Maidencreek Township Vacancy Board
March 23, 2022

Attending: Dave Brown, David Franke, Heidi Fiedler, Eric Frey of E. Kenneth Nyce, and Katelyn Gruber – Recording Secretary

Guests: Anthony Spero, Jarrett Gibboney, Nick Tomko, Aaron Rogers, Linda Smith, Heather Schoener, Mike Schittler, Kris Schittler, Glenn Scott, Dave Brown, Joe Farley, Scott Eaken, Albert Young, Richard Heffner, Timothy Jameson, Ernie Marshall, Donna Culp, Gregg Geschwindt, Dawn Geschwindt, Jen Johnson, Terry Hegedus, Dennis Fink, Robin Fink, Jennifer Kershner, Eric Luckenbill, Timothy Wales, Jim Cecchini, Josh Meck, Jean Koncsics, Paul Brown, David Batz, Charles Voorhies, Bob Christman, Karen Christman, Francis Scott, Richard Wick, Jack Benino, Diana Benino, Vic Snyder, Dale Willcox, Theresa Gorgia, Tom Gorgia, Bill Havrilchak, Gary Spatz, Michael Meleta, Craig Anderson, Randolph Hertzog, John Hummrich, Joseph Pendleton, Allyson Jones, Frank Zuber, Donald Greist, Michelle Hughes, Kathleen Malloy, James Tyler, Chris Benware, Jen Hoffman, Dean Hoffman, Joe Rudderow, Rory Donly, Donna Hornsby Bissinger, Adam Wojcicki, Todd Gorman, Mary Dymeck, Vickie Solberg, Massimo Folino, Ron Kemmerer, Gary Hadden, Keith Shuman, Chrissy Shuman, Cody Rhoads, Carl Weston, Donna Franke

Attending on Zoom: Judy Halteman, Robert Wood, Nick Shuman, Debbie Didyoung, Eric Bauman and others

Dave Brown called the March 23, 2022 special meeting Maidencreek Township Vacancy Board to order at 9:05pm in the Maidencreek Township Building, 1 Quarry Road, Blandon.

Heidi Fiedler announced that was an Executive Session held from 9:00pm to 9:04pm to discuss potential litigation and real estate.

Dave Brown expressed his displeasure that the Regular Meeting was held before the Vacancy Board Meeting and that his agenda was altered. Mr. Brown announced that there were 5 candidates that expressed interest in the appointment to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisors Franke, Supervisors Fiedler and Mr. Brown narrowed the candidates down to Josh Meck and Joseph Rudderow.

Statements by Candidates

Josh Meck, 424 East Wesner Road, Blandon stated he ran for Supervisor in the 2021 election and lost by 14 votes. Mr. Meck would like the opportunity to serve the Maidencreek Township residents. Josh Meck believes he can bring a younger perspective to the Board of Supervisors and he is highly involved in the community through FABA. Mr. Meck thanked all his supporters. Joseph Rudderow, 283 Longleaf Drive, Blandon is a resident since 2000. Mr. Rudderow became involved in 2001 with Maidencreek Township. For the last 20 years Joseph Rudderow served the community and Berks County in different aspects. Mr. Rudderow urged the Vacancy Board to make an educated vote instead of an emotional vote for the appointment to the Board of Supervisors. Joseph Rudderow reminded the Vacancy Board of the concerning issues that the Township is facing. Mr. Rudderow believes he can get Maidencreek Township back on track.

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Public Comment

Aj Farrell, 313 Faith Drive, Blandon wished both candidates good luck and asked them to "do the right thing with the warehouse submittal."

Charles Voorhies, 284 West Walnut Tree Drive, Blandon voiced his concerns about Section 8 coming into the Township. Mr. Voorhies asked the Board of Supervisors to sustain the quality of life in the Township.

Mark Lacina, 322 Galean Drive, Fleetwood stated it didn't matter the order of the meetings. Attendants came to voice their concerns about the warehouse. Mr. Lacina voiced his political opinions and said that the Township needs an experienced appointee for the Board of Supervisors. Mark Lacina believes people bullied Joe Farley out of office to get their candidate into office.

Joe Farley, 106 Maple Leaf Drive, Blandon ran because he loves his country. Mr. Farley resigned because him and his wife were personally attacked. Joe Farley calls on people to stop the bickering and fighting. Mr. Farley wished both candidate's luck.

Tim Wales, 216 Sofia Boulevard, Blandon urged Supervisor Fiedler and Supervisor Franke to come to an agreement on a candidate to appoint. Mr. Wales does not believe that a person who technically came in last place should be appointed simply because they took part in the election.

Gregg Geschwindt, 305 Anna Avenue, Blandon voiced his displeasure with the Republican vs Democrat speech. Mr. Geschwindt is in favor of Josh Meck.

James Cecchinni, 432 East Wesner Road, Blandon asked Joseph Rudderow what subjects were covered in the PSATS training camp that he attended when he became Supervisor for the first time.
Mr. Rudderow said they were very helpful in teaching new Supervisor what their role on the Board of Supervisors would be.

Eric Luckenbill, 241 West Walnut Tree Drive, Blandon stated he was in favor of Josh Meck because he obtained 962 votes and went through the process of the election in 2021.

Donna Culp, West Wesner Road, Blandon lived in Maidencreek Township for 65 years. Ms. Culp asked Supervisor Fiedler to resign so both Joe Rudderow and Josh Meck could be appointed.

Donna, Allentown Pike, Blandon said Supervisor Fiedler is a wonderful person.

Ron Kemmerer, 323 East Wesner Road, Blandon is Diane Hollenbach's dad and he's never seen the Township in such disarray. A calming factor needs to be brought in to make it right.

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Mary Dymeck, 196 Longleaf Drive, Blandon urged the Vacancy Board to not think about Republican vs Democrat, or inexperience, but who would be best for the Township.

John Greiss, Hope Drive, Blandon there are a lot of issues in the Township. Mr. Greiss urged Supervisor Franke and Supervisor Fiedler to come to an agreement and move forward.

Paul Brown, 48 Sunset Avenue, Blandon is a proud Republican and Democrats got it wrong.

Dave Brown informed the audience that people need to do their research before voting. The animosity on both sides needs to end, the audience and the Board of Supervisors, need to respect each other and show decorum.

John Previtera, 204 Faith Drive, Blandon Josh Meck ran for the position so he should be the only one considered.

Judy Halteman, 402 Blandon Meadows Parkway, Blandon said votes count and Josh Meck should be appointed.

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Statements by Board of Supervisors and Vacancy Board Member

Heidi Fiedler – appreciates everyone's comment. Supervisor Fiedler feels the most qualified and experienced candidate should be appointed. Ms. Fiedler brought up concerns that Josh Meck set off fireworks that violated the Township Ordinance.

Josh Meck, 424 East Wesner Road, Blandon stated he came in and spoke to Diane Hollenbach regarding the fireworks.

Solicitor Frey stated fireworks cannot be set off in a residential zoning district per the Maidencreek Township Ordinance.

Dave Franke - the Township needs to move forward.

Appointment of Supervisor to Fill Vacancy

A motion was made by Heidi Fiedler to appoint Joseph Rudderow III to the Board of Supervisors to fill the unexpired term to 12/31/2023. Motion died for a lack of a second.

A motion was made by David Franke to appoint Joshua Meck to the Board of Supervisors to fill the unexpired term to 12/31/2023. Dave Brown seconded the motion. Hearing no questions, David Franke voted "Aye" and Dave Brown voted "Aye", Heidi Fiedler voted "Nay." Motion passed 2-1.

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Katelyn Gruber
Recording Secretary