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

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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A meeting of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, in the Public Meeting Room of the Limerick Township Municipal Building with Kara Shuler, Vice Chairman, presiding. This meeting was advertised in The Mercury on January 6, 2016.

**Members Present:** Supervisors Kara Shuler, Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr., and Joseph St. Pedro

**Members Absent:** Supervisors Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr. and D. Elaine DeWan

**Others Present:** Joseph J. McGrory, Jr., Esq., Township Solicitor; Khaled R. Hassan, P.E., Township Engineer; Joseph P. Platt, P.E., Traffic Engineer; Daniel K. Kerr, Township Manager; Beth F. DiPrete, Asst. Twp. Mgr./Treasurer; R. Brian Skelton, Chief of Police; and Greta Martin Washington, Director of Community Planning/Zoning Officer

**Call To Order:** Ms. Shuler called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Opening Comments/Announcements**

**THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED.**

- Executive Session prior to the meeting re: Litigation
- Coffee Break Talks for Seniors – FREE – Wednesday, September 28, 2016 from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. in the Township Building – subject is Wildlife of Pennsylvania
- Limerick Police Association’s 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Golf Classic – Friday, October 7, 2016 at Turtle Creek Golf Club, 10:30 A.M. Registration, Shotgun Start at 12 P.M.  
*REGISTRATION DEADLINE is Friday, September 23, 2016*
- Fire Prevention Week – Sunday, October 9, 2016 to Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> with the theme for 2016 being “Don’t Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years”.
- Hayride of Horrors – Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, October 28, 29 & 30, 2016 at Linfield Fire Company, 1077 Main Street, Linfield from 6:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. – *Fee: Adults - \$10.00, Children under 12 yrs.- \$5.00*
- Budget Workshop Meetings – Scheduled for Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. and Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 A.M., both in the Township Building and Budget Discussions will continue to take place at our Board of Supervisors meetings during October and November

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- General Election – Tuesday, November 8, 2016
  - Last day to REGISTER before the NOVEMBER election is October 11
  - Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot: November 1
  - Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted civilian absentee ballots: November 4
- Remember to check our website for up-coming Parks & Recreation events

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None.

**Bills List:** Upon motion made by Mr. Sperring and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, Bills List #18 for the period of 09/02/16 through 09/16/16 in the amount of \$666,538.54 was unanimously approved.

**Monthly Reports:** Upon motion made by Mr. Sperring and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, the August, 2016 reports of the Emergency Services Department, Code Services Department, Public Works Department, Police Department, Parks & Recreation Department, and Sewer Department Superintendent, were unanimously accepted.

### **Subdivision and Land Development**

#### **Confirmed Appointments:**

Piazza Realty Corp. – 3373 Ridge Pike & Fruitville Road: Mr. Ted Drauschak, of Helianthus LLC, a Real Estate Developer working with Piazza Realty Corp. was before the Board to discuss a development plan for the former Whiskey Girl Saloon property at the corner of Ridge and Fruitville Road. Ms. Lisa Thomas, Land Planner of Glackin Thomas Panzak, Land Planner, presented the Concept Plan for the 5.50 acre property which includes two (2) new buildings with a total of approximately 22,000 sq. ft. of proposed retail space with parking along Ridge Pike and 19 townhouse units with off-street parking behind and along Fruitville Road. Also shown on the plan was Stormwater Management Areas and landscaping to comply with the Main Street District Zoning. It was confirmed that the existing building would be demolished in this process. The Board voiced no opposition to the plan at this time seeing it complies with the Main Street District.

Robert Christman – Linfield Sports Park: Mr. Christman, who runs the Linfield Adult Softball League, had requested time to discuss the need for additional adult softball fields at Linfield Sports Park due to the outfields being rented to lacrosse teams. He commented that Limerick Township's Public Works Department does an excellent job maintaining the fields, but Field

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#2's infield does not get used because lacrosse uses the outfield. Ms. Shuler asked what Mr. Christman's ideal schedule would be and he replied with use of both fields for softball use Monday through Friday from mid-April through Labor Day. A question was posed regarding the installation of lights on Field #1; Ms. Shuler responded that since the park is in the middle of a high density residential area that lights would most likely not be installed.

Mr. Kerr added that the Township has a high demand, across the entire community, for playing fields and is trying to accommodate everyone. Additionally, the Township is hopeful to accept a donation of an additional 24 acres at Limerick Community Park which the Township can then plan on the best use for to meet the needs of the entire community. Mr. Kerr stated that based on the needs of the lacrosse organization, the Township most likely will not be able to accommodate Mr. Christman's request for two softball fields Monday through Friday, but hopefully a compromise can be found. Mr. Kerr stated that further communication would be offered before the playing season next spring.

#### **Oath of Office – Fire Police Officers**

- *Joseph Buckley*
- *Jonathan Kern*
- *Michelle Major*
- *Dennis Rumler*
- *William P. Rumler - absent*
- *William J. Rumler*
- *Richard Dunn - absent*
- *Dan Miller*

Ms. Shuler had the honors of performing the formal public swearing in ceremony for member of the Linfield Volunteer Fire Company as new Fire Police Officers.

**Motion was made** by Mr. Sperring and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to appoint Joseph Buckley, Jonathan Kern, Michelle Major, Dennis Rumler, William P. Rumler, William J. Rumler, Richard Dunn, and Dan Miller as Linfield Fire Company Fire Police Officers. Motion passed unanimously.

Review Site Plan Police/Municipal Complex – 646 W. Ridge Pike: Mr. Kerr stated for the benefit of the public the Township has been working with the architect on the design of a proposed police/municipal complex. In order to limit the site work and keep costs down, the plan is to demolish this building and rebuild over the existing building's footprint and reuse the parking lots. Mr. Kerr clarified that this will not be an approval for the new Municipal Complex; this is only an approval for the project to be submitted as a Land Development project.

Mr. Hassan offered a brief presentation to the Board pertaining to the site design for the new Police/Municipal Complex. It is the intention that this project will comply with all Subdivision and Land Development and Zoning Ordinances including, but not limited to, Landscaping,

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Stormwater, and Lighting requirements. Due to the limited disturbance and the fact the new building will be constructed over the existing structure, staff is requesting that the plan proceed as a Preliminary/Final request.

Mr. Kerr followed that the plan will be submitted to the Montgomery County Planning Commission and scheduled for review before the Township Planning Commission as well. After which, the plan should then be in a position for a final review by the Board in early October and be ready for a final vote of approval.

**Motion was made** by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Mr. Sperring, to approve a Preliminary/Final Land Development process for the Limerick Township Police/Municipal Complex. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Development Projects:**

Name/File No.: Linfield Corporate Center Lot 47R – Rothman (#16-04)  
 Location: Enterprise Drive  
 Review Phase: Preliminary Resolution

Mr. Kerr informed the Board that they reviewed this project at the July 5, 2016, and the Resolutions have now been signed by the applicant with no changes.

**Motion was made** by Mr. Sperring and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to approve the Preliminary Resolution #16-04 for Linfield Corporate Center Lot 47R - Rothman. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business**

Approval – Disposal of Vehicles: Mr. Kerr offered that Chief Skelton is recommending disposal of the two vehicles that have been taken out of the fleet and were replaced within the current year budget. The items will be sent to local auctions in November for disposal as is the normal course of business.

**Motion was made** by Mr. Sperring and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to approve the Disposal of Township Vehicles per the Township Memo dated September 12, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval – West Cherry Lane Realignment/Limerick Center Road Payment No. 2: Mr. Kerr introduced the topic and noted that this project remains approximately \$22,000 under budget, as approved in the previous change order/payment request. Mr. Joseph Platt stated the project is

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nearing completion but clean up remaining. Positive comments heard by the Board on the project were mentioned on the improved safety of the intersection.

**Motion was made** by Mr. Sperring and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to approve Payment #2 in the amount of \$435,063.08. Motion passed unanimously.

**Legal**

Lisa Carlson v. Limerick Township Police Department: Mr. McGrory stated that under the Township's insurance policy the Board does not have a Consent to Settle Clause, but do have a Right to Object Clause. Mr. McGrory is in favor of the practice of having the Board vote at a public meeting on not objecting to a settlement for litigation cases in which our Insurance Co. have reached a settlement.

**Motion was made** by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Mr. Sperring, to not object to the settlement between Lisa Carlson v. Limerick Township Police Department, Montgomery County CCP No.: 2015-06087. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**: None.

**Supervisor Comments**: None.

**Adjournment**: There being no further business, **motion was made** by Mr. St. Pedro and seconded by Mr. Sperring to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Daniel K. Kerr  
Township Manager