Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
May 14, 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, Anthony Spero, Donna Culp, Jesiah Newsome, Charles L Voorhies, Deanne Weber, Connie Cammerano, Lin Weber, Aaron Rogers, 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 May 14, 2026, agenda; Eric Bauman seconded the motion. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve the April 9, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. Dawn Geschwindt seconded the motion; hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

Charles Voorhies, West Walnut Tree Drive, asked if the minutes documented transcript. The Board stated that it is a summary of the meeting. Eric Frey stated minutes only need to include action items, and do not have to include public comments.

Engineering & Zoning Reports – Norm Ulrich

Cornerstone Bridge.

Norm Ulrich stated they made progress but still have existing items that need to be documented. He will have a list of questions to go over with staff to make sure everything is covered. There will not be any activity during trout season in October, November, and December, and they will continue the project the first of the year. The project should be complete tentatively by March 2027. The Water Authority wants their project bid to be included with the Township; Ty Leinneweber will give LTL the specs.

Josh Meck asked Diane Hollenbach about the restoration Frontier and CI Services are doing. Diane said LTL has been checking on the repairs, and it has been quiet, and no new problems have been reported.

REPORTS

Northern Berks Regional Police

Chief Holben stated they are in the process of hiring two more officers. They purchased a Ford Explorer Interceptor and sold the old Dodge Durango. They deployed speed signs across the jurisdictions and made reports from the speed signs. Received thank-you and donations from the

community, and training for the officers in progress. Officer Shinkus retired with 25 years of service; the department appreciates his service, and he will be missed. Officer Shinkus, in a letter, thanked the community for the trust and support throughout his career and said it was an honor and responsibility he never took lightly.

Josh Meck reviewed that activity report for the May 11th meeting.

Solicitor – Eric Frey, Esq.

Comcast Franchise Agreement.

Eric Frey said he is still working on getting comments to Comcast; they took a lot out of the agreement, and Mr. Frey has added to it in order to protect the Township and will take out what is not needed.

Blandon Fire Company Lease Renewal.

Mr. Frey said the Board has copies of the lease renewal and has not heard back from the Fire Company. It will be a 25-year lease and should be completed by next month's meeting.

A contempt petition was filed for 320 Main Street, Blandon, and is scheduled for a hearing next Friday.

Public Works – Keith Shuman

Josh Meck said the road crew has cleaned up the outfalls, started mowing, and is working on drains at Shadow Ridge and sinkholes. They are also prepping the park for the 250th anniversary, working on the new roof on the pavilion, and widening the trails at the park.

Park and Recreation – Aaron Rogers

Aaron Rogers said the Craft Show/Flea Market was held on May 2nd and was a success. Food trucks did very well with a good turnout and will be back for the month of June. Movie night will be held June 12th, featuring Zootopia II at dusk with food trucks participating. June 27th starts the 250th anniversary celebration, continuing throughout the weekend.

Approve purchase of crawl tunnel from Boyce Associates with cost not to exceed $4,200.00.

A motion was made by Dawn Geschwindt to approve the purchase of the crawl tunnel from Boyce Associates with a cost not to exceed $4,200.00. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Manager – Diane Hollenbach

May 20, 2026, the Fleetwood Borough Manager, Larry Lloyd, and Diane will work on a grant for tree planting at the park.

Dawn Gesschwindt and Diane attended the Imagine Berks presentation and were given the list of 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the area. The only item that did not make it on the list was the improvement of the Park Road corridor; the other items included Route 222 widening, Route 73, and Maidencreek Road. The information they gathered is leaning towards condominiums for housing.

OLD BUSINESS

Consideration of appointing Ana Konopitskaya to the Planning Commission term ending December 31, 2026.

Dawn Geschwindt motioned to appoint Ana Konopitskaya to the Planning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2026. Eric Bauman seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Resolution 14-2026 Appointment of Environmental Advisory Council Members.

Eric Bauman motioned to approve Resolution 14-2026 appointment of the Environmental Advisory Council Members. Dawn Geschwindt seconded the motion, and hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

Motion to appoint Environmental Advisory Council Chair.

Joshua Meck motioned to appoint Deanne Weber as Environmental Advisory Council Chair, seconded by Dawn Geschwindt. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Accept Planning Commission Annual Report.

Eric Bauman motioned to accept the Planning Commission Annual Report, seconded by Dawn Geschwindt. Hearing no questions on the motion, it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Motion to approve the bills and accept the Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Charles L. Voorhies, West Walnut Tree Dr., thanked the Chief for responding quickly. He then asked about the Snyder Road development not being approved. The Board replied that they have not heard anything further but will inquire about it.

Heidi Fiedler, East Wesner Rd., stated there is a huge tree that is in the Willow Creek and needs to be removed parallel to her driveway. She also asked about the plan to address all the sedimentation and erosion at the West Walnut Tree Bridge. Josh Meck said they did a bridge inspection and review with a few suggestions and advised the township. Ms. Fielder and the Board continued the discussion and thanked her for her comments.

Charles L. Voorhies, West Walnut Tree Dr., asked when the township would find out the revenue from the warehouse. Diane Hollenbach explained that it would be sometime in July. He commented that the Northern Berks Police Department should hire more officers. Mr. Meck said it has been discussed at the Police Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eric Bauman and seconded by Dawn Geschwindt. The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Hafer
Township Secretary