

TOWNSHIP OF DERRY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 25, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Marc A. Moyer called the October 25, 2016, regular meeting of the Township of Derry Board of Supervisors to order at 7:24 pm in the meeting room of the Township of Derry Municipal Complex, 600 Clearwater Road, Hershey, PA. He advised that all public meetings are recorded for providing accurate notes. After the pledge of Allegiance, a roll call was conducted.

IN ATTENDANCE:

SUPERVISORS

Marc A. Moyer, Chairman
John W. Foley, Jr., Vice Chairman
Justin C. Engle, Secretary
Matthew A. Weir
Susan M. Cort

ALSO PRESENT:

James N Negley, Township Manager
Jill Henry, Assistant Township Manager
Jon A. Yost, Township Solicitor
Chuck Emerick, Director of Community Development
Lauren Zumbrun, Economic Development Manager
Thomas Clark, Director of Public Works
Garth Warner, Chief of Police
Matthew Mandia, Director of Parks and Recreation
Barbara Ellis, Hershey Public Library
Chris Brown, Derck & Edson
Bob DiLello, Hershey Volunteer Fire Company
Eric Stump, HRG Engineer
Julie Echterling, Recorder

Public in Attendance:

The following were in attendance: Charles Huth, Elvira Ebling, Phil Fredrich, Sandy and Rich Cappelli, Carol Sterck, Robert Bola, Dennis Trout, Sandy Ballard, Kathy Seidi, Jay Ziegler, Rich Gamble, Steven Seidi, Steven King, Lisa Kurcing, Ronald Furlan, Garrett Gallia, Sandie Pran, Daniel Yonnir, Michael, Ana, Matt, and Levi Milunic, Jorie, Clark, Vivian, and Ruby Showalter, Stephanie Shaw, Jessica Demopolous, David Mysel, Wendy Lubell, Phil Juris, Carol San, and Ryan Zimmerman.

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Wendy Lubell, 204 Java, spoke about her concern with transparency with the recent change in the sidewalk for Hersheypark. She believes the residents and various organizations in Hershey should have been consulted with them. She believes the new path is a path to nowhere. She won't let her son walk it because of safety and it takes 30 minutes longer than the original path. She asked for transparency.

Michael Milunic, 113 W. Granada, asked if his children could speak to the Board about the new sidewalk. His sons Matthew, Levi, and daughter Anastasia spoke about how much longer the walk is with the new path. They think it is unfair as it will take them longer to get to the park and they will be tired. They spoke about how much fun the park is but think the new path is too far for them to walk. Mr. Milunic spoke about the path to nowhere. He feels the community wasn't prioritized in this decision.

Kathy Seidi spoke about years of being able to use the path and feels the new path is a step backwards.

Phil Fisher spoke about his involvement in soccer and softball and how involved he is in the community. He believes this is a great place to live. He spoke about the Township's great parks and Police Department. Sandy Cappelli asked why the residents couldn't use the zoo or old monorail entrance to enter the park. She thought they could make a special pass to allow the residents to walk and enter the park.

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Sandy Ballard, 650 Cocoa Avenue stated that she hasn't tried to walk the new path. She asked if the old path could be reopened until the area is under development. She said families could walk through there until the development officially starts.

Rich Gamble, Hockersville Road said he heard someone say the reason the old path is closed is for them to collect the \$15 parking fee.

Jessica Demopolous, local business owner, spoke about how good Hershey has been to her family. She has used the old path many times. She likes the width of the new path. She loves the idea of entering the park at the zoo and believes it would be a low cost to make residents happy. She has told some of her customers about the old path to make it easier for them. She asked if there could be bike racks installed at the park for those who bike to the park.

Dennis Trout, Locust Avenue, asked the Township to work outside the box as they consider the Middletown study tonight. He believes a bypass is needed. He asked them to work with other municipalities to build this bypass. He believes with the continued growth, you can't keep widening Middletown Road.

Garrett Gallia, HE&R, said that his primary role tonight is to listen to the residents. He likes hearing people's ideas. He stated the park needs to improve/change/evolve. He spoke about a master plan for the park, which includes moving the front gate. He spoke about trying to keep the connection to the community and park. He spoke about concerns with the old path with security, lighting, and the lack of no traffic passing by. He appreciates the idea of including the zoo entrance for residents and he will take that idea back to be considered.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Supervisor Weir made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2016 Board of Supervisors Public Meeting. Vice Chairman Foley seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.** Vice Chairman Foley made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2016 Board of Supervisors Public Meeting. Supervisor Cort seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

GRAND PRIZE WINNERS: POLICE DEPARTMENT'S POSITIVE TICKET PROGRAM

Chief Warner spoke about the Positive Ticket Program. He thanked the Community and Businesses who helped donate prizes for the program. Below is a list of winners for the program:

- Alistair Demko received a positive ticket for wearing his bicycle helmet. He received Giant and Sheetz gift cards.
- Giojere Hampton received a positive ticket for helping his great grandmother out of the house and caring for her outside during a structure fire. He received a Fitbit.
- Nathan Dorson received a positive ticket for being supportive of his mother and being respectful and polite. He received tickets to a Hershey Bears hockey game.
- Evana Stoffel received a positive ticket for waiting patiently while being locked out of the house. She received passes to Christmas Candylane.
- Ruby Showalter received a positive ticket for sharing equipment while playing in the playground. She won a Hersheypark season pass.

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PRESENTATION-MIDDLETOWN ROAD CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION EVALUATION:

Mr. Brian Emberg and Mr. Eric Stump, HRG, presented the evaluation to the Board. They spoke about the purpose of this evaluation which was to address the issues with Middletown Road. They went through their PowerPoint presentation and showed the Board details on the map as they went through their presentation.

The report includes potential future traffic demands with short and long term goals. They went over the classification and definitions used for the study. They provided the following facts about for their traffic study:

- Approximately 15,000 vehicles travel Middletown Road daily
- 7% of the traffic is trucks with the majority being Fed-Ex/Box type of trucks
- The speed limit of 35mph is followed within 10 miles per hour for most the traffic
- The reportable crash rates are lower than the state average
- The traffic study tracked traffic from a Tuesday through Thursday. National statistics were used when figuring future volumes

They spoke about the potential traffic for Middletown Road based on imminent approved development, parcels potentially affected by re-zoning, and potential development outside the Township that would affect Middletown Road. Based on these three categories, they assumed 75% of the proposed development would take place which has the potential of 23,200-25,000 vehicles traveling on Middletown Road daily. If developed at 100%, the daily vehicle volume would increase to 26,000 to 28,400. They spoke about all the access points onto Middletown Road which is more than recommended. They believe it is pushing the capacity for the road. Because there are so many access points, many of the points won't have enough traffic to hit the threshold for a signaled intersection. They did note that all the proposed development won't be in the immediate future, but could take up to 20 years to develop.

They spoke about some of the short-term goals with simple low costs and some of the planning that should be taking place sooner versus later. They went over the goals on a map pinpointing the locations of the suggested improvements. They discussed traffic entering Middletown Road from outside the Township. They discussed the width of the road in comparison with other roads with that type of traffic, as Middletown Road is narrow compared with other roads with their traffic volume. They stated Wood and Southpoint roads are un-signalized intersections that are close to failing and in the future could qualify for a signal.

Chairman Moyer spoke about the sequences of events needed for this road. Some believe infrastructure is needed first while others say the development is needed to help pay for the improvements. He asked how much pain will there be on the road before changes can be made and asked which comes first the improvements or development. Mr. Emberg spoke about how some of the development is needed, which justifies the road changes. Mr. Emerick spoke about the master plan and development that may allow for offsite changes. Supervisor Engle asked about the TIP funding for this road. Mr. Emberg suggested the Township start now with obtaining funding and encouraging development with better access to Middletown Road. Discussion ensued.

Below are the short-term, mid-term and long-term improvements discussed:

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<u>Short Term</u>	<u>Mid-term</u>	<u>Long-Term</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve sight distance at Colonial Way & Southpoint Drive • Consider deer crossing signs • Restripe dedicated left turn lanes as a center left turn lane • Signalize Southpoint Drive • Plan for new roadways (Wood Road, Road A, etc.) • Seek planning and funding sources for Mid-Term and Long-term improvements • Incorporate a traffic impact study/new access point parameters for future traffic evaluations • Incorporate access management principles, including restriction on access locations and spacing • Improve interconnectivity between existing and/or new developments • Reserve ROW for future widening 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider a right turn lane at Southpoint Drive • Consider geometric improvements at 322 eastbound exit ramp/service road. • Consider a left turn or boulevard median with left turn at critical access points and U-turn locations. • Construct Road A or relocate Wood Road; provide left and right turn lanes at new intersection • Signalize Road A or relocate Wood Road; coordinate with other signals to provide progressive traffic improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider re-classification of the roadway as a Regional Principal Arterial. • Widen Middletown Road to a five-lane cross section. • Shift roadway east to provide shoulders from Locust/Kaylor to Southpoint

RESOLUTION NO. 1486: ASSESSMENT OF THE COST & EXPENSE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF STREET LIGHTS

Vice Chairman Foley made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1486 providing for the assessment of the cost and expenses of the maintenance of street lights within the Township of Derry, pursuant to Section 2003 (a) of the Second-Class Township Code, as amended, and providing for the collection there of. Supervisor Cort seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

SECURITY RELEASE: COUNTRY MEADOWS OF HERSHEY, PLAT NO. 1251

Vice Chairman Foley made a motion to approve the release of the remaining balance (\$11,448.25) of the cash performance security provided for the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for the Country Meadows of Hershey, Plat #1251, with the stipulation that maintenance security in the amount of \$3,450 is supplied in acceptable form and the standard Maintenance Security Agreement is executed. Supervisor Weir seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE BOARD/COMMITTEE INFORMATION:

Supervisor Weir spoke about the Authority planting of about 140 trees.

REPORTS:

<u>Police</u>	Chief Warner spoke about Thursday's trick or treating. He spoke about the potential of reinstating the crosswalk at Homestead and Meadow Lane. He spoke about the history of removing it. The Board spoke about the traffic with the school and the Crossing guards. Chief Warner spoke about the road width and the gridlock the crosswalk had created.
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	Supervisor Engle asked if the Manager could reach out to the school and discuss the crosswalk.
<u>Fire</u>	Mr. DiLello spoke about fire prevention month (October).
<u>Library</u>	Mrs. Ellis spoke about the November 17 th event at the Library. She stated a film would be shot at the library and they need audience members for the backdrop of the film.
<u>Recreation</u>	Mr. Mandia thanked everyone for a wonderful parade including Public Works and the Police Department.
<u>Engineer</u>	Mr. Stump stated the construction has been completed at Java and Locust.
<u>Community Development</u>	Mr. Emerick stated the hearing tonight was closed. He stated there are a lot of comments that need to be reviewed and recommendations to make. He stated there are 90 days to act.
<u>Economic Development</u>	Ms. Zumbrun thanked everyone for another great Choctoberfest.
<u>Manager</u>	He stated the next Board meeting is on Monday, November 7 th as November 8 th is Election Day.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE and PAYROLL:

Supervisor Engle made a motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$1,995,165.75 and two Payrolls of \$316,318.38. Vice Chairman Foley seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dennis Trout, Locust Lane, spoke about the costs associated with the Middletown Road presentation. He spoke about the proposed changes in traffic and development. He believes a cost study needs to be done as he spoke about the potential for a bypass with Route 283.

Phil Fisher spoke about the awesome job the Township did with the Halloween parade. He asked if the sponsors could keep some of their candy for the end of the parade as the kids at the end get the least amount of candy.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Moyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm. Vice Chairman Foley seconded the motion. **Motion carried 5-0.**

SUBMITTED BY:

Justin C. Engle

Julie Echterling