
**LIMERICK TOWNSHIP - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

A meeting of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, in the Public Meeting Room of the Limerick Township Municipal Building with Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr., Chairman, presiding.

Members Present: Supervisors D. Elaine DeWan, Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr., Joseph St. Pedro, Kara Shuler, and Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr. (arrived late)

Others Present: Joseph J. McGrory, Jr., Esq., Township Solicitor; Khaled R. Hassan, P.E., Township Engineer; Daniel K. Kerr, Township Manager; Beth F. DiPrete, Asst. Twp. Mgr./Finance Director/Treasurer; William J. Albany, Chief of Police; and Karen M. Hegedus, Parks and Recreation Director.

Call To Order: Mr. Neafcy called the meeting to order at 7:18 P.M. Gail Wellington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening Comments/Announcements**THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED.**

Mr. Neafcy announced that the Board met in Executive Session immediately prior to the Meeting to discuss Legal Issues.

Budget Workshop Meeting – Saturday, October 15, 2011 in the Township Building.

Limerick Twp. Police Association's 8th Annual Fall Golf Classic – Monday, September 26, 2011 beginning at 12:00 Noon, Turtle Creek Golf Club.

Limerick Community Day 2011 – Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Limerick Community Park from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Rain date: October 1st.

Consideration of Minutes: Upon motion made by Ms. DeWan and seconded by Ms. Shuler, the September 6, 2011 Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comments on Agenda Items: None.

Bills List: Upon motion made by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Ms. Shuler, Bills List #17 for the period of 9/03/11 through 9/16/11 in the amount of \$181,976.61 was unanimously approved.

Monthly Reports: Upon motion made by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, the August, 2011 reports of the Treasurer, Zoning/Code Enforcement Office, Public Works Department, Police Department, Parks & Recreation Department, and Sewer Department Superintendent, were unanimously accepted.

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Subdivision and Land Development

Extensions: **Upon motion made** by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Ms. DeWan, the following extensions to the 90-day review period were unanimously accepted:

- a. Limerick Car Wash & Quick Lube (#09-06): Extended to 12/30/11
- b. New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (#11-03): Extended to 12/21/11

Confirmed Appointments

Winterthur Wendt USA – Lots 54 and 53 at the Linfield Corporate Center – Tom Ludgate of Ludgate Engineering made the presentation on behalf of Winterthur Wendt USA. He noted that the current Plan for Linfield Corporate Center previously received Final Plan Approval, but the additions which include a new entrance on Enterprise, new parking, and new loading docks in the back of the building, have yet to be constructed. The new Plan will include the same building addition, only slightly larger. The new driveway (that was going to be next to the building) has been moved down to the corner of the lot, and now there is a loop drive which will allow trucks to enter in the one driveway, and employees and other cars to enter in the other driveway. With the previous plan, they would have been sharing an existing driveway. This is a better plan with the same building footprint that was previously approved. The Board had various questions, and a discussion ensued. It is anticipated that 20-30 new jobs will be generated. Mr. McGrory clarified that this will be a Plan Amendment because the previous Plan was not recorded. No action was taken.

New Business

Resolutions – 2012 MMO's – Mr. Kerr advised that the Actuarial Studies have been received for the Township's three Pension Plans. It is an annual requirement for the Board to approve the Studies and to post the Minimum Municipal Obligation into the upcoming Budget.

Motion was made by Ms. DeWan and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to approve Resolution No. 2011-28 Accepting the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Limerick Township Police Pension Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Ms. DeWan, to approve Resolution No. 2011-29 Accepting the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Ms. DeWan, to approve Resolution No. 2011-30 Accepting the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Limerick Township Retirement Savings Plan. Motion passed unanimously.

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Discussion – Kurylo Farm Lease: Mr. Kerr presented a proposal from Waltz Turf Farm to lease 50 acres of the former Kurylo Farm property on North Limerick Road for farming at the rate of \$60.00 per acre, totaling \$3,000.00 per year. A local farmer currently maintains the property and cuts it for hay. Terry Schlichter has agreed to provide the Township with a Certificate of Insurance. He advised that they hold all current licenses for any fertilizers and/or pesticides they would utilize, and they only buy their materials from suppliers who hold valid licenses. If the ground is dry enough in the Fall he hopes to plant winter wheat. In the Spring, he is planning on soy beans or oats. After that, he will determine if the ground is suitable for a turf crop. If they do go with a turf crop, they place approximately 6 to 8 inches of organic material down in which the turf then grows. Once it is harvested very little of the original topsoil is actually removed. Mr. Kerr advised that he has obtained an e-mail from the County acknowledging that this activity will not void any Open Space Covenant so long as the property remains open for public use. The Township Parks Committee wishes to investigate a community garden or passive trails on the property, so we will make sure any Farming Agreement accounts for those public uses.

Mr. Neafcy suggested waiving the fees in lieu of using Mr. Schlichter's expertise and services to work on the fields at the Community Park. A discussion ensued.

Mr. McGrory asked Mr. Schlichter to schedule a time to meet with Staff to discuss the proposed Lease Agreement.

Motion was made by Ms. DeWan and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to approve the terms of the three-year Farming Lease with Waltz Turf Farm, and authorize the Township Solicitor to prepare an Agreement to formalize the details. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion - Budget Issues for Parks and Recreation – Mr. Kerr reviewed the current Parks and Recreation Staff and their need for an increase in staff. The Board was provided with a listing of the current organizations who rent fields at the parks. Also provided was a listing of community events that use the parks, as well as additional organizations which are looking to lease playing fields. He detailed the various uses of the fields and the increasing demand, noting that the fields are used year-round for baseball, lacrosse, soccer, etc. because these sports are no longer "seasonal". As a result, more maintenance and fertilization is required. There is a need to increase the parking area as well. The question was raised as to whether residents and non-residents pay the same fee for use of the fields, and Ms. Hegedus reviewed the fee schedule. A discussion ensued. Mr. Kerr explained that Budget discussions for next year will include changes in the Fee Schedule, more fertilization, and increased parking spaces at the Community Park. Administration would like to focus on increasing the demand for use of Linfield Sports Park, taking pressure off of the Community Park. The Public Works Department has doubled the parking facilities at Linfield since acquiring it.

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Mr. Hassan reviewed the two options that he prepared for Linfield Sports Park. He explained that Option #2 is the best case scenario, utilizing two lacrosse fields and five soccer fields as well as two softball fields.

Mr. Kerr explained that there is an old storage building/bathroom facility on the back of the pavilion which Public Works will be knocking down in the Fall, and will be pricing a prefabricated bathroom facility with holding tanks to be included in the Budget talks for consideration. Mr. Bradford is currently speaking with Pennsylvania American Water Company regarding the possibility of obtaining an easement to run public water through Churchill Estates Development. Otherwise, there is the option for a well. The hope is to have all of this work accomplished in 2012 so that in 2013 Linfield Sports Park will be utilized more while renovations can begin on the fields at Limerick Community Park.

Tom Schadt thanked the Supervisors for purchasing and improving the Linfield property on behalf of the Linfield ASA Men's Slow Pitch League. Their league currently has 11 teams. All other Men's Slow Pitch Leagues in the surrounding areas have dissolved. He said there is no field at Linfield Sports Park, other than the baseball field, which can accommodate adult men's softball. His league requires two fields to exist. He noted that when soccer is played on the baseball field, that tends to ruin the field.

Mr. Kerr noted that the Parks and Recreation Committee is a volunteer committee. The Administration is looking to transition the Committee from the day-to-day activities and fund raising. In speaking with the Chairman and other members of the committee, they expressed the desire to work more towards planning. One suggestion was with regard to the Kurylo Farm property to initiate a Community Garden, where people can rent a plot of land and grow vegetables. The Committee has expressed their desire to continue working on Community Day as well, and they would like to get involved with working on Grant programs. The Township is working toward a Grant for a Master Trails and Sidewalk Plan, and the P and R Committee would like to be the lead committee to work with the Township Planner. Another project of interest is to organize a volunteer base in the community to assist with various events. A brief discussion ensued. No action was taken.

Extension – Delta Development Contract: Mr. Kerr advised that the current agreement with Delta runs out at the end of the month, and they are willing to end the current month-to-month contract that we have and instead go on an hourly basis. **Motion was made** by Ms. DeWan and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to approve a monthly contract with Delta Development on an as needed basis at an hourly rate. Motion passed unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Board Advisories

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ZHB #11-10, Brook G. Buck and Melissa C. Buck – 488 Swamp Pike: **Motion was made** by Ms. Shuler and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to remain neutral and let the Zoning Hearing Board handle the Application. Motion passed unanimously.

ZHB #11-12, David V. Law – 48 Penn Road: Mr. McGrory noted that his understanding is that the Board has no objection to this proposed use as long as it is limited to this particular person that lives there, and as long as he maintains the primary residence. The use is to be vacated if he ever sells/rents the property, or no longer has it as a primary residence. **Motion was made** by Ms. DeWan and seconded by Ms. Shuler, to stand in opposition unless the Board is in receipt of a declaration to the stated effect, prior to the hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments: None.

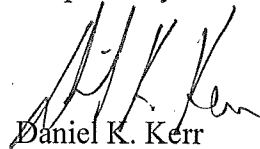
Supervisor Comments: Mr. Neafcy said he received a request from a resident in Heritage Ridge that there are two children who are hearing impaired, and a neighbor and resident asked if a Hearing Impaired sign could be posted. Mr. Kerr said that “Deaf Child” signs can be posted, and Mr. Bradford is obtaining a price for the signs. Ms. Shuler asked that the Home Owners Association be requested to share in the cost of the signs.

Mr. Neafcy asked the status of the Streetscape and Buffering Committee and the Trail Grant submission by Peter Simone. Mr. Kerr advised that Mr. Simone will be coming in for an upcoming Staff Meeting, and he will have documentation for review by the Streetscape and Buffering Committee thereafter.

Mr. Neafcy announced that the Board will adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel, but no action will be required.

Adjournment: There being no further business, **motion was made** by Ms. DeWan and seconded by Ms. Shuler to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel K. Kerr
Township Manager