



801 Burrows Run Road  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2020  
7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Dr. Richard L. Leff, Chairman; Whitney S. Hoffman, Vice Chair; Scudder G. Stevens, Supervisor; Eden R. Ratliff, Township Manager; Amy Heinrich, Finance/HR Director; Diane Hicks, Planning and Zoning Director; Roger Lysle, Public Works Director; Matt Gordon, Acting Chief of Police; Dave Sander, Solicitor

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Leff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Leff led the Supervisors, staff, and audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

### 2. TOWNSHIP RECOVERY UPDATE

Township Manager Ratliff informed everyone that due to the former manager's preliminary hearing being pushed back until April, the Township does not want to incur unnecessary litigation charges until they know the outcome of that hearing. Civil litigation processes are being considered, but they are not ready to file a suit until judgement is made. The Township is continuing the discussion with the fidelity insurance company over the surety bond of \$1 million dollars and hope to have more information available by April.

#### Discussion:

- Art Kaiser (109 Young Ave) asked if any of the discovery papers requested of the township supervisors for the possible trial would be shared with the public. Ratliff clarified that the only document going back and forth is the forensic accountant's report, and that there has been no discovery of any Township staff or the Board of Supervisors.
- Ed Burns (151 Forrest Dr) asked if the preliminary hearing would be open to the public. Solicitor Sander said yes, unless it is closed by the judge which may not be known until the day of the hearing. The date and location were also clarified as April 21, 2020 at the New Garden MDJ. Ratliff added that a Township representative would be present and would include their report in upcoming Township recovery updates.
- Richard Gaw (Chester County Press) asked if there was a legal representative for the Township yet. Ratliff said that they will wait to see what the ruling is first. He emphasized that the Chester County DA's office was responsible for prosecuting the case, and that Kennett Township has no say in this preliminary hearing. There was also discussion to clarify the location of the MDJ office in New Garden Township on the 900 block of West Baltimore Pike.

### 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS (ACTION ITEM)

Solicitor Sander announced that the Kennett Township Board of Supervisors met in executive session on February 11 and February 17, 2020 to discuss the acquisition of real property.

#### **4. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

##### **a. Township Manager**

Ratliff gave a detailed report that included his recent meetings with state elected officials, the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission, the Sothern Chester County Opportunity Network (SCCON), and the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission. He also highlighted the Township's recent non-financial support of the American Mushroom Institute. The complete report can be found at [https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3981/Agenda-Item-4 a Township-Manager-Report-Feb-2020](https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3981/Agenda-Item-4-a-Township-Manager-Report-Feb-2020).

Discussion:

- Stevens added praise of the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission and mentioned a second byway with the recommendation that the Township also remain active in that one. Asked if John Haedrich would be able speak to the name of that Byway.
- John Haedrich (268 Kennett Pike) explained that the Red Clay Valley Scenic Byway is officially recognized in Delaware, however not yet in Pennsylvania. Harriett Tubman National Scenic Byway in Delaware was also discussed.
- Art Kaiser (109 Young Ave) asked about the proposed 2020 budget on the website. Ratliff clarified that that proposed budget was adopted in December of 2019 and that they'll make sure that final budget is on the website.

##### **b. Finance/HR Director**

Amy Heinrich gave an overview of the current HR projects including the collecting applications for the five open staff positions (two of which are being interviewed for), launching a new benefits package for the employees to align with the benefits of other Chester County townships, and the revamping of HR policies. On the financial side, Heinrich reported that new Township employee Dina McIlvaine was getting up to speed on the software and they are revamping the controls. Heinrich also reminded everyone of the Township's new external auditor, who gave a presentation at the prior meeting, will assist in a full 2019 audit as well as setting the foundation to have a robust reporting infrastructure going forward.

Discussion:

- Art Kaiser (109 Young Ave) asked when the search for the new auditor began and if there were any specific qualifications the Township was looking for in that auditor. Heinrich recommend he watch the last several meetings where this was discussed at length and that her experience in finance lead her to choose Maillie, LLP, who specializes in working with governments. There was further discussion of Heinrich's credentials, projections, and pension controls.
- Beth Thomas (126 W Hillendale Rd) asked how the revamped employee benefits had changed. Heinrich explained the changes with vacation time, sick time, holidays, overtime structure, and healthcare, which now requires a small employee contribution. Heinrich also said they are still working on the pension, liability, and short- and long-term disability. Ms. Thomas asked if these changes were only for new hires, to which Heinrich stated the changes are for all non-uniform (non-police) staff, not just new hires.
- Dave Meadows (East Marlborough Township) asked if the 2014 Personal Policy Manual was being enforced until recently replaced. Ratliff commented that there was a later version from 2016, but that version was recently repealed in full.

##### **c. Police Department**

Matt Gordon, Acting Chief of Police, presented statistics from January 2020 and announcements including a recent security detail for the Church of the Advent, plans for officer training, and the Police Chaplain Annalie Korengal's recent honor of being named Southern Chester County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of 2019. There will be continued policing at Greenwood Elementary, accidents decreased in the month of January, and Gordon will be meeting with Longwood Gardens to plan the Township's PD assistance with their upcoming spring and summer events. The PD is currently hiring for one full-time officer and two part-time officers. The complete report can be found at [https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3982/Agenda-Item-4\\_c\\_Police-Department-Report](https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3982/Agenda-Item-4_c_Police-Department-Report).

Discussion:

- Art Kaiser (109 Young Ave) asked to repeat the number of requests for services and asked what kind of calls were included in that total. Gordon clarified and listed the types of calls.
- Leff asked if the numbers were higher than previous months. Gordon explained the differences in the way he reports this information versus the way the previous chief reported this information. Gordon's reports come from CAD and show similar numbers compared to months prior.
- Leff asked about the level one crime activity. Gordon answered that there were none for January, but they are dealing with some commercial burglary issues by suspected juveniles.
- Art Kaiser (109 Young Ave) commented on the importance of these reports and the new difficulty in comparing old data due to the new way it is being reported. Gordon reported that because the information is documented in Computer Automated Dispatch (CAD), managed and operated by the Chester County Department of Emergency Services, he will be able to reproduce numbers for a fair comparison from 2018 and 2019. Leff asked Gordon if he could include those comparisons in the upcoming annual report to which Gordon agreed. Mr. Kaiser asked for clarity of what reports will be available and if trends will be visible. Gordon clarified. There was discussion between Mr. Kaiser and Ratliff surrounding the change of the PD to full time in 2019 and how 2019 will become a baseline going forward for trends.
- John Haedrich (268 Kennett Pike) asked for clarification on what residents should do to reach the police. Gordon explained to always call 911, not the main police number. Mr. Haedrich asked what the current staff looked like. Gordon explained the chain of command, the current officers (6), and that there is always someone on duty 24/7. There was also discussion surrounding the time it takes to service alarm calls.
- Ed Burns (151 Forest Dr) asked if it was possible to know trends of serious crimes before 2018. Gordon explained how the FBI requires the reporting of those crimes through their Universal Crime Reporting (UCR). The FBI is in the process of upgrading this system, but the FBI will have this data. Ratliff suggested we include this info in the March annual report.
- Dave Meadows (East Marlborough Township) asked again if calling 911 was advised. Gordon and Leff confirmed that it was. Mr. Meadows also commented on the amount of federal government employee holidays and vacation time.
- Heinrich added that the open staff positions she mentioned earlier did not include the current openings for the Police Department.

**d. Public Works Department**

Roger Lysle gave a detailed report that included recent street patching, tree trimming, updates on the construction of the bridge on Chandler Mill Road, traffic light updates on Rt 1 from PennDOT, the upcoming Spring Clean-Up on March 28, sewer repairs on Rosedale Road, and streetlight issues on Dogwood Dr. The complete report can be found at [https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3983/Agenda-Item-4\\_d\\_Public-Works-Report](https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3983/Agenda-Item-4_d_Public-Works-Report).

Discussion:

- Leff asked about snow events. Lysle recapped their work from the ice storm on January 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Leff also added details about a downed tree on Kaolin Rd and thanked police and fire police for their help in moving the traffic during school bus hours.

- Stevens thanked Lysle and crew for the cleanup work done at the intersection of Bayard and Hillendale Roads, which was a result of a windstorm.
- Hoffman echoed her thanks of the whole team.

**e. Planning & Zoning Department**

Diane Hicks shared a report that detailed the recent Planning Committee’s review of initial submissions for Kennett Gateway and Enterprise, both of which remain under review. In addition, the Codes Department of Kennett Township processed 23 Building/Zoning permits in the month of January. The complete report can be found at [https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3984/Agenda-Item-4\\_e\\_Planning-and-Zoning-Feb-Report](https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3984/Agenda-Item-4_e_Planning-and-Zoning-Feb-Report).

Discussion:

- John Haedrich (268 Kennett Pike) asked for an update on Stephens Gardens. Hicks explained that it was sold and the current owner is completing the clean-up process. She wasn’t certain of the intended use of the property by the current owner but did confirm that it was zoned to be a gardening center. Hoffman added her recent observations of the property and her appreciation of the cleanup.
- Richard Gaw (Chester County Press) asked for the name of the company that purchased Stephens Gardens. Hicks did not know.

**f. Fire Company Reports**

Kennett Township Fire Company Fire Chief Bruce Mitchell reported that there were 10 fire calls in the Township, 6 in the Borough, 1 in East Marlborough, 1 in Concord Township, and 1 in Media for a total of 19 fire calls as of January. There were 36 ambulance calls in the Borough, 48 in Kennett Township, 6 in East Marlborough, for a total of 100 ambulance calls for the year as of January.

Discussion:

- Leff thanked the Fire Chief for all he and the fire department does.
- Chief thanked the Public Works and Police Departments for the terrific job they do in helping keep the school buses running whenever there is a down tree.

**5. NEW BUSINESS (ACTION ITEMS)**

**a. Approve Bill Voucher**

(February Bill Voucher can be found at [https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3985/Agenda-Item-5\\_a\\_Approve-Bill-Voucher](https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3985/Agenda-Item-5_a_Approve-Bill-Voucher))

**Motion presented by Stevens to approve the presented bill voucher in the amount of \$505,490. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

Discussion:

- There was no discussion.

**b. Isaac Allen House Presentation – Bob Wise, RGA Associates**

Sara Meadows, chair of the Historical Commission, gave a brief background on the Isaac Allen House including where it is located and who owns it (Chatham Financial). Upon the Township receiving a permit for demolition in 2016, it was reviewed by the Historical Commission and decided that further investigation was needed on the interior of the house. After that investigation by Mrs. Meadows and Seth Henshaw from RGA, it was determined that the House predated the 1800’s. These finding lead to a

historic resource report, which Bob Wise completed in November 2016 and presented at a previous Board Meeting. (A copy of the 2016 study can be found at [https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3986/Agenda-Item-5\\_b\\_2016-229PA-Kennet-Cox-Tenant-House-11-14-2016](https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3986/Agenda-Item-5_b_2016-229PA-Kennet-Cox-Tenant-House-11-14-2016).) Mr. Wise summarized his findings and recommendations from that report tonight. Options for the house include:

- **Stabilization:** Prevents demolition by neglect. Makes sure house is secure from people/animals, ventilated, inspected quarterly. This is the easiest/cheapest/quickest option.
  - Cost estimation: \$10,000
- **Restoration:** Architectural assessment would need to be completed before a plan and costs are determined. Can restore incrementally over several years.
  - Remove framed addition and just keep historic stone house, cost estimate \$10-20,000
  - Stabilize remaining stone section, cost estimate \$6-10,000
  - Restore stone exterior, redo windows, new roof, remove stucco, remove porch, new hardware, cost estimate \$150-250,000
- Clearing the sight and adding a sign about the house are recommended regardless of which option is chosen by the Board to move forward with.

Discussion:

- Leff asked if they stabilize it now, would they be able to follow other recommendations in the future. Mr. Wise reported that yes, if the exterior is secured, there is time to decide what else to do although the interior would not allow for much more than a house museum due to its small size. Discussion of clearing the property and parking continued.
- Hoffman questioned why this house is not eligible to be on the National Register of Historic Places. Mr. Wise cited the many alterations of this building as the reason he believes it would not be eligible.
- Stevens thanked Mr. Wise for his work on this project as well as other work for the Township. Mr. Wise credited Seth Henshaw for prior work.
- Heinrich asked if there is a market or demand for someone to purchase this property. Mr. Wise explained that while he was unaware of such market, it would not apply in this case as the owner is not interested in someone buying it. They would rather it be torn down, although that may have changed since 2016. Discussion continued with Sara Meadows regarding the lease agreement between the current owners and Kennett Township. Ratliff added the zoning challenges that are present even if the owners desired to divide the property and sell it.
- Ratliff asked if there was an option to preserve and display just the historic nail that was found at the house, which helped to set the date of the house, especially since so much of the house has been modified. Mr. Wise reviewed those modifications and again recommended doing something to keep the building since it is so small and simple. Mrs. Meadows added the home's visibility from the road and accessibility to the public.
- Stevens asked about the interior, and whether they could essentially ignore that while stabilizing the shell outside with some efforts to restore it to the original look and add an educational sign outside. Mr. Wise was in full agreement to that idea.
- Leff asked about the specifics of ventilation and if electricity was needed. Mr. Wise answered that electric fans are the best, but not needed and that currently the electric is shut off to that building.
- Ratliff commented that there is no money in the 2020 budget to address this project, but he encouraged the Board of Supervisors to determine their priorities with this property for future decisions and actions, as well as the public, so that the Township can plan accordingly.
- Leff asked if there were any grants available for the stabilization project, to which Mr. Wise did not know specifically. Mr. Wise did comment that he believed it is easier to get grant funding when a building is on the National History Registry, which this house is not.
- Heinrich asked if Mr. Wise was aware of any other townships spending \$150,000 or more for this type of property. He answered East Vincent purchased a property, but it was a far more complex building. While he does not believe we are the only township to own historic buildings, he did not offer any other comparable townships. Diane Hicks offered that Penn Township as an example.
- Leff recapped the good attributes of the property and discussion around timetables continued.

- Stevens asked for clarification on the size of the building. Mr. Wise knows that it is 15'x15' and that would change slightly if the stucco is removed.
- Hoffman asked Sara Meadows if the Historical Commission would be willing to try to raise the money for stabilization. Mrs. Meadows said that it would be discussed at their next meeting and she would let the Board know. Mike Boyle suggested that the owner might be willing to contribute, if they were willing to pay to have the building demolished. Leff and Ratliff can discuss with the owners once they know what the Historical Commission is willing and able to do.
- Denise Klein (594 E Hillendale Rd) asked if, in the budget, there was a line item for emergencies or for other unforeseen expenditures. Ratliff answered that yes, there is a reserve fund, but the Board and Finance Department would have to present a recommendation whether this project qualified for that fund. Klein followed up with questions about how to make sure certain things are on next year's budget. Ratliff explained that all volunteer committees can submit budget requests for the next year. They just are not always granted. This has been submitted by the Historical Commission in the past.
- Ed Burns (151 Forest Dr) asked if the report would be available online. Ratliff commented that if it was not, it would be.
- Leff thanked Mr. Wise and summarized the Board's position that they would like to consider some type of stabilization verses the full restoration. Hoffman added that it is a matter of budget and priority, but that if the Historic Commission could produce the funding, then it would not be objected.
- Diane McGovern (345 E Hillendale Rd) asked if the report had been shared with Chatham Financial. Ratliff replied that he and the Chairman would share all this information when they enter that discussion.

**c. Boyle Conditional Use Application**

(A copy of the decision can be found at [https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3987/Agenda-Item-5\\_c\\_Kennett---Boyle---Conditional-Use-Decision-v3](https://www.kennett.pa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3987/Agenda-Item-5_c_Kennett---Boyle---Conditional-Use-Decision-v3))

**Motion presented by Stevens to grant the application of Michael T. Boyle for a conditional use to allow a business of professional office in the V-1 Village (Hammorton) Zoning District in Kennett Township at address 260 Kennett Pike, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, condition on the applicant's compliance with the following conditions:**

- a. The typical hours of operation of the proposed use shall be 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with some early morning, evening and/or weekend hours.
- b. There shall be a maximum of six (6) employees working at the Property at any one time, unless sufficient additional parking spaces are provided at which time no more than eight (8) employees shall work at the Property at any one time.
- c. Prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for the proposed use, the Applicant shall provide additional landscaping and screening where required by the Township Director of Planning and Zoning or the Township Engineer.
- d. The proposed use shall be operated in substantial compliance with the testimony and evidence presented to the Board of Supervisors at the Hearing.
- e. All signage for the proposed use will comply with the Ordinance or the Applicant will apply for and obtain the appropriate relief.
- f. All lighting on the Property shall comply with the Ordinance and all other applicable Township ordinances, rules, and regulations governing lighting.
- g. Prior to performing any work on the Property, the Applicant shall obtain all required permits and approvals from the Township and all other agencies with jurisdiction over the proposed work.

**Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously after the following discussion.**

Discussion:

- Hoffman commented that this was great use for the property and consistent with how it has been used in the past.

- Mr. Boyle thanked the Board for this process, their attention and time spent.
- Denise Klein (594 E Hillendale Rd) asked for clarification on the location of this. Mr. Boyle offered that clarification.

**d. Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission Appointments**

Ratliff explained that the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission did not receive appointments to its Commission at the annual reorganization meeting. As detailed in his Manager’s Report, this was an oversight of the Township who annually appoints John Haedrich and Tom Nale to the Commission.

**Motion presented by Stevens to reappoint John Haedrich and Tom Nale to the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission as our Kennett Township representatives. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously after the following discussion.**

Discussion:

- Hoffman asked Mr. Haedrich if he was willing to continue, to which Mr. Haedrich said yes.
- Leff thanked Mr. Haedrich for his efforts as a part of this Commission.
- Mr. Haedrich commented for Tom [Nale], that he too was willing to continue to serve as he has been serving as the Treasurer to the Commission for a number of years.

**e. Open Space Property Grant**

**Motion presented by Stevens to authorize a grant in the amount of \$500,000 to the Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County for the acquisition of open space in Kennett Township. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a vote of 2-0, with 1 abstention (Hoffman) after the following discussion.**

Discussion:

- Leff explained that when the Township acquires open space, they do not talk about the property itself as it may be a multi-year process, so he is unable to answer specific questions at this time. The Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County (TLC) is going to put in a grant as they have a number of potential sources of funds for land preservation. The amount that Kennett Township would offer to assist in acquiring those other grants is \$500,000. Kennett Township tries to keep their section to a fraction of the total cost of the land, never to exceed the fair market value.
- Denise Klein (594 E Hillendale Rd) asked if this money was in the budget. Heinrich said that there was a line item in the budget for potential property purchases in the current budget. Ratliff commented that while they were made aware of the potential opportunity in 2019, it is not expected to be outlaid in 2020. This would be supported by the Open Space Fund, which has its own EIT revenue. Klein commented that it would have been nice if it was \$490,000 to allow the other \$10,000 to go towards the Isaac Allen House. Ratliff informed that the \$500,000 was a fraction of what was requested of the Township.
- John Haedrich (268 Kennett Pike) asked if this grant was for a specific property. Leff answered that yes it was. Ratliff added that if the process wasn’t completed on this property, the grant would not be expended.
- Ed Burns (151 Forest Dr) asked about the criteria that is considered when looking for a property. Leff and Stevens explained those qualities and that TLC has a list that prioritized all properties based on specific criteria. Ratliff offered to send Mr. Burns copies of the Township’s Open Space plan as well as the County’s Open Space Plan. Heinrich pointed Mr. Burns to the Township’s website where information about the Land Conservation Committee, who helps advise the Board, is listed.

**f. Transportation and Community Development Initiative Grant**

Ratliff explained that at the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) has an a Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant application out. This is a planning grant brought to the Township's attention by Economic Development Director Nate Echeverria, who also works with the Borough. After discussions between the Township and Borough, it was determined that there is mutual interest to study a micro transit system, which would help Kennett Township further their Active Transportation Plan. The Township is requesting \$100,000 and the match is a 20% split between the Borough and the Township. The Township is proposing half of their \$10,000 as a \$5,000 cash match and the other half as a donation in kind (staff hours worked toward the grant project). There is significant community support from the American Mushroom Institute, Longwood Gardens, KACS (Kennett Area Community Services), LCH (La Comunidad Hispana), Historic Kennett Square and the Borough of Kennett Square, Transportation Management Association of Chester County (TMACC) plus others for this study.

Discussion:

- Stevens asked if this would include industrial transportation of the mushroom trucks. Ratliff explained that no, this micro transit study would focus on how people around the Township.

**Motion presented by Stevens to authorize the Township Manager to submit a Transportation and Community Development Initiative Grant with the cash match of \$5,000. Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously after the following discussion.**

Discussion:

- Hoffman commented that it was good that people are coming together to study this.
- Stevens commented on the complexity of transportation issues and agrees that this piece would be an effective spoke under the hub of transportation.
- Leff asked what outcomes or recommendations could potentially come out of this study. Ratliff stated that the purpose is to study how people are currently moving in our community so that deliverables can be recommended to address the weaknesses and/or enhance the strengths found in the study. Leff also asked about where the study would focus. Ratliff confirmed the entire Township and the Borough.
- A member of the audience asked if a Kennett shuttle could come from this. Ratliff said he does not know and will not know until the study is complete. He currently does not understand the Township's current transportation network vulnerabilities, which is why this study would be so valuable.
- Art Kaiser (109 Young Ave) asked if the SCOOT Bus was involved to which Ratliff confirmed. Mr. Kaiser went on to comment that perhaps Walmart would want to be a part of this. Ratliff welcomed the suggestion.

## 6. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Gert Zerbe (201 Victoria Gardens Dr) asked what a home inspection on new construction for residential properties entailed. Hicks reported that all inspections must adhere to the 2019 International Building Code and Residential Code and continued to explain the inspection process. Ms. Zerbe asked how her direct-wired oven that was installed 14 years ago passed inspection, commented on her concern for the community, and that she does not feel it should be her financial responsibility to fix the oven wiring. Hicks commented that she was not familiar with the codes from 14 years ago and that typically the electrical inspection is handled by a third party which would have been hired by the developer. Ratliff suggested a meeting to discuss this matter farther. Stevens suggested that the Homeowner's Association also be included.
- Diane McGovern (345 E Hillendale Rd) asked when the Historical Commission could access historical documents located in the Township Building. There was also discussion with Sara Meadows on this topic. Hicks explained that the History Room is now also a meeting room, so she would need to know in advance to make sure that room is not occupied.

- Art Kaiser (109 Young Ave) asked if there was a study of our current open space that looked at the utilization of current trails. Hoffman reported that she has been trying to get that information from the Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County (TLC) about usage and explained the overall use of open space and her desire for the public to have access to Kennett's open space. Hoffman added that she will report at the next meeting when that information is expected from TLC.
- Beth Thomas (126 E Hillendale Rd) asked if the Township would consider more than passive recreation, such as baseball field, basketball courts, etc. for Open Space. Hoffman referenced last year's survey and that the response was low for active recreation. Ratliff spoke to the conservation objection of Open Space. Stevens commented that once a property has an easement on it, it is bound by the usage put forth by that easement. Heinrich commented that she was surprised by the low response of people with young children on the survey and she said she is committed to learning more about the easement process so that future properties are not limited in usage. Ms. Thomas added that local youth sports leagues are always looking for practice fields.
- Ed Burns (151 Forest Dr) thanked Hoffman for her explanation and enthusiasm of Open Space. Leff commented that his enthusiasm is similar. Mr. Burns then asked what the proposed uses were of the new property mentioned earlier in this meeting. Ratliff clarified that the grant mentioned earlier was not for the Township to acquire the land; it was so TLC could purchase the property and that there will be many future discussions about the use of that land once the acquisition was final.

## 7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Motion presented by Hoffman to adjourn. Stevens seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously with no discussion.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eden R. Ratliff  
Township Secretary