

The Regular Monthly Meeting for the Moore Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) was called to order on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 by Chairman Daniel Piorkowski at 6:00 PM. The meeting was conducted at the municipal building. Members present were Chairman Daniel Piorkowski, Vice Chairman David Shaffer, Supervisor Michael Tirrell, Township Manager Nicholas Steiner, Township Solicitor David Backenstoe, and Township Engineer Kevin Horvath from Keystone Consulting Engineers (KCE).

Chairman Piorkowski reported an executive session was held prior to the meeting concerning personnel.

SUB-DIVISIONS AND LAND DEVELOPMENT/ WAIVERS & DEFERALS

#21-12P/F Donald & Judith Ditzel Lot Line Adjustment

Mr. Richard Gable reported the Planning Commission (PC) passed a motion to grant conditional final approval to Donald and Judith Ditzel lot line adjustment with conditions set forth in KCE's review letter dated August 16, 2022. Mr. Horvath explained this will result in a net reduction of one lot. It is three lots becoming two when the plan is approved.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to grant conditional final approval for #21-12P/F Donald & Judith Ditzel lot line adjustment with conditions set forth in Keystone review letter dated August 16, 2022

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

#22-11P/F Whitetail Farm Views LLC/McCormick Lot Line Adjustment – Waiver from Section 505.4.a & b (Items 4 &7)

The PC passed a motion to approve a waiver request from section 505.4a & b, items 4 & 7 which has to do with showing contours on the residual lot. This excludes the waterway running through the property. Mr. Gable said this type of waiver has been granted before. Mr. Horvath explained the reason for the waiver is the residual tract will remain as it is and to go beyond the proposed lot would be intensive as far as additional survey work with not a whole lot of return. With water running through the property, it is important to document where that is and there will be some restrictions. They will provide an easement over the waterway. He has no issues with the requested waiver.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the waiver for #22-11P/F Whitetail Farm Views LLC/McCormick from sections 505.4.a & b (Items 4 &7)

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

#22-11P/F Whitetail Farm Views LLC/McCormick Lot Line Adjustment

The PC made a motion to grant conditional final approval for #22-11P/F Whitetail Farm Views LLC/McCormick with conditions set forth in KCE review letter dated July 18, 2022 which included the water lane that needed to be shown.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to grant conditional final approval for #22-11P/F Whitetail Farm Views LLC/McCormick with conditions set forth in Keystone review letter dated July 18, 2022

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Gable reported the PC recommended the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) grant a special exception to Mr. Joseph Tavianini. This has to do with a single lot with three mobile homes. The one mobile home is to be torn down and a home would be built in its place.

The PC also recommended the ZHB grant a special exception to Myra Klipple. This deals with a lot line adjustment transferring property between mother and daughter. It makes two non-conforming lots more conforming than they were.

REGULAR BUSINESS

MINUTES

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from August 2, 2022 and August 24, 2022

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the Financial Report

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to pay the bills

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Mr. Steiner noted bills for the month from General Checking are \$124,402.95. The Liquid Fuels bills are \$156,683.93.

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

APPROVE PAYROLL

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve the payroll

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Detective Jason Gianatiempo read the report for August 2022.

FIRE & AMBULANCE

Mr. Harhart read the July 2022 report.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Craig Hoffman reported the seal coat projects were completed for the year. They completed roadwork on Kuter Road. A week was also spent prepping for Community Days.

FIRST REGIONAL COMPOST AUTHORITY (FRCA)

Mr. Gable reported they received the first grant of \$350,000 from DEP to help pay down the equipment loan. They are speaking with an engineering firm to address a water problem at the site. The water has been contaminated since the well was dug about fifteen years ago. They are looking into options including hooking into Bethlehem water. The FRCA is also looking at their master site plan noting blacktop and fencing needs to be replaced. They would like to get rid of the cargo container that is the office and replace with a building. This would allow them to also have a bathroom rather than portable toilets.

NAZARETH COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG)

The next meeting is September 22.

RECREATION COMMISSION

Snack stand cleaning update

Ms. Jodi Hartzell received another quote to clean the snack stands. She plans to work with MTAA to see what to do the rest of the year. This would be an initial deep cleaning noting Mr. Tirrell also has a quote.

Exercise Stations

Ms. Hartzell presented three quotes to the Board concerning the exercise stations. This project is in the budget this fiscal year. It would include nine exercise stations which would go around the walking trail. They would like to do three stations. One would be at Laubach, but they would need to work with Mr. Hoffman to see what works best for the other locations. They would be around the trails rather than around the track. They questioned people who walked the track at the fields noting parents walk when kids are practicing. Mr. Tirrell sees people doing exercises on the playground equipment as well. The Recreation Commission would like to use Playground Boss as they were the least expensive. They have information on how to install as well. Mr. Piorkowski asked if Playground Boss would install the equipment. Ms. Hartzell doesn't think so asking confirmation from Mr. Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman said it isn't as complex as putting a playground together. Mr. Shaffer asked confirmation there would be three at each location. Ms. Hartzell confirmed there are nine total, three stations of three. Mr. Shaffer asked if it's under cover. Ms. Hartzell said no. It is weather acceptable. Mr. Shaffer asked if it's bolted into a concrete pad. Mr. Tirrell said it's like the spring horses. Drill a hole, pour concrete. The Rec Commission was thinking about placing a section on the trail behind the scoreboard. The commission also considered on the turn along the woods, but it might be too wet. Mr. Tirrell liked the plan noting it can be used as a starting point. They can purchase additional sets if they notice it being used. Ms. Hartzell explained they can be bought in threes but purchasing nine seems to be the best balance with price. Mr. Shaffer asked if they were approving locations. Mr. Tirrell explained the Board asked for locations at the last meeting in addition to the three quotes. Ms. Hartzell explained Playground Boss came at the best price, \$13,970. Mr. Piorkowski asked if that is where they purchased the new playground. Ms. Hartzell confirmed it is. He asked confirmation they had no problems and it's the lowest bid. Ms. Hartzell said it is the lowest bid noting she included the shipping and freight charges in the price. Mr. Steiner asked if they still planned on paying for it from the Topfer account. Ms. Hartzell and Mr. Tirrell thinks that is correct. She said it was in the 2020 plan. Mr. Steiner said they could get plaques since it is a will fund. Mr. Shaffer asked if they come with pads. Ms. Hartzell doesn't think so. They were trying to use mulch instead of having concrete pads.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to purchase the exercise stations in the amount of \$13,970 from Playground Boss

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Disc Golf Proposal

The disc golf group attended the last Recreation Commission meeting requesting additional holes. Ms. Hartzell said they would be adding difficult holes to the existing course. Mr. Zachary Zeitner spoke on behalf of the group. The proposal wouldn't increase the footprint of the existing course. It would include an additional eleven baskets and six new tee pads for seventeen holes being modified with either a second basket or tee pad. Like a regular golf course, there is a more challenging route giving the player an option to play an easier or more difficult hole. The additional baskets or tees wouldn't cross paths with trails to interfere with people walking. For eleven new baskets, the cost would be \$5,480. There is no cost included for the concrete as they are unsure of how much would be needed and who they would need to get the concrete from. For installation, Mr. Joe Fancher (sp) of the disc golf group would install the baskets. For the tee pads, they would need Mr. Hoffman's help. Volunteers would pour the concrete for the pads. Mr. Piorkowski asked if they are looking for the Township to pay for this. Mr. Zeitner said the cost of the baskets and concrete. Mr. Piorkowski explained when they developed the disc golf course, they wanted it to be a family friendly environment for kids to play after baseball. Anybody who plays at the fields now, pays a fee. He thinks this has turned into a private course for the Moore Township golf group. He will not vote to add additional baskets or anything on it because he thinks it will be more professional or exclusionary for families. Mr. Zeitner sees families of all ages playing at the course. People come from all over including within the Township. If there are challenges with the Moore Township disc golf group, it should be addressed. They also have done a lot for the actual course including the bulletin board. Mr. Piorkowski said the MTAA has done a lot for the baseball fields to make it efficient, but they still pay with the snack stands. When the park was started, they got exclusivity to all the fields. Any other organization looking to use fields, a fee is paid. The Moore disc golf runs a tournament every Wednesday night called tags. Mr. Zeitner pushed back on the term tournament noting there are not teams and there isn't an organization. They contribute noting they paid for the materials of the bulletin board. They put labor into the disc golf course. When looking at disc golf courses throughout the valley, parks do not charge for their use. He understands what Mr. Piorkowski is saying about baseball leagues, but if there's an issue or they want to have a tournament, it should go through the Board. Blue Mountain is the only disc golf course that charges because the ski lift is used if the whole course is played. Mr. Jeffrey Ayers asked Mr. Zeitner if anybody could play. Mr. Zeitner said anybody can play at any time. If a person wants to play tags, noting he does not, they could jump in or they could play doubles. It's not formal or structured. Mr. Ayers commented on Mr. Piorkowski's notion it is a private course pointing out that anybody can use it. Mr. Piorkowski clarified it is used almost exclusively by the disc golf course. Mr. Ayers said he and his wife walked around the park Monday, and there were no less than five groups of people using the course with one group made up of eight guys and another had little kids. He and his wife were shocked noting there were also people playing pickleball and using the track. The Board has done a great job. He doesn't see the issue if anybody can use the course. Not anybody can use the baseball fields noting people have been chased off the fields and become resentful for trying to teach kids how to play baseball. People from the athletic association say they can't use the field and people get upset because tax dollars are used to fund the park. If anybody can use the disc golf without anybody chasing them off, he doesn't see the issue. Mr. Piorkowski said anybody can use the baseball fields if they're not being used with Mr. Tirrell agreeing. Ms. Hartzell confirmed they should be able to. Mr. Ayers said coaches have run them off. Mr. Tirrell understands if there's a scheduled practice

or game. Mr. Piorkowski agrees noting if there's a game scheduled for later in the day and they lined the fields, he understands. Mr. Ayers has been chased off trying to teach kids baseball. Mr. Zeitner thinks it's apples and oranges because there is a set number of fields and there's an entire disc golf course. With people playing doubles or tags, they're spread throughout the course. There's also the courtesy of letting people play through like a golf course. Mr. Piorkowski asked confirmation the course is working the way it is, and Mr. Zeitner said sure. Mr. Piorkowski said that's his point. Another person in the audience asked if there's a charge to play tournaments. Mr. Zeitner doesn't know. Mr. Gable said if they're making money, they should be charged to play the course noting his kid has to pay per field per day for a softball tournament. The MTAA pays through the snack stands to use the fields, and he thinks disc golf, which cost a lot of money to create and is now asking for additional money, should be charged to use the golf course. Mr. Zeitner understands the argument but thinks it's a separate issue. They have a functioning disc golf course that could be better as other courses have alternate paths. Mr. Gable said it wasn't meant to be a professional course, and Mr. Zeitner pointed out it still wouldn't be. It has nothing to do with tournaments. It provides an alternative course to play. The Moore Township disc golf course will never be a professional course. Mr. Gable understands there is a tax ID, and the Moore Township disc golf is a professional organization. Mr. Zeitner explained he's talking about Moore Township Disc Club, but he is not part of it. It's basically a Facebook page of people who like to play disc golf in the community. If they want to play as a group on a Wednesday night to play tags or doubles, people can do that. Mr. Piorkowski understands Mr. Zeitner isn't part of the group, but they have asked Mr. Fancher (sp) to attend many meetings. He has yet to see him at a meeting and asked if he has attended the Rec meetings. Mr. Zeitner and Ms. Hartzell said he was at the meeting last month. Mr. Zeitner said he couldn't make it tonight because he's working. Mr. Shaffer thinks they need to sit down and have dialogue first. He asked Mr. Zeitner to pass it on that they could meet at the course. Mr. Zeitner said they can arrange something if they want, and Mr. Piorkowski said they could arrange it as a workshop. Mr. Steiner said they will be holding a budget workshop next month. This project should be thought of within the context of the 2023 budget. He was given a large list of projects from the Rec Commission in addition to the normal expenses. \$5,000-\$6,000 doesn't sound like a lot of money, but there is over \$200,000 in projects waiting. They also have basketball courts to resurface with hoops that should be replaced. They're looking for ways to allow all people to play pickleball as well. In the grand scheme of things, the Rec Commission needs to decide how to prioritize disc golf amongst all the other projects. It wasn't budgeted this year, he received a request for next year, and it wasn't listed. Mr. Shaffer asked Mr. Zeitner to have time scheduled with Mr. Steiner to meet about the disc golf course.

Lights on Track

Ms. Hartzell asked about lights at the track being turned on over winter. It wasn't voted upon at their meeting. She asked if it needs to be voted upon. Mr. Piorkowski said they turn them on every year. Mr. Steiner said they can check the dates and times from last year and use the same if that's ok. Mr. Tirrell and Mr. Shaffer think it was Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 5-8pm. Ms. Hartzell said it normally would've been voted at their September meeting. They think by November 1 the lights should be turned on.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve lights on the track for the 2022-23 season

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Ms. Charmaine Bartholomew reiterated the report from last month that the floor at the Edelman Schoolhouse needs to be replaced. Since then, they got estimates to repair the floor. One came in today

from Mr. Bob Fedio. The floor was soaked with oil and needs to be replaced. They need permission to remove the floors that are there if they approve the price to purchase the lumber. They plan to take the floors apart next Monday night. Mr. Steiner did not receive the estimate and asked if Mr. Fedio went to Saylorburg Lumber today. Ms. Bartholomew said he did and thought he dropped off the estimate. Mr. Steiner explained Mr. Fedio stopped by and was going to Saylorburg. He told Ms. Bartholomew to call Mr. Fedio to confirm, so she wouldn't also be calling Saylorburg. Mr. Steiner didn't hear anything after he spoke to Ms. Bartholomew. Ms. Bartholomew submitted the estimate explaining the difference between the two estimate sheets. Mr. Piorkowski asked if Mr. Fedio would be installing the floor. Ms. Bartholomew is hoping to get people to help put the floors in. She needs to contact an individual who said they would provide the service. She hasn't heard from him lately, so she will follow up to see if the crew will help. If not, they have about four people along with Mr. Fedio to put the floor in place. Mr. Piorkowski asked if Mr. Ed Marshall would help, and Ms. Bartholomew confirmed he is one of the commission members who is going to help. Estimate sheet 916 shows they need 21 sheets of plywood and a 2x8x12. It is listed twice because it includes pricing for regular and treated lumber. The treated is cheaper. Mr. Tirrell asked if they need both, but Ms. Bartholomew said they need one or the other. Mr. Tirrell said the total quote has them both listed. She said they would need to subtract whichever option they don't choose. Mr. Piorkowski agreed it's strange the treated is less than the regular lumber. Ms. Bartholomew said that would be the lower layer of the floor. She took pictures to show the tree timbers holding the floor up. This is what was originally placed when the school was built. With that being the case, they are contemplating doing the top floor for a price \$4,169.88 on estimate 830. They don't have a nail gun and nails. They think there is one individual who would be able to loan them this. If not, they have a \$75 allowance for a nail gun. Mr. Piorkowski asked what they would be doing when they cut the floor out. Ms. Bartholomew said everything is going to be removed because it has to be braced around the center where the stove would be located. They also need to bring the floor up to level with the rest of the floor. If they do the first floor, and they agree to removing the old which would be their effort, they have estimates totaling \$6,930.88. Mr. Shaffer asked if the floor had oil on it. Mr. Piorkowski explained after it was a school, the owner parked tractors in the building. It stained through the floor. Ms. Bartholomew said they tried sanding it first, but it would splinter. Mr. Tirrell asked confirmation they have one number for the subfloor and another number for the main floor. She confirmed. He asked if they want to go with treated or regular. Ms. Bartholomew said they figured they would go with the lowest price. If treated is cheaper, they would go with that. It was a difference of over \$350. Mr. Steiner said the difference is about \$7,300 versus \$6,900. He also received a bill from Mr. Fedio today, so they need to keep that in mind. They are also working on electric which they aren't sure how much will cost. The Township can do a lot of the work. Mr. Hoffman explained they met with BEI again. They need to keep it as original as possible to keep the cost down, but they don't know what those costs will be yet. Ms. Bartholomew said the other projects, which didn't have estimates presented yet, are the concrete porch to the entrance and the pointing of the foundation. They would also like to complete those projects, but some of it might be for 2023. They plan to do most of the work on the outhouses. They already took down part of an old building to salvage lumber which will be stored on the premises. They are still looking for more lumber to save costs. Ms. Bartholomew needs to follow up because his business has led him away from the commission, but the slate roof of the outhouse was to be donated by Chad Brandon so it matches the school as it did in its time. Mr. Piorkowski asked if this amount is in addition to labor. Ms. Bartholomew said yes. Mr. Tirrell asked if the commission is installing the floor or do they expect a bill for the labor. Ms. Bartholomew said they are going to try to get help likely from Mr. Brandon. If not, some of the commission members who are taking the floor out has experience. They will help with what they can. Mr. Tirrell's concern is they will receive a bill once this is installed. Mr. Piorkowski is thinking the same and would like to know worst case scenario if they cannot install it. It may only be \$1,000. If someone does it for a living, it could cost \$10,000. Ms. Bartholomew said Mr. Fedio will do the floor himself with whatever help he gets. Mr. Piorkowski asked if he could give an estimate. Ms.

Bartholomew thinks he gives them an average looking for confirmation. Mr. Steiner said he usually just receives the bill which is part of the problem. Ms. Bartholomew can ask Mr. Fedio what it would cost. Mr. Piorkowski said it would help them determine the cost over time. Mr. Steiner suggested writing up an estimate just to install the floor including the labor and worst-case scenario for material. Ms. Bartholomew said they just need the labor asking if that isn't where the Township would have gone for materials. Mr. Steiner confirmed they would have gone there for the materials. Mr. Tirrell said the cost of labor will impact the cost of the project and whether they need to go out for competitive bids. They may not get close to the quote threshold, but they would like to see the labor estimate. Mr. Steiner thinks some of these items should be discussed at the budget workshop noting he hasn't reviewed the Historical request yet. He thinks the concrete is included with the request.

Oktoberfest will be October 13 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Doors will open at 4:30 pm. The cost is \$20 per person. Ages 0-6 years is free. Ages 7-12 years is \$10. It will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on 696 Johnson Road, Nazareth, PA. Mr. Steiner will post on the website.

LAND & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD (LEPB)

The LEPB received four new applications for open space. More will be known by the next supervisors meeting. Mr. Bob Romano explained they're all close together and neighbors who wanted to preserve their land. Ms. Kerbacher said if they all go through, it will be about 76 acres.

On Monday, September 12 at 7 pm at the Rec Center pavilion, the LEPB will host their annual land preservation open house. Ms. Dawn Gorham of Wildlands Conservancy will give a presentation. Anybody interested in preserving land or learning about preserving land is welcome to attend.

COMMUNITY DAYS COMMITTEE

Ms. Kerbacher said they had a very good turnout noting they sold everything out. This coming Friday will be the last concert in the park for the year. It features Girl Crue. On September 17, they are having a community yard sale at the football field. Trunk n Treat will be in October, but they don't have a date yet. Mr. Tirrell thanked Ms. Kerbacher, the committee, the volunteers, vendors, fire police, police department, everybody involved in Community Days. He thought they knocked it out of the park and did a good job. There was great turnout, and the fireworks were awesome. Mr. Piorkowski reiterated the whole Board would like to thank them and also thanked Mr. Hoffman and the Public Works Department.

ZONING AND BUILDING OFFICER

Mr. Jason Harhart submitted his report for the month. There will be three ZHB hearings tomorrow night at the Township building. The continuance for the warehouse ZHB meeting will be at the Klecknersville Rangers Fire Department on Wednesday, September 21 at 6pm. Mr. Tirrell asked Mr. Harhart to look at how fees compare to surrounding municipalities. He thinks it's been a while since that's been done. Mr. Piorkowski said he can put it on a spreadsheet.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Schiavone Farm Sediment Erosion Project

Mr. Horvath reported one of Keystone's inspectors drove by after the rainfall and the matting has held up. The swale has also greened up. There are a couple areas that can use some overseeding. They will contact the contractors while they are still in growing season. Overall, he thinks they're in good shape. It will hopefully be closed out before the end of the year.

MS4 Projects

Mr. Horvath turned in easement agreements and exhibits for the six basin conversion projects. It's a total of eight residents. Attorney Backenstoe has some comments he'll review tomorrow before the agreements are finalized for distribution. He suspects the residents will have some comments, but they are ready to distribute.

Culvert Replacement Projects

Keystone received, reviewed, and approved the cut sheets for both of the culverts. The metal culvert is going to be available sooner and suspect it will be installed this year. Unfortunately, the contractor indicated that upon actual placement of the order with the precast company for the Church Road culvert it's going to be a longer lead time than initially believed. The Church Road culvert will not be completed until next calendar year. There's almost four months of a lead time for this product. When it's received, they will schedule to install. Mr. Tirrell asked if the cost was impacted. Mr. Horvath said it did not impact cost, just the lead time.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

SALDO Amendment – Road specs, electronic communication, and electronic submission

Attorney Backenstoe is still working on the amendments pursuant to Mr. Horvath's memo.

The ZHB hearing for the Southmoore golf course will continue this month. There's a lot of information noting they requested a lot of relief. The Township, through Attorney Backenstoe, Mr. Horvath, and Mr. Harhart, disagrees with everything they presented. It takes a lot of time to go through everything point, counter point. He hopes they get through everything in September, but he can't guarantee it.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

2023 PMRS Uniform and Non-Uniform MMOs

Mr. Steiner explained the Township is required to fill out worksheets every year for the non-uniform and uniform pension plans for the following year. The worksheet is the bill for the police pension in 2023. He is required to present to the Board. If they have questions on the worksheets, they can ask Mr. Steiner or call Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS). The rate information is provided to the Township by PMRS.

Municipal Building

The electronic application submission period for the RACP program ended August 19 for the latest round. Mr. Steiner reached out to the capital director and budget director to give an idea of where the Township is at in the process to determine if it's worth it to submit an application this period. They recommended we submit an application as the process can take a long time. Toward the end, the application asks if the project will be ready a year from submission deadline. The answer is no. That being said, he wants to know if the Board is still interested in the project. He could work with Mr. Horvath to put together an RFP for architectural services emphasizing experience with the RACP program. He doesn't see this project moving forward without that program approval. They could advertise and place on PennBid. Mr. Steiner would also reach out to other managers to see if they recommend anybody. If that's the direction the Board would like to move, he will work with Mr. Horvath on a RFP. Mr. Piorkowski thinks the simple answer would be yes. Mr. Steiner said they will ask whether the Board wants to renovate or build a new building. When putting together preliminary estimates, the architects he spoke to asked that first. It's something to keep in mind when putting together the RFP.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Resolution 2022-14 COVID-19 Policy Update

The CDC updated guidance this past month. The policy has been updated to reflect this guidance.

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-14 COVID-19 Policy Update

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

The next three resolutions pertain to the county LSA grant program. Moore Township qualifies for both the Northampton/Lehigh Counties Local Shares Account program grant as well as the Monroe County Local Shares Account program grant. This past year, they were approved for two police vehicles. In prior years, they were approved for a police vehicle and police laptops.

Resolution 2022-15 County LSA Grant for Paver and Trailer

The paver and trailer were initially applied for in the statewide LSA program. The statewide program did not get as much revenue as anticipated. Mr. Steiner also thinks they will prioritize those municipalities who cannot pull from a county LSA program. This would allow them to apply with East Allen Township through the county LSA program. The total for a paver and trailer is \$286,181. The resolutions allow Mr. Steiner to apply on behalf of the Township.

Resolution 2022-16 County LSA Grant for Police Vehicles and Speed Trailer

This resolution is to apply for two police vehicles and a new speed trailer. The speed trailer is out of service. The total amount is \$172,272. The vehicles are estimated to be about \$70,000 per vehicle.

Resolution 2022-17 County LSA Grant for Asphalt Roller, Planer, Road Widener, and Crack Sealer

This resolution would be a joint request with Bushkill Township for an asphalt roller, planer, road widener, and crack sealer. The total amount is \$243,543.

They are applying jointly on the Public Works equipment because they're hoping multiple municipalities working together will help them get approved. Bushkill Township passed their resolution September 1. This will be applied for by Bushkill Township. Mr. Steiner is applying for the grant with East Allen Township.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-15 for Paver and Trailer, Resolution 2022-16 for Police Vehicles and Speed Trailer, and Resolution 2022-17 for Asphalt Roller, Planer, Road Widener, and Crack Sealer

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

OLD BUSINESS

Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan

A workshop was held this past month on August 24. If the Board would like to move forward with this project, they should work with their relevant boards to find someone from each board that would be effective to serve as liaison on the steering committee. They would be working with the Township Manager, the Zoning Officer, and Public Works Director to put together a spec to apply for a grant to develop this plan. Mr. Shaffer thinks they should meet with their boards to get feedback. Mr. Steiner agreed they should get feedback from the boards. At the very least, they should look into updating the open space plan as it's been ten years. If they can get preliminary work done this winter, it would help to apply for a grant in the spring.

Schiavone Farm Sale

Last meeting, they discussed reaching out to Bushkill Township on how successful they were in auctioning off their properties. Mr. Steiner said they did not do well. They sold two properties. They tried selling the first through public auction but did not receive the reserve price. They sold both the properties through the sealed bid process. Bushkill also has a property divestiture procedure that was provided to Mr. Steiner. This could be used for putting together a formal process in the future.

Schiavone Farm and Municipal Complex Farm Lease

Mr. Steiner prepared ads to put the Schiavone farm and municipal property farm out for lease. He asked Attorney Backenstoe if it can only be a lease period of one year. Attorney Backenstoe said they can do a lease period of one year with an automatic one-year option unless somebody cancels within 90 days of the lease. Mr. Steiner was thinking they could put the Schiavone lease out for the rest of winter with an automatic renewal. They could advertise this month to open next month and try to sell it in the spring.

Schiavone Farm Appraisal

Mr. Shaffer thought they should get an appraisal on the Schiavone property in case they are thinking too high for the property. Mr. Steiner thinks it would be worth it since they subdivided the property and really don't know what that piece is valued. Mr. Piorkowski said they aren't getting good bids noting they were way lower than expectations. The appraisal would give them an idea as to whether they're in the ballpark. Mr. Tirrell is alright with getting an appraisal.

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to add appraisal of Schiavone Park to the agenda

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Shaffer made a motion to have Mr. Steiner get an appraisal for the Schiavone property

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

Mr. Romano said a lot of the real estate offices will do a fair market analysis. It's not as elaborate as the appraisal, but it will give them a general idea if they're thinking too high or thinking just right. The real estate office would probably need to be familiar with values of farmland. Mr. Shaffer agreed it would need to be a real estate office familiar with this type of property and thought an appraisal would be easier using whoever the county uses. Mr. Steiner thinks the appraisal would give them a better idea of the value at this point in time compared to a real estate office. Mr. Romano agreed it wouldn't be anywhere near as detailed, but it would be a lot less expensive. Mr. Steiner said Agrarian did the open space appraisal from the prior month. He would reach out to them. Mr. Romano said it was reasonable for what they charge, and they're specialized in that type of appraisal.

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Mr. Tirrell made a motion to put the farm properties out for lease

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

NEW BUSINESS

Electric at Edelman Schoolhouse

Mr. Steiner and Mr. Hoffman are working on this issue. It is complicated because under the current regulations, if they were to place the box where they want to place it, the facility would need to be updated to current code requirements. This is not going to happen, so they are still trying to figure the cost of putting the electric back to where it was previously.

Trick-or-Treat Night

Mr. Piorkowski made a motion for Trick-or-Treat on Halloween night, October 31

Mr. Shaffer seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMOS

Mr. Piorkowski announced they have a correspondence to be appointed to the Recreation Commission and another for someone to be appointed to the Planning Commission. Ms. Hartzell asked if the letter for Recreation Commission is from Ms. Joi Adams, and Mr. Steiner confirmed. Mr. Steiner said the other is for David Koder which was forwarded to Mr. John Becker.

OPEN TO THE FLOOR

Mr. Ayers asked Mr. Steiner if he received the transcript from Mr. Ted Rewak for the last warehouse hearing. Mr. Steiner said no. Mr. Ayers asked Mr. Harhart to reach out to Mr. Rewak to see when he could forward it because the board would like to review the transcript to ask questions. He also asked Mr. Harhart to prepare copies for the board.

Mr. Gable asked if they received the two new police cars that were approved. Mr. Steiner said they were ordered from New Holland. They haven't received the Watchguard cameras. Mr. Gable said those vehicles go out in the worst elements they have, and they're not undercoated. The bottoms are rusting out. He asked the Board to rust proof them before they go out. Weddes does this for about \$600 per vehicle, but it's going to save the undercarriage more than they are now. He guesses they're replacing one of them because it's rusting away. Mr. Steiner said they're replacing them because it's a 2013 and a 2015 with over 100,000 miles on them. He thought it was more expensive than that, but he will talk to Chief West. Chief Gianatiempo was told it would cost \$500. Mr. Gable thinks it's between \$500 and \$600. When he sold cars, they would undercoat them. It definitely protects the vehicles. Mr. Piorkowski suggested asking New Holland how much it would cost while it's out there. It may be just as cheap.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Shaffer made a motion adjourn the meeting at 7:27 PM

Mr. Tirrell seconded the motion

Public comment

None

Motion carried with all Supervisors present voting aye

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas C. Steiner
Township Manager

Not intended to be word for word, but a synopsis of the meeting.