Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
October 9, 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, and Christina Hafer.

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman), Dan Miller, Fire Chief at Blandon Fire Company, Donna Culp, Anthony Spero, Mike Schittler, Gavin Milligan, Aaron Rogers, Daniel H Stauffer, Dawn Geschwindt, Lynn Houghton, and other guests.

Joshua 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 October 9, 2025, Agenda, moving the request to waive the insurance requirement for road boring on West Shore Drive for irrigation pipe. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

David Franke motioned to approve the September 11, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Request to waive insurance requirements for road boring on West Shore Drive for irrigation pipe.

Daniel Stauffer stated he would like to put a water pipe under the road to irrigate the field on the opposite side of the road. Mr. Meck has concerns that if something happens, the Township will be liable for the road without insurance requirements. The Board would like more information before any decisions are made. Eric Frey said in lieu of insurance, the Township could accept a cash escrow as an alternative. The Board asked Mr. Stauffer to keep in touch with the Township on this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS) - None

REPORTS

Northern Berks Regional Police – No report at this time. The Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Engineering & Zoning Reports – Pamela Stevens

H & K Change Order #1 $3,196.81

David Franke motioned to approve the H & K Change Order for $3,196.81. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

H & K Payment Application #1 $81,706.81

David Franke motioned to approve the H & K Payment Application for $81,706.81, seconded by Eric Bauman. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Permit Extension Cornerstone Drive Bridge

David Franke motioned to extend the Cornerstone Drive Bridge Permit, seconded by Eric Bauman. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

No Zoning Report

Solicitor – Eric Frey, Esq.
Eric Frey said the Planning Commission made comments on the Source Water Protection ordinance, and the changes will be made before returning to the Commission for review.

Public Works – Keith Shuman –
Keith Shuman stated the road crew will be finishing brush pick up next week, the mowing is winding down, and line painting behind the lake was completed. Mr. Meck said the Fall Clean-up held on September 13th went well and thanked the road crew for their participation.

Mr. Meck spoke about UGI paving West Wesner Road after the work that was done, saying they did a good job. He also brought up that Frontier and Comcast are doing work in the Township.

Park and Recreation – Aaron Rogers
Aaron Rogers stated they had a busy month in September with Food Truck Fridays. It was a success and started booking for next year. The food trucks donated 10% of their proceeds to the Township. The Flea Market/Craft Show also went well, with about 50 vendors participating. The FACO meeting was last night for the semiquincentennial, discussing the events and coordinating with the other townships/boroughs for the same day.
Safe Halloween will be held on October 24, 2025, at the Blandon Fire Company. The Park and Recreation Board would like to participate in the Trinity Bible Fellowship Trunk or Treat event. Anthony Spero said the Lyons Club Halloween Frolic at Maiers Grove will be on October 26, 2025, at 2:00 pm.

Manager – Diane Hollenbach
The grant for LSA was submitted for the new ambulance and striker lift systems, and we were contacted by the DCECD for additional information. There have been multiple letters of support from all municipalities the EMS serves and state representatives. The cell tower is up, and the Township received the first month's rent from Verizon. Larry Lloyd will be doing tree planting next week at the Community Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Set Trick or Treat Night as October 31, 2025, from 5 pm to 9 pm.

David Franke motioned to set Trick or Treat Night as October 31, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Request the demolition of the Ontelaunee Bridge on the Transportation Improvement Plan.

Mr. Meck said he reached out to Dan Bost about taking the bridge down due to all the issues there.

David Franke motioned to authorize Diane Hollenbach to send a letter to the Transportation Improvement Plan for the demolition of the Ontelaunee Bridge. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Consideration of extension of the 2026 Recycling Contract or advertisement of bid.

David Franke motioned to rebid the 2026 Recycling Contract on a two-year basis, seconded by Eric Bauman. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Sign the Waterline Easement Agreement for Cornerstone Drive Bridge and authorize the obtaining of appraisals for other easements needed.

David Franke motioned to sign the Waterline Easement Agreement for Cornerstone Drive Bridge and authorize obtaining appraisals for other easements needed. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

A motion to approve the bills and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by David Franke and seconded by Eric Bauman. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Donna Culp of Blandon asked about the recycling bid. Mr. Meck said the Township will select the lowest bidder.

Mike Schittler of 131 S View Rd stated that stones are coming up from the road in Limestone. Mr. Meck said they will rule out the type of paving done on the roads there.

Anthony Spero of Longleaf Drive asked about the Veterans Memorial. Mr. Meck asked him for his email, and he will send the information.

Lynn Houghton of 154 Kemmerer Road asked about the problem with cats along the lake and in her yard. She said they are starving and breeding excessively, and has trapped some of them and found homes. The Board stated the shelters have stopped taking cats and will inquire what other municipalities are doing. Dawn Geschwindt stated she has a contact she will share with the Township. The Board discussed it being a county issue, too, and becoming extremely expensive.

Heidi Fiedler of 432 East Wesner Road spoke about erosion at the stream and showed the Board pictures she had taken. Mr. Meck said they spoke to the Conservation District and obtained permission to remove the trees only. He said they will meet with the Conservation District for further work to be done in that area. Mr. Meck said he could not continue the discussion due to litigation.

An executive session was held from 6:48 pm to 7:06 pm.

Eric Frey stated that a notice was sent to Dean Shuman of 320 Main Street, Blandon. Mr. Shuman asked for an extension.

A motion was made by Joshua Meck to extend the notice to no more than 30 days. David Franke 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 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer
Township Secretary