Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
June 12, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Attending: David Franke, Joshua Meck, Eric Bauman, Diane Hollenbach, Christina Hafer, 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, Gavin Milligan, Anthony Spero, Brittnay Frymoyer, Sal Folino, Dawn Geschwindt, Nancy Runyon, Camina Davis, Tim Wales, Ed Santiago, Ann Santiago, Jesiah Newsome, Aaron Rogers, Charles L. Voorhies, Heidi Fiedler, and other guests.

Joshua Meck called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the Pledge to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

David Franke motioned to approve the June 12, 2025, Agenda. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

David Franke motioned to approve the May 8, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn Geschwindt, 305 Anna Avenue, read a statement referring to the Melrose Place Homeowners' Association and the Folino escrow money. They are requesting the Board of Supervisors to stay and table any further action regarding the Folino escrow monies until the HOA has the opportunity to present all pertinent facts for consideration.

Heidi Fiedler, 432 East Wesner Road, questioned the Professional Services under New Business. Mr. Meck stated that it would entail, as an example, Solicitor, Zoning, and Code Enforcement, and other services.

Tim Wales, 216 Sofia Blvd, made comments and concerns about Melrose Place, the flooding events, the trees in the detention basin, and the escrow money. Diane Hollenbach explained that the impervious liner was installed by the developer, and the trees growing in the basin were part of a corrective action that was implemented by the Conservation District. The amount in the escrow is $43,314.14.

Charles L. Voorhies, 284 West Walnut Tree Drive, asked about the liner in the basin. Diane Hollenbach said the liner was original, and the NPDES permit expired before improvements were installed; to get it renewed, they had to meet new regulations. The issue was with PADEP; the Conservation District did the review and renewal.

REPORTS

Northern Berks Regional Police – Mr. Meck stated the NBRPD meeting was held Monday, June 9th and read the activity report portion for Maidencreek Township. There was approval for technical equipment for investigation needs and for another patrol car to replace one that will be out of service.

Engineering & Zoning Reports – **Pamela Stevens**

Action on Jojaz Final Plan and waiver.

A motion was made by David Franke to approve the waiver section 190.14.A.2 to allow the plan scale to be 1 inch equals 80 feet. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

A motion was made by David Franke to approve the Jojaz Final Plan, conditional upon completion of the items in the May 28, 2025, SDE letter and signature on the stormwater and operation agreement. Eric Bauman seconded the motion and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Authorize Notice to Proceed for the 2025 Annual Road Work.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize notice to proceed with the 2025 Annual Road Work. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no question on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Action on the Melrose basin escrow release request.

Tabled

Pamela Stevens said the Melrose basin has been inspected and has not been maintained.

Sal Folino stated that there are two basins, one of which Ms. Stevens was referring to, is being maintained by a professional, and the rain has hindered the maintenance of the basin. The HOA basin was turned over in 2023, and said it only failed once. Mr. Meck said it has been flooding since then and has received many calls from residents that it's affected. Mr. Folino said they have followed the engineer's plans and said that without Norfolk Southern here, that will always be impacted, and the water is coming from across the street, where the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks are located. Mr. Folino asked for help contacting Norfolk Southern. Mr. Frey said he would have to look into it to see where everyone stands on the matter. Mr. Wales said the grate near the strip mall has lifted off, with debris collecting there. Mr. Meck said the water runoff is coming from uphill, where there are many springs. Ms. Stevens said the debris should be cleared after a storm event. Dawn Geschwindt said the Township stated that pond lot #1 had deficiencies from the flood, and the documentation said that when it is turned over to the HOA that it was supposed to be in satisfactory condition and asked when the letter went out for the deficiencies. Diane Hollenbach said the development had inspections before the flood in 2023. She explained

the timeline, including the NOT from the Conservation District, and the inspection SDE did was a result of the 2023 flooding. The Township does not have an operation and maintenance agreement on the basin due to the age of the development. The DEP did not implement the operation and maintenance regulation until the mid-2000s.
The Board of Supervisors tabled this issue.

Authorize a letter regarding the revised Giorgio HOP and Traffic Detour Plans.

David Franke motioned to authorize the Township Manager to write a letter regarding the revised Giorgio HOP and Traffic Detour Plans, seconded by Eric Bauman. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Solicitor – Eric Frey, Esq.
None

Public Works – Keith Shuman
Mr. Meck revealed that the Yard Waste Site is being updated. It will be a pull-through facility. The Township will announce when the project is complete, along with directions on how it will operate.
Mr. Meck said the road crew will be working on installing the pickleball fencing. The corner property on Park Road and Main Street is complete.
Diane Hollenbach said Mike Meletta has raised $1,250.00 for the pickleball fence and thanked him.
Fleetwood Library is holding a program called Tigers in the Park at the Community Park this year.

Park and Recreation – Aaron Rogers

Veterans Memorial at Community Park.
Aaron Rogers asked the Board of Supervisors about how they would like to start the fundraising. Mr. Meck talked about reaching out to local landscaping companies for donations. Mr. Rogers said he would reach out to local scout troops.

Park Event Idea Considerations.
Mr. Rogers spoke about having a Movie in the Park and bingo. Josh Meck spoke about having Food Trucks Fridays. Diane Hollenbach said there would be a sign-up for the food trucks and an agreement to donate a percentage of proceeds to Park and Recreation, and bingo would require a license.

Consider Fire company court Maintenance for $13,555.70

Tabled

David Franke announced that National Night Out will be held on August 5th. Aaron Rogers said the Park and Recreation Board will attend, and they are planning to have walking tacos again this year.

Manager – Diane Hollenbach
Nick Volk and Diane Hollenbach met with Docstar, an electronic records company, and are waiting on a quote. She contacted Met-Ed for streetlight conversion to LED, and they will update all streetlights they own at no cost to the Township. The Township's streetlights will be updated with the bond money at a discounted rate. A subdivision plan was submitted, located near the roundabout at Schaeffer Road, to subdivide the commercial from the residential. The Sourcewater Protection is ongoing and should be ready to adopt in the next few months. The annual bond report was submitted.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS
Consider approval of closing Fleming Street for a block party Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 12:00 pm to 9 pm. (Rain date August 30th).
Camina Davis introduced herself and explained that the neighborhood would like to have the block party again this year. The Township will send letters to emergency services on behalf of the block party.

David Franke motioned to approve closing Fleming Street for a block party Saturday, August 23, 2025, from 12:00 pm to 9 pm, seconded by Eric Bauman. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Consider action on a 36-month fixed electric pricing contract at .0656 per kwh with Constellation.

David Franke motioned to approve a 36-month fixed electric pricing contract at .0656 per kwh with Constellation, seconded by Eric Bauman. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Consider action on the pre-emption system for the Park Road and Main Street traffic signal.

David Franke motioned to approve the pre-emption system for the Park Road and Main Street traffic signal for $18,700.00. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL MATTERS
Approval of the bills and acceptance of the Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

Ann Santiago, 217 Spirit Court, asked if there is an update on the Cornerstone Bridge project, the grant received, and updates on the website. Josh Meck met with utilities, and the bridge has been ordered. The utilities will be included with the Township permits, and the grant is good for 3 years. Once everything is finalized with the utilities, it will be announced on the website.

Charles L. Voorhies, 284 West Walnut Tree Drive, questioned the EMS letter and the other municipalities' participation Diane Hollenbach said the other municipalities have been contacted and should be adding funding next year. Maidencreek Township has 29% of the EMS calls.

An executive session was held for professional services and personnel matters starting at 7:07 pm.
Joshua Meck reconvened the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Action on employee requests for the mechanic rate.

A motion was made by David Franke to authorize the Township Manager to approve the employee mechanic rate on an as-needed basis for the services rendered. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Action to rehire Earl Weber, Road Crew.

A motion was made by David Franke to rehire Earl Weber as a Laborer II for the road crew. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Consider action on proposals for professional services and adopt an appropriate resolution and fees.

David Franke motioned to confirm Systems Design Engineering as Stormwater Enforcement Officer. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

David Franke motioned to adopt Resolution 18-2025 hiring LTL Consultants for code enforcement and zoning with a rate of $123.00 for Engineering and $136 for Principal. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

David Franke motioned to adopt Resolution 1-2025 adopting the LTL Consultants' fee schedule provided. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

David Frake motioned to approve LTL Consultants for engineering on an as-needed basis. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by David Franke and seconded by Eric Bauman. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer
Recording Secretary