Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
April 10, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Attending: David Franke, Joshua Meck, Eric Bauman, Diane Hollenbach, Eric Frey, Esq. of E. Kenneth Nyce Law Office, Pamela Stevens of Systems Design Engineering

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman), Dan Miller, Fire Chief at Blandon Fire Company, Donna Culp, Aaron Rogers, Gavin Milligan, Joe and Connie Cammarano, Ann & Ed Santiago, Mattew Pugliese, Nancy Runyon, Dawn Geschwindt, David & Rachel Furno, Charlie Voorhies, Heidi Fiedler, and other guests.

Mr. Meck called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES
David Franke motioned to approve the April 10, 2025, Agenda. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the March 13, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. David Franke seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT
Ann Santiago, 217 Spirit Court, thanked the road crew for repairing the streetlight near her house. She asked for an update on the Cornerstone Drive Bridge replacement.

Heidi Fiedler, 432 East Wesner Road, asked for the meeting agenda to be posted on the Monday before the meeting. Joshua Meck responded that State law requires agendas to be posted twenty-four hours in advance, and the agenda is constantly changing and being modified up to the posting deadline. The Board noted her request.

REPORTS
Northern Berks Regional Police – The meeting will be held next week. Officer DeBlasi retired. The Board of Supervisors wished him well. Candidates for his position are being interviewed.

Engineering & Zoning Reports – Pamela Stevens
Time Extension
A motion was made by David Franke to accept the time extension for Jojaz Final Plan until July 21, 2025. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Park Road HOP - Mattew Pugliese of Spotts, Stevens, and McCoy presented the plans for improvements to Park Road and the intersection of W. Wesner Road, which will be paid for by Giorgio Foods as part of their HOP process from the Titan C Development. Park Road will be

widened, and grading adjustments will be made on W. Wesner. SDE has reviewed the plans. Pamela Stevens noted that the pipe size is increasing to accommodate stormwater. The work will hopefully start in July, and coordination with UGI is necessary due to their upcoming work on W. Wesner Road.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the manager to sign the Penn DOT Highway Occupancy Permit forms for improvements to Park Road and West Wesner Road. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motions, it passed unanimously.

Melrose Place Storm Water – No action from the developer.

Cornerstone Drive Bridge – Pamela Stevens reported that permits were received from the PA DEP. A small grant has been received, and the plans and specifications are being prepared. There are utilities under the bridge and the creek that will need to be relocated. Ann Santiago commented that the one culvert opening is again 50% clogged. Joshua Meck stated that he and Keith Shuman had walked the creeks and identified locations that need attention. This work is on the spring work list.

David Furno of 264 Faith Drive brought concerns to the Supervisors about a group of individuals who hang out at the basketball court on Faith Drive. They shout obscenities and racial slurs at him, have accosted a girl with a knife, and appear to be carrying guns and dealing drugs. The police have been called multiple times. The Furnos are looking for updates from the police department and a resolution to the situation. The Board suggested attending the Police Commission meeting, and Diane Hollenbach suggested that the township look at turning the basketball court into something like pickleball, as this facility has had many issues for the last 25 years.

Charlie Voorhies of 284 W. Walnut Tree Drive commented that signs are posted at the playgrounds. When do the offenders get cited? Dave Franke stated that this is at the police officer's discretion. Rachel Furno asked if the parents could be cited. Dave Franke said they cannot but can be liable for damages.

Solicitor – Eric Frey, Esq.

Ordinance 261 Fire Prevention

David Franke motioned to adopt Ordinance 261, Fire Prevention. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Resolution 17-2025 Fire Prevention Inspection Fee Schedule

David Franke motioned to adopt Resolution 17-2025 Fire Prevention Inspection Fee Schedule. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Public Works – Keith Shuman

Approval to purchase a replacement garage door.

Joshua Meck explained that the replacement garage doors would be installed to allow a truck to be parked in the garage bay with the dump body raised. Currently, the truck must be pulled in on an angle, and the dump partially raised for maintenance and cleaning. There will also be a chain for opening the doors during power outages.

A motion was made by Eric Bauman to authorize the purchase of replacement garage doors from Overhead Door at a cost of $5,100. David Franke seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Storage Building – tabled.

Keith Shuman commented that street sweeping and brush pick up will occur in April. Trees will be planted in the Community Park on Tuesday, April 15th, between 9 and 10:30 a.m.

Park and Recreation – Aaron Rogers

Fire Company Court Maintenance – Aaron Rogers will meet with the Relief to discuss the possible seal coating of the basketball courts. The matter was tabled until after the meeting.

Manager – Diane Hollenbach

Diane Hollenbach reported on three grants awarded to the benefit of the township: $86,679 for the Cornerstone Drive Bridge replacement, $6,250 for tree planting in the Community Park from Imagine Berks and the Fleetwood Rotary received a grant to plant a pollinator garden in the Community Park.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Chairman and Manager to sign all paperwork for the Imagine Berks grant. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no question on the motion, it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Accept the 2024 Audit

David Franke made a motion to accept the 2024 audit. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no question on the motion, it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Treasurer's Report and Bill List.

David Franke made a motion to approve the bills and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no question on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Aaron Rogers reminded the audience of the upcoming Earth Day clean-up of the parks on April 22nd and the Flea Market and Craft Show on May 3rd.

Heidi Fiedler, 432 East Wesner Road, informed the board that there were trees across the stream that need to be removed and gave the road crew permission to access them using her driveway.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Franke and seconded by Eric Bauman. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Hollenbach
Manager