Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
March 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 (Recording Secretary).

Guests: Keith Shuman (Road Foreman), Dan Miller, Fire Chief at Blandon Fire Company, Connie Cammarano, Joe Cammarano, Donna Culp, Anthony Spero, David Tranquilo, Deanne Weber, Lin Weber, Nancy Runyon, 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

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS) - None

Engineering & Zoning Reports – Norm Ulrich

Maidencreek Crossing Final Plan approval – water test results.

The Maidencreek Crossing Final Plan approval is tabled; the Maidencreek Township Authority did not approve the water test results. Diane will send Mr. Ulrich the HOA documents to review and the last review letter.

Mr. Ulrich updated the Board about road opening permits, and a meeting will be scheduled with the contractors to resolve some issues.

Diane said that Met-Ed postponed de-energizing at Cornerstone Bridge on March 3rd, and the Township is waiting for the new date.

Mr. Ulrich said the Maiden Creek Warehouse signs and parking modifications did not impact the ordinance and are acceptable.

Larry Grybosky from C2C Design Group, representing Maidencreek Crossings, was present. Diane Hollenbach asked Mr. Grybosky to see the HOA for Maidencreek Crossings.

REPORTS

Northern Berks Regional Police

Joshua Meck introduced the new Chief of Police, Wayne Holben. Chief Holben gave a brief overview of his life, values, and work history, and said that community is important to him. He asked the community to reach out to NBRPD and let them know if there is anything needed. Mr. Meck went over the activity report from the Monday, March 9th, Northern Berks Regional Police Commission meeting.

Solicitor – Eric Frey, Esq.

Eric Frey discussed the roundabout agreement with the Board, noting that the comments were sent to PennDOT, and he also asked them for a copy of the plans. PennDOT has not given a response yet.

Comcast Franchise Agreement.

The Comcast Franchise Agreement expires in April. They sent a draft agreement and will meet with them in the next two weeks.

Park and Recreation – Nancy Runyon

Discussion/approval to rent inflatables and games or buy games for the 250th celebration.

Ms. Runyon discussed with the Board regarding the Fee in lieu of land increase and requested funds to rent inflatables and purchase games for the celebration, and to rent along with the park pavilion. The Board discussed the logistics of storing and renting them out with a deposit, and said the Park and Recreation Board may purchase the games.

A motion was made by Eric Bauman to approve $1,225.00 to Tumble and Bouce for the rental of the inflatables for the 250th celebration. Dawn Geschwindt seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Public Works – Keith Shuman

Keith Shuman reviewed what the road crew was working on, including putting up the new street signs, clearing the upper loop at the Community Park, park maintenance, cleaning play lots, maintenance on trucks and mowers. Street sweeping is scheduled for April 6th and April 13th and will start in Limestone Village.

Concession roof replacement.

The pavilion roof is 20 years old and will be replaced by the road crew. It will also need new spouting, and the total cost for everything will be $14,998.00.

A motion was made by Dawn Geschwindt to approve $14,998.00 for the pavilion roof replacement, seconded by Eric Bauman. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Manager – Diane Hollenbach

Diane Hollenbach specified that Flagger training was completed, auditors will be finishing up this week, and the recycling report has been filed. Workers' Compensation renewal has been done, SDE has given the Township the SEO files, and then has been given to LTL Consultants. The Township received the Safety Committee renewal, which gives the Township 5% discount on the Workers' Compensation Insurance. The address and road maintenance for Crossings at Maidencreek have been worked on, and the school has been notified that a new residential subdivision has been submitted. The franchise agreement, personnel rules, and regulations will be completed. If the Board would like to proceed with establishing the EAC committee, the EAC ordinance has been completed.

OLD BUSINESS

Request from resident to rename one end of Critter Place.

The Board discussed putting up a sign to notify traffic to alleviate some confusion with the addresses on Critter Place.

NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Resolution 12-2026 Emergency Management Plan.

Chris Kline said the Emergency Management Plan is now updated.

A motion was made by Dawn Geschwindt to adopt Resolution 12-2026 Emergency Management Plan, seconded by Eric Bauman. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Discussion of the creation of an EAC through ordinance.

The Board made comments on the presentation from the previous meeting, saying the presentation was excellent and would help the Township. They also discussed how difficult and ordinance would be, and how to disband the EAC if necessary, and how many members should be on the EAC. The Board decided to move forward with the EAC ordinance.

Eric Bauman motioned to authorize the solicitor and manager to work on the creation of an EAC ordinance. Dawn Geschwindt seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Blandon Fire Company Lease Renewal.

The Blandon Fire Company would like to update the lease renewal to include two 25-year terms and have the solicitor come up with modifications.

Dawn Geschwindt motioned to authorize the solicitor to review and update the Blandon Fire Company Lease with the Township. 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.

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

Donna Culp, Main Street, Blandon, asked what the Township could do if the Federal Government were to use buildings to house immigrants. The Board said a municipality does not have governing authority over the Federal Government. The water supply and sanitation would be the only things you could have them comply with.

Dave Tranquillo, Walnut Tree Drive, asked who is responsible for the road conditions on Park Road. Josh said PennDOT is responsible and asked that the residents please call. The Township has contacted them about concerns about the conditions of the road in that area. The Board said they would follow up again and contact PennDOT.

Heidi Fiedler, East Wesner Road, asked the Board why the Township does not want to take care of Township property, specifically Willow Creek. Stating there is erosion, sedimentation, the environment, degrading water quality, and fish habitat.

Eric Frey asked the Board not to respond due to litigation from the resident at East Wesner Road. Ms. Fiedler stated she understood and has filed a complaint. She also said the Township has bond money to restore the Willow Creek and would like to have an answer.

Eric Bauman asked about the time frame on the Cornerstone Bridge project. Diane said that after Met-Ed's scheduled work is complete and the bid is sent out, the time frame is this summer. Josh said there is a meeting set with Frontier and UGI about the cold patch on the roads in the area.

Joshua Meck announced the 275th anniversary of Berks County will be next year and will coincide with the 250th anniversary of the United States this year. They had a kick-off event last night with state and municipal officials and other guests attending. Events will be about the history, past, and present of Berks County. Eric Bauman said Berks County was officially founded on March 11, 1752.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dawn Geschwindt and seconded by Eric Bauman. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer
Township Secretary