

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of Workshop Meeting held September 8, 2015

A workshop meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Lower Paxton Township was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Chairman William B. Hawk, on the above date in the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present in addition to Mr. Hawk were: William C. Seeds, Sr., William L. Hornung, Gary A. Crissman, and Robin L. Lindsey.

Also in attendance was George Wolfe, Township Manager; Steven Stine, Township Solicitor; Chief Tom Swank, Chief Colonial Park Fire Company; Chief William Payne, Linglestown Fire Company; Brian Evans, Evans Engineering; and Watson Fisher, SWAN

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Hornung led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

No comments were provided.

Board Member Comments

Ms. Lindsey noted that during last week's meeting, the Board acknowledged three firefighters who had provided many years of service to the Township. She noted that the Board forgot to mention the Length of Service Awards Program (LOSAP) that the Township has provided for the firefighters. She noted that it allows for a defined stipend benefit per month to the volunteer firefighters who meet certain criteria. She noted that they can receive up to \$250 a month tax free for their service. She noted that we encourage new volunteers to join as there is a benefit. She thanked Chief Swank and Chief Payne and their volunteers for all they do for the Township.

Mr. Seeds noted that he wanted to mention that the Linglestown Sestercentennial will be held on October 9th through the 11th. He noted that it will be a great weekend in Linglestown with parades, etc. He welcomed all to come out and attend the event. He noted that he and Mr. Hornung are growing beards as part of the event. He noted that there will be a contest for the men who grow beards.

Budget discussion regarding the Fire Equipment Capital Plan

Mr. Wolfe noted that representatives are present from the Colonial Park and Linglestown Fire Companies to talk about the Fire Equipment Capital Plan (FECP). He noted that this is a budget discussion that the Board scheduled about two months ago.

Mr. Crissman questioned if the two chiefs had a copy of the memo that former Public Safety Director (PSD) Johnson submitted in regards to a fire study for the Township. Chief Swank answered yes but he questioned Mr. Wolfe if he received the corrections. Mr. Wolfe answered yes. He noted that there was a correction to the study that he received from Chief Swank.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if there has been an update to the document that she has in front of her, except for the one comment from Chief Swank. Mr. Wolfe answered no.

Mr. Wolfe noted that discussions in regard to the FECP began over a year ago when the firefighters came to the Board to propose the purchase of three pieces of equipment for each of the Township's volunteer fire companies. He noted that the Board had a concern at that time that the three items that were proposed to be purchased were necessary, looking at three aerial units. He noted that the Board requested PSD Johnson to prepare a review and analysis of the Township's fire equipment in regards to the FECP and make a recommendation. He noted that is the document Ms. Lindsey referred to that was included in the Board's packet.

Mr. Crissman noted, after reading the study, he went to the last paragraph. He noted that the chiefs know what PSD Johnson wrote in the final report and he questioned how they would respond to the last paragraph.

Chief Swank noted that is the paragraph that is in question as we are not eliminating Engine 33-1 and Engine 34-1. He noted that we are eliminating Engine 34 and 33 at the end of their life expectancy. Mr. Crissman questioned if we are looking at the same document. Mr. Wolfe answered yes; however, there was a correction that the fire chiefs made to the document.

Chief Payne noted that Engine 35-1 is owned by the Linglestown Fire Company. He noted that there was talk about using it as a reserve piece of equipment, but that rig is not a suppression engine. Mr. Crissman noted that Engine 35-1 should not be included in the study.

Ms. Lindsey noted that it should be Engine 33-1 and 34-1. Chief Swank answered no, it should be Engine 33 and 34 that will be eliminated at the end of their life expectancy. Mr. Crissman questioned if that is different, noting that is not what the study says. Chief Swank answered that is why he questioned Mr. Wolfe about the last paragraph.

Mr. Seeds noted that it states that one rig should be kept in service. Chief Swank answered that one rig should be kept in reserve; to be decided at a later date. Mr. Seeds noted that you don't disagree with the last paragraph. Mr. Crissman answered that they do as it is saying that we should lose Engine 33 now, but what he is hearing is no, that it should be removed at the end of its life expectancy. Chief Swank noted that is correct; what he wanted to do was to get permission from PSD Johnson before he left to get a quote for a new engine rescue. He noted that Colonial Park spent \$13,000 to refurb the current truck to push that replacement back. He submitted a cost savings of about \$200,000 to replace Engine 33-1 now, and if that happens he would have to go back to Colonial Park and have them vote to put Engine 33 up for sale and use those proceeds to offset the cost of a new engine. He explained that he can't get rid of the old engine until he took delivery of the new one.

Mr. Wolfe noted that it addresses what is proposed for Colonial Park but he questioned what Chief Payne wanted to do.

Chief Payne noted that he wants the original engine that he has now but he would like to sell the suppression engine and replace it with a new engine since it is hitting its 17-year mark. He noted that he is fine with the tanker that they own that was in the last round of replacement. He noted that he does not see a need to replace the tanker for at least 20 years, and won't be around for that replacement. He noted that rig is not that busy as it is used as a specialty piece and it only gets used once in a while. He suggested to take it off the replacement plan and hold on to it. Ms. Lindsey questioned how old is it. Chief Payne answered that it was bought in 2009.

Mr. Crissman noted that 35 should not be part of this discussion. Chief Payne answered the tanker, but the engine should be. He noted that is the only unit he wants to replace at this time.

Mr. Wolfe noted that Colonial Park is proposing to purchase an engine rescue with the sale of existing Engine 33 and Linglestown is proposing to purchase a new engine with taking the existing engine out of service at the end of its useful life. Chief Payne noted that he will sell

the engine that he has now once the new one is delivered.

Ms. Lindsey noted that Chief Swank wants an engine/rescue to replace Engine 33. Chief Swank answered that the plan states that Colonial Park will have an engine/rescue. Ms. Lindsey questioned what the difference is. Chief Swank answered that an engine/rescue provides the ability to do suppression and also vehicle rescue. He noted that it is a dual purpose vehicle. Ms. Lindsey questioned Chief Swank if he has one at this time. Chief Swank answered no, only Chief Fife has a rescue. He noted that it would provide for Paxtonia and Colonial Park to have an engine rescue.

Mr. Wolfe noted that it is unfair for the two chiefs to speak for Paxtonia Fire Company. Ms. Lindsey questioned if Mr. Wolfe knows what Paxtonia is looking to do. Mr. Wolfe answered no.

Mr. Crissman questioned where the representation from Paxtonia Fire Company is. Ms. Lindsey questioned if they were notified about the meeting. Chief Swank answered yes.

Mr. Hornung questioned if the ladder trucks are still standing. Chief Payne answered yes. Chief Swank noted that Colonial Park would be forgoing the replacement of its current truck as the cost was roughly \$1 million. Mr. Hornung questioned for how long. Chief Swank answered that it was purchased in 1997 but this year we spent \$13,000 to buy five more years. Ms. Lindsey questioned if it is a safety issue. Chief Swank answered no.

Chief Payne noted for Linglestown's tower truck, the replacement price for what we have at \$1.3 million but he is going to get a refurb price and was told that they could probably do that for about \$500,000, providing roughly another 15 years of life. He noted that it is a 2000 unit.

Ms. Lindsey noted that they say that they will last about 18 to 20 years. Chief Payne agreed.

Mr. Hornung questioned if it would cost \$500,000 to refurbish the unit. Chief Payne answered that it would be \$1.3 million to replace it. Mr. Wolfe noted that aerial units have increased in costs over the past ten years. Mr. Hornung questioned what would they do for \$500,000. Chief Payne answered that they would repaint the entire fire truck, get rid of the corrosion, replace all the hydraulics, lift cylinders, out-rigger cylinders, hydraulic pumps, and refurb the cab to bring it to National Fire Protection (NFP) Compliance standards. He noted that he is not saying that it is not safe now, but it would bring it up to the latest NFP standards.

Mr. Hornung questioned when you have to do that by. Chief Payne answered that we don't have to do it but if we refurbished the unit, this is what they recommend that we do. Mr. Hornung questioned when Chief Payne thought this should be done. Chief Payne answered in the next two to three years we should look at it.

Mr. Crissman noted by working together as a team, he would not want both units to be purchased at the same time in the same year. He noted that is the issue in that we need to be continually working together to have an even flow of expenditures as opposed to having high and low years for expenditures. He noted that he appreciates the team work with both Chiefs as they work together.

Mr. Seeds questioned Chief Payne if the ladders were refurbished, could you get another ten to 15 years out of them for \$500,000 as opposed to \$1.3 million. Chief Payne answered yes. He noted that the price will change over the next three years as it keeps going up. Mr. Seeds stated that it sounds like a good deal to him. Chief Payne suggested that it would be a wise choice.

Chief Payne noted that it would be wise to buy two rigs at the same time but it would be good to go with the same manufacturer and buy two at a time. Mr. Hornung questioned what rigs would it be. Chief Payne answered two engines, an engine/rescue and an engine, buying both at the same time as most of the manufacturers will give you a significant discount. He noted when we bought the tanker and engine we saved almost \$70,000. He noted that Paxtonia did not want to join in that venture with that manufacturer. He noted that there would have been more of a savings if they had bought the three rigs from the same place. Mr. Crissman noted that it makes sense when we work collectively.

Mr. Wolfe questioned the chiefs if they had an estimated cost for the engine and engine rescue. Chief Swank noted that he submitted a quote to PSD Johnson prior to his leaving, he noted that it came in at \$825,000 for the engine rescue but he noted that KME is providing some cost savings and he could delete some things by switching the stainless steel body to aluminum saving \$11,500. He suggested that he could get it under \$800,000. Chief Payne noted that his price was \$540,000 but it was a year and a half ago when he submitted the paper work. He suggested that it may be \$575,000 now.

Ms. Lindsey noted if you both purchase from the same vendor you would experience

additional savings. Chief Swank agreed.

Mr. Hornung noted that Paxtonia is not present but their request is to purchase a new ladder. He questioned what year is their ladder. Chief Payne answered 1998. Mr. Hornung's noted that Chief Swank's ladder is a 1997 model. He questioned how you can get away with \$13,000. Chief Swank noted that he only took care of the rust and corrosion, doing body work and nothing with the lifts or hydraulics. Mr. Hornung questioned if that unit was refurbished. Chief Swank answered that it has been repainted three times, but nothing with the hydraulics. He noted that every year we take it for its annual certification and we have not had any problems with it.

Mr. Hornung questioned if Chief Swank's unit could be refurbished, shouldn't Paxtonia's be refurbished. Chief Payne noted that his recommendation is instead of replacing all of them to refurbish them. He noted that the aerial devices in this Township do not get utilized like the City of Harrisburg. He noted that the City of Harrisburg gets 15 years out of them with all the work they have. He noted that we could get away at half the price by refurbishing all three units and still get another 15 years out of them, but once you do that they won't be worth anything when you go to sell them.

Mr. Hornung questioned when they refurbish a unit do they look at the engine and transmission to make sure it is in good shape. Chief Payne answered no but with the amount of miles that we put on our equipment it doesn't have that many miles on it. He noted that the difference between our tower truck and his ladder truck is that it is maxed out at 80,000 pounds, as opposed to Chief Swank's that maxes out at about 65,000 pounds. He noted that he has a lot more weight and more to lift.

Mr. Wolfe noted that Linglestown carries water in their trucks. Chief Swank answered that we both do. Mr. Wolfe suggested that Paxtonia does not carry water. Chief Swank answered that is correct. Ms. Lindsey noted that is because it is a tiller truck. Mr. Wolfe noted that the fire study plans calls for it to carry water.

Mr. Hornung questioned if Paxtonia has a water truck. Chief Swank answered that they have a suppression engine. Mr. Hornung noted that they have to run two rigs since they don't have water in the tiller. Chief Swank noted that what PSD Johnson proposed for that problem was that they would purchase a new aerial that would have to have a pump and a tank. He noted

since they would be losing a suppression engine, there would be apparatus at all three fire companies that can carry water.

Mr. Hornung noted that ladder trucks are used in areas where there are higher buildings and in those areas there normally is public water or fire hydrants. He questioned if they get used much in areas where there is no public water. He questioned, what the ratio is for when a ladder truck goes out that it will not have public water. Chief Swank noted that he has a very small area that does not have public water. Chief Payne noted that it would be about 50% for his coverage area, up in the mountain area.

Mr. Hornung questioned if the aerials would go up the mountain. Chief Payne answered yes, he noted that it is sent for any structure fire in Linglestown. He noted that it would change the order the rigs arrive to the fire scene as it would be second and not first. He noted that he carries a lot of five inch supply line in the back of his engine for when he needs to make a long lay up the mountain to the top of Forest Hills. He noted that Paxtonia would also assist with those calls.

Mr. Wolfe noted that at this time we have a little less than \$1.4 million in the FECP, and in the past, the Board has purchased equipment and paid it in arrears by which the General Fund has front-loaded the FECP money to complete a purchase, in order to pay it off in future years through the annual allocations. He noted that all three fire companies' purchases were handled in this manner in the past.

Ms. Lindsey questioned, since there is not enough money in the account are we not putting enough in the budget every year Mr. Wolfe explained that it is the Board's decision for how much should be put in each year. Ms. Lindsey noted that she has only been a member for over a year and a half and questioned if they have not been putting enough in to cover the purchases.

Mr. Hornung noted that we have not increased it for about 15 years. Mr. Wolfe noted that you decreased it when you established the LOSAP. He noted, when the fund was established he was not sure they ever expected to purchase all the units at the same time, but they did establish \$250,000 at the time. He noted that it is not enough in today's dollars.

Chief Payne noted that about four years ago, the chiefs came to the Board when Mr. Blain was still on the Board. He noted that we all agreed that night that the FECP was short on funds.

Chief Swank noted that it did not keep up with inflation.

Mr. Hornung noted that was during the recession when we had no extra funds and it was not a good time to talk about extra money. He noted that we did not disagree that more funds were needed but where would it come from.

Mr. Seeds noted that we took the LOSAP from the account and we need to take another look at it. He suggested that it should be funded separately and we should put the capital fund back where it was.

Mr. Crissman noted that there is another issue in the report but we can't address it since the other fire company is not present.

Mr. Hornung noted that he gets mixed signals on this one. He noted that he feels comfortable talking with the two chiefs that you have given me honest and sincere answers and you are trying to keep the costs down and still try to get what you need. He noted that one allegation was that volunteerism is dropping. He questioned if that is true.

Chief Swank noted from years past, we can agree that it is down, but he is not sure that fire trucks are able to get out during the day, but between the three fire companies we do very well for being volunteers. He noted that people are not banging on the doors to give free time when they have other obligations with their families and children. He noted that those times have changed.

Chief Payne noted in 2009 he averaged 18 to 19 guys per call, but now it is nine.

Mr. Crissman questioned if we had more, less or about the same number of students from Harrisburg Area Community College who are live-ins. Chief Swank noted that he has six students at his station now, noting that his numbers are up and down, as some of these students don't make it the whole way through as they are hired in career departments and never finish their college education. He noted that he gets his students by word of mouth.

Chief Payne noted that he only has one live-in as they don't have the facilities for it, but he is hoping to look into it. He noted that everyone in the area, West Hanover Township, Derry Township, Hampton Township, are all soliciting live-ins. He noted that the students have more places to choose to live when they are looking for places to stay. He noted that the competition is tuff as they have nice facilities.

Mr. Hornung noted as we direct Township funds, the goals for the allocations for the fire

companies was to provide relief from fundraising to buy the equipment. He noted that there is so much training and schooling that is necessary. He questioned should we direct funds to building live-in quarters. He noted that it is nice to buy equipment but if you have no one to get on it, it doesn't solve the issue. Chief Swank answered that he did not think that we are there yet. Mr. Hornung noted that he does not want to wait until we get to that point. Chief Swank noted that we would come to you before we would get to that point. He noted that recruitment and retention is up and down. He noted a couple of months ago he had five new people join. He noted that the times have changed just like the teenagers have changed. He noted that it was brought up that helping the community was something you do, but those times have changed.

Chief Payne noted that his son is 15 years old and when he turned 14 he asked him if he wanted to join the fire service and he told him that he was not interested. He noted between his sports and school activities the demand on kids especially for sports in high school is like a full time job. He noted that he is happy for him, but to spend a couple minutes at a volunteer fire house anymore it is not there. He noted that some of the parents are working two jobs to make ends meet.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if the decrease of volunteers is due to people who have retired and the younger ones are not getting involved. Chief Payne answered that he does not have a young crowd. He noted that the 18 to 25 year olds are not joining. He noted that the amount of hours that you have to put into training is huge.

Ms. Lindsey noted that she took a public safety class in the beginning of the year and they stated, for the State of Pennsylvania, at one time there was 300,000 fire fighters but now it is down to 50,000.

Chief Swank noted that our membership is down but it is not down to a point where he is telling the Board that it needs to look at a career department.

Chief Payne noted if he did not have rules in his fire house he could probably have 20 guys showing up. He noted he could do that if he wanted to make it a playground or a place where they can hang out and just have fun. He noted that the nine guys that turn out on average are good, trained well, and take it seriously. Chief Swank noted that we have an excellent group of volunteers. Mr. Hornung agreed but he questioned if there is anything the Board can do to try to help get more volunteers. Chief Swank noted, when he spoke in the past about having to do

fundraisers, those days have come and gone. He noted that the lemon is squeezed and there is no more juice. He noted that we have talked about the Township taking on vehicle maintenance and other things that help to lift the burden on the fire company so that they don't have to do the soup sales or sell Christmas trees. He noted that they also sponsored a 5k race and the mass mailings. Ms. Lindsey questioned if they are not getting back what they thought they should for the mass mailings. Chief Swank noted that the best return we received was after the 911 event. Chief Payne noted that last year he had his best mailing getting almost \$40,000 from the community.

Mr. Hornung questioned what makes up the difference between the two fire companies. He noted that there has been a lot of attention to Linglestown and it is more of a community awareness thing. He questioned if that helps Linglestown. Chief Payne answered that Linglestown is a different area, noting that it is almost the center of the community and many things occur in our building. He noted that the 250th celebration has been focused around the fire house and the community takes a lot of pride in the square, flag pole and the fire company.

Chief Swank noted that it is demographics as Colonial Park has a lot of the older homes and apartments and people only have so much to give. He noted that is why he is asking to move forward with the purchase of new equipment.

Chief Payne noted that he has ideas but he would like to wait until the new Public Safety Director takes over. He noted that Swatara Township does a pay-per call thing. He noted that he has a lot of ideas and he would like to sit down with the three chiefs to come back with new ideas for helping out. He noted that we could do some things at the Friendship Center.

Chief Swank noted that we could apply for FEMA grants but everyone is not on the same sheet.

Mr. Seeds questioned if there is anything else in the study that the chiefs wanted to discuss. Chief Payne answered that he does not think the Township needs a reserve fire truck. He noted if you keep the staffing the way it is now, noting that there is some tension concerning the ladder trucks, he noted the Linglestown has an engine, a smaller engine and a tanker to pump water, he does not think the Township needs to take on the maintenance of a reserve engine. He noted that they can do their job without it and if his engine breaks down tonight he can still put a fire out in Linglestown without anyone being in jeopardy. He suggested that it is true for the other two fire companies. He noted that we had a reserve engine before and it was a shame what

happened to it and he thinks that it is money you don't need to spend. Chief Swank noted that he would rather have time to sell them and put the money back towards the FECP.

Mr. Hornung noted that the trucks that are available for sale, how much they would net. Chief Swank suggested \$50,000 plus a piece. Chief Payne suggested that his unit would bring in about \$70,000. Mr. Hornung noted that maybe \$120,000 would come back to the plan. Chief Swank agreed but he would have to contact a broker to provide an estimate. Ms. Lindsey questioned if you can trade in the old engine when purchasing new ones. Chief Payne answered that they are sold outright usually by a broker. He noted that an outfit bought their tanker and they found it on the internet for sale. He noted that it is much easier to get rid of it that way.

Ms. Lindsey noted that the Board knows that it needs to put more money in the FECP. Mr. Hornung suggested that we should wait until the Public Safety Director is hired and he agrees with Ms. Lindsey; however, the question is how much is for equipment and how much goes towards recruitment for volunteers. He noted that he is looking to put some of that money to help get more volunteers. He noted that discussion must be held with the new Public Safety Director.

Ms. Lindsey questioned if we could put an article in a future Township Newsletter; having the fire companies draft a letter about recruiting. She questioned if they go into the schools. Chief Swank answered yes, and we have stuff on our webpage. He noted that we have tried that as we got a grant fund to do that but we don't see much interest. He noted that he is here tonight is to ask permission to go out and get final numbers for the rigs, noting that we need to make a decision very soon as we have been talking about this for four years. He noted that he would like to know before he leaves tonight that he has permission to go out and contact a broker to get a price for at least two of the rigs to get an idea of what they are worth and then contact KME or Pierce to get numbers for how much money it would cost for the new rigs. Ms. Lindsey questioned how long it takes to get a rig after you order one. Chief Swank answered a year.

Mr. Hawk questioned of fire services from rural areas, due to the lack of calls, find that people don't think it is very alluring to volunteer as a firefighter. Chief Payne noted that they follow the NPF guidelines that sets forth the minimum amount of training that is required before you can enter a structure fire and do vehicle rescue before you could respond to those types of call. He suggested that many rural departments overlook that as they need the volunteers and he

does not want to take on that liability to say you are good to go when they don't have enough training to enter a structure fire. He noted that many rural departments don't do the training that we do. He noted that they are still wearing gear that is 20 years old and according to NFPA, we are not allowed to wear gear that is more than ten years old. He noted that they can't afford to get new stuff and many things get overlooked because they know they need the help.

Mr. Seeds questioned if Chief Swank was asking permission to get appraisals. Mr. Wolfe noted that they want to know if they can start the purchase process. Mr. Seeds noted that any bills for appraisals would come out of the FECF. Chief Swank answered that Engine 33 or 35 would be appraised and as they are sold the money would go back into the FECF to be used to offset the cost of new apparatus.

Mr. Seeds questioned if they would be sold before we purchase the new apparatus. Chief Swank answered that we can't do that. Mr. Wolfe noted that the Township owns the equipment so they have to be competitively bid for sale. He noted that they are asking if they can get final numbers for the new equipment. Ms. Lindsey noted that we need to know what it will cost.

Mr. Crissman noted that Engine 35 is exempt from the return of funds to the plan. Chief Payne noted that he wants to replace Engine 35, but Engine 35-1 is owned by us.

Ms. Lindsey noted that you want to see what it would cost to replace Engine 33 with an engine/rescue and replace Engine 35 with an engine. She noted that they would like to get an appraisal for the worth of the two engines they want to sell. Chief Swank answered yes.

Mr. Hornung questioned if you are both willing to hold off on the ladder trucks. Chief Payne answered that he would hold off for another two years about refurbishing. Mr. Hornung noted if we are only putting \$250,000 in the FECF, it would be more than two years. He noted do we push it back four years so we have that kind of money, he noted that more discussion is needed on that.

Mr. Crissman noted that we can buy new engines for 33 and 35 as we have two representatives from those two fire companies. He noted that we have also talked about working together because of the savings that we could accomplish but we don't have a representative present from Station 34. He noted if we are going to replace Engines 33 and 35 then 34 will have to come and make its own presentation to the Board and defend its position as well.

Ms. Lindsey noted that we need numbers to know what we are talking about. Mr.

Crissman noted that he will not let the other department ride on the coattails of these two departments. Ms. Lindsey suggested that we should give Chief Swank and Chief Payne permission to start looking to see what the numbers would be.

Mr. Seeds questioned Mr. Wolfe if he had a problem with that. Mr. Wolfe answered that Phase Four of the FECP is necessary and now would be as good as any to start it. He suggested that the Board should reduce it to a motion.

Ms. Lindsey made a motion that a representative from Colonial Park and Linglestown Fire Companies would be permitted to get estimates to replace Engine 33 and Engine 35 and to see what the resale value is for the old equipment to be replaced. Mr. Crissman seconded a motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Mr. Crissman requested that the fire chiefs work together and would they keep Mr. Wolfe abreast of the progress they are making, so that you don't have to come back to another meeting to know where you are in the process. He thanked them for working together. Ms. Lindsey thanked them for taking time from their busy schedules to attend the meeting.

Action on the consolidation of lots owned by David Kepler
and bisected by Blackberry Alley

Mr. Brian Evans, Evans Engineering noted that he was before the Board back in August to discuss Mr. Kepler's property. He noted when he discussed the rezoning it was suggested to him that he should reach out to the neighbors noting that he was leaving on vacation the following morning. He noted that Mr. Kepler did get out to the Linglestown Area Civic Association and met with them. He explained that Mr. Kepler spoke to the neighbor of the property on Blue Mountain Parkway and he got that information to Ms. Zerbe very quickly not expecting it to be on the agenda last week. He apologized that he did not have a letter in that packet as he did not realize that it was going to be on the agenda at that time. He noted that he sent a letter to Ms. Zerbe noting that he spoke to the Pastor at the church who has no concerns. He noted that everyone is fine with Mr. Kepler's request noting that he has the original letter that he sent to Ms. Zerbe with him at this time.

Ms. Lindsey noted that we are good to go as the Board was waiting to hear from the church.

Mr. Hornung noted that it is good to reach out to the neighbors and it is helpful when it

comes down to the construction. Mr. Evans noted that Mr. Seeds assisted him on contacting the Linglestown Area Civic Association. He noted that everything went well.

Ms. Lindsey noted that Mr. Wolfe stated that we can take action on this tonight. Mr. Hawk questioned if anyone wanted to make a motion.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to approve the consolidation of lots owned by David Kepler and bisected by Blackberry Alley. Ms. Lindsey seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Discussion regarding the Township's policy prohibiting advertising in municipal parks

Mr. Crissman noted that this is an ongoing discussion and he wanted to explain that he is not championing a cause, but simply asking the Board to consider once again the policy in regards to advertising in the municipal parks to include the Friendship Center. He noted over the years many municipalities and school districts have stated that they do not want paid advertising at their sport centers or gymnasiums or basketball or other activities. He noted that we have reached a point for additional funding and many organizations within the community are willing to step up and pay to provide equipment and bricks and mortar provided they have the opportunity to have their name presented to that. He noted that he asked that the Board review the policy and make some changes. He suggested that it be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board asking them to reconsider the policy and prepare a recommendation for the Board.

Mr. Crissman noted that this request for consideration comes as a result of the Friendship Center. He noted that we have an instructional tool in the leisure pool better known as Freddie the Frog. He noted that Freddie has reached the end of his life and will need to be replaced at a cost that exceeds over \$10,000. He noted that it is an exorbitant amount of money for a piece of equipment. He noted that a major sponsor came forth and indicated that they would be willing to purchase a new one but they would like to have their name printed on the frog. He noted that it is only one item but it parallels a philosophy that we have adhered to thus far. He requested that the Park and Recreation Board take this under consideration for further discussion to keep it the same, or possibly make some change to the policy.

Mr. Crissman noted that Mr. Wolfe provided to the Board what other school districts have done. He noted, during his tenure at Central Dauphin School District, no advertising was allowed; however since he has moved on, one of the major beverage company's paid for the

scoreboard at Landis Field. He noted that Mr. Wolfe has found other areas that have now moved in that direction.

Mr. Hawk noted that you are seeing more and more of this across the Commonwealth.

Mr. Seeds noted that he was a member of the Parks and Recreation Board many years ago and they have a policy and he suggested that it would be good to get a copy of that policy and ask them to review the policy again to make a recommendation to the Board. He noted in moving forward he thinks that it is an excellent idea about Freddie the Frog.

Mr. Crissman noted that this ties in with the challenge that the Board has given to the Friendship Center Operating Board (FCOB) as they are moving forward with a rock climbing wall. He noted that the Board stated that it would support the wall, but the FCOB may be able to find a major donor who would claim and pay for the climbing wall.

Mr. Crissman suggested that there may be some violations to the policy that he is asking for review of. Mr. Seeds answered that we have them in Koons Park and other parks. He suggested that it would be good for the Parks and Recreation Board to review it again.

Mr. Crissman suggested that we should have Mr. Wolfe direct the Parks and Recreation Board to place this on their agenda for review and make a recommendation to the Board.

Ms. Lindsey questioned is they put their names on something in the parks, do they do a one-time donation or do they have to donate every year in order to keep their name displayed. Mr. Crissman answered that is something we would have to determine.

Mr. Hornung noted if they paid for a new scoreboard they would have their name on it all the time, but if we have a scoreboard then they could rent the space on a yearly basis.

Mr. Crissman noted that he knows of a community where the lifeguards have boats that they use to rescue people. He explained that the citizens in the community can pay \$2,000 to have their name put on the boat for the summer or they can buy a boat for \$10,000. He noted that there are different ways that the policy could be established. Mr. Seeds noted that people have their names on benches etc.

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Of Open Records in regards to its final determination in Docket No.:AP2015-1094

Mr. Stine noted that this appeal deals with a Right to Know Office decision in regard to a request for criminal investigative records. He noted an appeal for a decision for a denial for

criminal investigative records request must go to the District Attorney for Dauphin County as opposed to the Office of Open Records. He noted, in this case, Mr. Wolfe's stated in his letter that any appeal for the denial should go to the District Attorney's Office, but the gentleman appealed the decision to the Right to Know Office instead. He explained that they reviewed it and found that they had jurisdiction to determine if the record should be released by statute. He noted that Mr. Wolfe and he feel that they had no alternate but to appeal at the court of common pleas as we don't want a precedents setting decision saying that the Office of Open Records has jurisdiction to make a determination.

Mr. Crissman made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to appeal a decision of the PA Office of Open Records in regards to its final determination in Docket No.:AP2015-1094. Mr. Hornung seconded the motion. Mr. Hawk called for a voice vote and a unanimous vote followed.

Mr. Crissman noted that Mr. Stine has already filed the appeal since there was a 30-day appeal time.

Adjournment

Mr. Crissman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Hawk adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Heberle
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

William L. Hornung
Township Secretary