Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
February 12, 2026
6:00 p.m.

Attending: Joshua Meck, Eric Bauman, Dawn Geschwindt, Diane Hollenbach, Eric Frey, Esq. of E. Kenneth Nyce Law Office, Norm Ulrich of LTL Consultants, and Christina Hafer.

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman), Dan Miller, Fire Chief at Blandon Fire Company, Connie Cammarano, Joe Cammarano, Deanne Weber, Donna Culp, Anthony Spero, Aaron Rogers, Drew Oberholtzer, Jeremy Breidenstein, Lin Weber, Flo Weber, Kim Smyne, Marsha Ney, Nancy Runyon, Charles L Voorhies, and other guests.

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

Mr. Meck amended the agenda, moving Engineering and Zoning before Public Comments (agenda items).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Dawn Geschwindt motioned to approve the amended February 12, 2026, Agenda. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the January 5, 2026, Reorganization Meeting Minutes. Dawn Geschwindt seconded the motion, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the January 8, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Dawn Geschwindt seconded the motion, hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Engineering & Zoning Reports – Norm Ulrich

Maidencreek Crossing Final Plan approval – water test results.

Dawn Geschwindt motioned to approve the time extension for Maidencreek Crossing Final Plan approval until May 15, 2026. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Cornerstone Drive Bridge update/action.

Mr. Ulrich said all the easements were recorded, and copies were sent to the LTL Consultants. The Water Authority received its general permit, and UGI has moved its gas line. Met-Ed is planning to de-energize the electricity on March 3, 2026. LTL Consultants will be able to provide more information at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

- Environmental Advisory Council Presentation.
  Deanne Weber and Connie Cammarano thanked the Board for having the opportunity to introduce the Environmental Advisory Council. They both have done research and met Deanne Weber, who discussed with the Board the structure of the EAC, with the

appointment of three to seven volunteers appointed by the Board of Supervisors, serving a 3-year term. The EAC will meet monthly and collaborate with the other township boards. Six township residents are interested in serving on the EAC board with a diverse range of experience, including grant writing and implementation, research, architecture design, volunteer coordination, teaching, and education. The EAC could provide community workshops, providing in-person education for children and adults, assist with the MS4 public education and outreach program, and review development proposals for environmental impact. They would like to have an informational table on Food Truck Fridays to get the workshops started. The EAC would be created through the adoption of an ordinance, and they provided a sample ordinance for reference.
Dawn Geschwindt asked how this affects the township. Mr. Frey explained the process of the ordinance. Diane Hollenbach said they need projects to do to keep EAC going. There is nothing in the budget this year; they can do fundraisers to get it started.
Individuals attending the meeting came out to encourage the creation of the EAC and briefly spoke about why they support it.

Heidi Fiedler, E Wesner Road, asked about the consideration of Watkins Architects Proposal and whether it was open to others. The Board said they used Watkins Architects before and had a master plan for the entire complex previously. Mr. Meck went on to explain the costs and process of the renovation project.

Charles L. Voorhies, West Walnut Tree Drive, asked if the shop was taken off the table. Mr. Meck explained that the shop was not taken off the table and said the building would be renovated and stay here.

REPORTS

Northern Berks Regional Police – Joshua Meck reviewed the NBRPD Activity Report from the February 9, 2026, Police Commission Meeting. Chief Keiser retired, and a new chief, Wayne Holben, will start soon.

Solicitor – Eric Frey, Esq.

Maiden Creek Associates Warehouse sign and parking lot striping plan revisions.

Greg Aldelman, representing Maiden Creek Warehouse, gave the Board a handout showing the parking lot and wayfinding signage removal. He explained why they did not need all the signage and changes to the parking lot striping plan revisions.

A motion was made by Joshua Meck to approve the Maiden Creek Associates Warehouse signage and parking lot striping plan revisions contingent upon LTL Consultants' Engineers' review and approval. Dawn Geschwindt seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Round About Maintenance Agreement for Pleasant Hill Road.
Eric Frey said the township will only be responsible for the maintenance of the streetlights. Diane Hollenbach said the township had not seen PennDOT's plans yet, and the last time the township met with them was a year ago.

Public Works – Keith Shuman
Approve garage heater replacement cost of $10,975.00 from M&M Mechanical.

A motion was made by Joshua Meck to approve the garage heater replacement cost of $10,975.00 from M&M Mechanical. Dawn Geschwindt seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Truck radio purchase from Triangle Communications.

A motion was made by Eric Bauman approving the purchase of truck radios from Triangle Communications for $3,093.75. Dawn Geschwindt seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Joshua Meck thanked the road crew for their hard work snowplowing through the storms.

Park and Recreation – Aaron Rogers
Aaron Rogers stated they had a Park and Recreation meeting in January and a planning meeting last week with FACO, and were getting ready to finalize the plans for the 250th anniversary celebration. Family Fun Day will be held on June 27th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, with 9 food trucks will be there, a DJ, a band, and many other activities. Food Trucks Fridays, Earth Day Cleanup, Movie Night, and Flea Market /Craft Show were discussed. Park and Recreation will have the event schedule after the meeting in February. The FACO flyer will now be digital and will not be mailed out anymore.

Manager – Diane Hollenbach
All reports have been filed. Larry Lloyd will set up a meeting at the end of February to finalize the spring planting of trees. Two insurance claims had to be filed, and we were paid for both. A meeting was held with First Energy about streetlighting and Watkins Architects for the renovation project. The E & S plans for the garage are moving forward. There were no issues with getting rock salt this winter.

OLD BUSINESS
Request from resident about signage for engine retarder prohibited area.
When the brake retarder area signs were installed, PennDOT said no to making the signs bigger and adding more signs along Route 222. The next step is to look into signs with LED lights around them. Diane has a contact at PennDOT and received a letter stating they have a policy on

LED border signs and suggested we request larger signs and additional signs before pursuing signs with lights around them. The Board continued the discussion and is in favor of pursuing the issue.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Watkins Architects Proposal for the Municipal Complex renovation project.

A motion was made by Eric Bauman approving conceptual design task #1 with Watkins Architects at $9,800.00. Dawn Geschwindt seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Consideration of First Energy LED Streetlight Agreement.

First Energy is changing out all its streetlights to LED; sodium vapor streetlight heads are no longer being manufactured. The 4k lights will be done first, 3k will be better in residential areas. The Board discussed the pros and cons of signing the agreement. First Energy will be moving forward with the project and giving the township a choice to do a study beforehand.

A motion was made by Dawn Geschwindt approving the First Energy LED Streetlight agreement. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Request from resident to rename one end of Critter Place.

A resident on Critter Place, which is a private road, has issues with delivery drivers and visitors who can't find his place. He would like the section of Critter Place off of West Wesner to be renamed. Those residents would have an issue with changing their address. The Board discussed making one North Critter Place and the other West Critter Place. They decided to table this issue.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Authorization to remove David Franke and add Dawn Geschwindt to all township bank accounts and authorize the account signers to execute all required paperwork.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve authorization to remove David Franke and add Dawn Geschwindt to all township bank accounts and authorize the account signers to execute all required paperwork. Joshua Meck seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

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 Eric Bauman and seconded by Dawn Geschwindt. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Cammarano, Troy Drive, asked if the warehouse could be bought by the Federal Government. Diane explained that the township could not stop them from doing this, as the Federal Government has Sovereign Immunity. As for the general change of use, it would have to go through the conditional use process.

Charles L. Voorhies, West Walnut Tree Drive, knows that the Federal Government does not pay taxes and is now happy that East Penn is going to occupy the warehouse.

Heidi Fiedler, East Wesner Road, said she is encouraged to see an interest in environmental protection and stated she has a master's in environmental engineering. She is concerned about Willow Creek and read sections from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, township ordinances, and the DEP, with emphasis on stormwater and erosion at Willow Creek.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eric Bauman and seconded by Dawn Geschwindt. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer
Township Secretary