the Park and Recreation Board to come up with plans and cost estimates for pickleball courts and to run an electric line at the Community Park. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Appoint David Franke Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint David Franke as Assistant Management Coordinator. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Appoint a Secretary / Treasurer
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Appoint an Open Records Officer and Alternate
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Appoint a Recording Secretary for the Board of Supervisors
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Appoint a Recording Secretary for the Park and Recreation Board
Katelyn Gruber explained that someone has expressed interest in the position.

The Board discussed and asked Katelyn Gruber to advertise for recording secretary positions on the Township Website.

Designate a Pension Plan Individual Trustee. The trustee has the authority to invest, manage, and control the plan's assets.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Heidi Fiedler the Township's Pension Plan Individual Trustee. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Appoint a Pension Plan Administrator to Administer the Plan

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint David Franke the Township's Pension Plan Administrator. David Franke seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Accept Planning Commission Annual Report

A motion was made by David Franke to accept the Planning Commission 2021 Annual Report as presented. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Accept Park and Recreation Annual Report

A motion was made by David Franke to accept the Park and Recreation 2021 Annual Report as presented. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Authorize the Board of Supervisors to sign the BB&T/Truist Bank Account Signature

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Discuss Authorizing the Engineer to Study the Need for Additional Streetlights on Faith Drive – David Franke

David Franke was approached by a resident concerned with the lighting along Faith Drive. Tom Unger will evaluate the lighting along Faith Drive.

Confirm in Writing Acceptance of offer made by Maidencreek Township Authority to pay $5,351.00 for Sewage Pump Replacement and Authority Assuming Responsibility for Semi-Annual Cleaning

A motion was made by David Franke to formally accept the Maidencreek Township Authority's purchase of a sewage pump at the cost of $5,351.00 and to allow the Maidencreek Township Authority to assume responsibility for semi-annual cleaning. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Discuss and Take Action on the Tree Blocking the Line of Sight at the Intersection of East Wesner Road and Dalton Drive – Keith Shuman

Keith Shuman presented a picture of the obstruction. The Board asked Keith Shuman to contact the property owner to trim the tree out of the line of sight.

Authorize Transmission Line Repair to Truck #1 through Penn Power Group at a Cost of $2,050.44 – Keith Shuman

A motion was made by David Franke to repair Truck #1 at Penn Power Group, adding an undercarriage line protection at a total cost not to exceed $2,200.00. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

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Discuss and Authorize Triangle Communications to Reprogram Township Trucks to add Fleetwood Borough's Frequency at a Cost of $650.00 – Keith Shuman

Keith Shuman was approached by Fleetwood Borough to add their band onto the Township's to allow Maidencreek Township roadcrew members to communicate with Fleetwood Borough when working together.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize Triangle Communications to reprogram Township truck radios to add Fleetwood Borough to Maidencreek Township's frequency at a cost not to exceed $650.00. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, all members voted, "Aye." Motion passed.

Do Any Board Members Require the Township to Register Them for the PSATS Convention April 24-27, 2022? Cost is $175.00 per person through March 31st

David Franke is unable to attend. Heidi Fiedler and Katelyn Gruber will attend.

Review Requests for Proposals for Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer and Set Up Interviews

Four proposals were submitted. Interviews will be scheduled through the office.

Eric Bauman, 208 Wales Way, Blandon – received a text message that Judy Halteman is on Zoom and would like to make a comment.

Judy Halteman, 402 Blandon Meadows Parkway, Blandon – asked what Joseph Farley's qualifications were to be a supervisor.

David Franke explained the difference between running for supervisor in an election and being appointed to a vacant supervisor position by the current Board of Supervisors. The only qualification needed when running in an election for a supervisor is that you are registered to vote and you have been a resident of the municipality you would like to run in for one year. When a supervisor is appointed, it allows the current Board of Supervisors to look for a more qualified individual.

Having no further business, a motion was made by David Franke to adjourn the February 10, 2022 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Heidi Fiedler seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Katelyn Gruber