

LEHIGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Minutes of the August 24, 2021, Meeting

- I. CALL TO ORDER. The Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors held their second monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Lehigh Township Municipal Building, 1069 Municipal Road, Walnutport, Pa. 18088. Chairman Cindy Miller called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief prayer for the people of Afghanistan, our military, and Country, followed by roll call.

Present: Phil Gogel
Cindy Miller
Mike Jones
David Backenstoe
Charlie Unangst
Alice Rehrig

Absent: Mike McGonigle
Keith Hantz

- II. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRESENTATION. Charlie Schmehl of Urban Research and Development was present to give a brief presentation on the Comprehensive Plan that the Planning Commission has been working on. The Comprehensive Plan is a set of policies, not a regulation by itself. It provides guidance for the development and conservation of the Township over the next 10 to 15 years. It is intended to provide recommendations on future zoning changes, transportation, natural feature preservation, and ways to carry out the plan. One of the main goals of the plan is to have coordination of the land uses and separate uses that are incompatible with each other. They also try to relate development to the natural features of the land. They also try to avoid traffic problems. The Plan can also help with grant applications if a project is included within the Plan. The Plan also looks at way that natural areas can be preserved. In reviewing the summary of the plan, it lists some of the major goals for the plan, including different types of housing, business development to keep taxes low, avoiding traffic problems and cooperation with neighbors.

The summary also lists the major land use categories. In most cases, these are intended to relate to zoning districts. The northern part of the Township is in a Blue Mountain Conservation area which is a large lot zoning district. The goal over time is to have State Game lands added to it as much as possible to help preserve the mountain. Most of the Township is in Agricultural Rural Residential areas. These areas are proposed to continue to mainly provide for agriculture and homes on one acre lots. Where there is

potential to extend water and sewer systems from adjacent areas of the A/RR areas, there is an option for clustering of housing where there would be smaller lots in exchange for areas of preserved open space within the development.

The open space areas would most likely be maintained by a homeowners' association. The Village Residential is located in the villages in the Township. The goal here is to mainly provide for housing up to four homes per acre. Every municipality has an obligation under state law to have places where different types of housing can be built. The VR area would be where it would be possible to build town houses or apartments. Medium Density Residential is mainly relating to manufactured home parks that already exist or are in the approval process. Neighborhood Commercial is in the center of the villages and other areas where there are homes very close to commercial areas. There are some types of commercial businesses that make good neighbors to residences and others do not. The goal is to provide for most types of commercial uses, but not to provide for new auto repair and sales and gas stations. The existing ones could continue, but new ones would not be permitted in Neighborhood Commercial. General Commercial would be the place for all types of commercial uses. The Business Park is an area that exists already on West Mountain View Drive. This area could be sewerred from Walnutport and is intended to provide for various business to build the tax base of the Township. The PRRC is the Seminary property which is being proposed for a mix of uses by the Jaindl Company. There are no changes being proposed to this area.

Some of the big issues they dealt with was looking at Route 248 and where there were homes close to business areas and what types of businesses were appropriate there. They have also looked at following property lines because the current zoning areas do not follow property lines. They also looked at sight distances. There are areas where there are hills and curves where it is really tough to have commercial driveways. There may be dangerous conditions in icy or wet roads if you have a lot of commercial traffic. There is a new proposed Neighborhood Commercial area on the east side of Route 145 across from the Industrial District. The goal is to have a step down from the current Industrial to the new Neighborhood Commercial, to the residential area on the hill above. Another issue they were concerned about was Pennsville. The road system, and stormwater drainage are not suitable for dense development. You could build apartment buildings there right now. The proposal is to relate the density of development to the ability of the road system to handle it. The last item they looked at areas that drain into current sewer systems and places in the future where there could be a sewer system. One of the locations was Treichlers where they believe in the long term there is going to be a need for a sewer system. One of the ways that they can make that work is by having new private development occur that helps to pay for the sewer system and then the existing residents would have a much lower cost per household to connect to the sewer system. As a result, they did propose some additional growth areas next to Treichlers.

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There will be a formal public hearing where they will go through this in more detail. This overview was to give the Supervisors a briefing of what was in the plan before they review at the public hearing stage. As people digest this information, they can submit any comments or questions to Township staff so they can be forwarded to Township Officials and Mr. Schmehl.

Jerry Pritchard questioned how this all came about. Cindy Miller commented Municipalities are recommended to update their Comprehensive Plans every ten years as directed by the MPC; the current Comprehensive Plan is from 2000. The Planners were very serious about taking into account what the residents want the Township to be in the future which is not to have a lot of high density. The Planners listened to that very carefully and took that into consideration when developing the Plan. There were separate Comprehensive Plan meetings that have taken place over the past ten months to a year.

Phil Gogel commented there are three main arteries coming through the Township. Typically, he would expect you would want to put your commercial on the outside areas of the Township. Route 248 goes through the center of the Township and that is where most of the commercial development is planned. It seems like there are some big areas along Route 946 that could be commercial development, but the only commercial that is being proposed is right by the light in Danielsville. There is sewer available in that area. Wouldn't it make sense to put Neighborhood Commercial in an area where water and sewer are already located instead of trying to bring water and sewer into the development. You would want to build off of the existing system and spread outward. Charlie Schmehl commented adding additional commercial in the Danielsville area is a viable option. There are areas of commercial along Route 946, some in the center of Danielsville, a large area along Route 145 and Route 248. The Township on the whole probably has more commercially zoned areas now than most Townships.

Phil Gogel questioned if the commercial areas are accessible to water and sewer. Charlie Schmehl commented the areas closer to Walnutport are possibly able to be served by the Walnutport system. Phil Gogel commented it is his understanding that one of the things that deterred Walmart from building on Route 145 was that they were going to have to bring sewer in from another municipality and they didn't want to have to have to deal with two different municipalities for water and sewer. The infrastructure is already located along Route 946, but it doesn't seem like we are utilizing it. Charlie Schmehl noted that certain types of commercial development can operate with on lot systems.

Charlie Schmehl commented if the Board would like to see additional commercial districts along Route 946, it is something they could look into. Phil Gogel commented it is a main artery and a State road. That is where the commercial should be pushed to. Cindy Miller questioned how much commercial development does the Township want?

Phil Gogel commented he is suggesting taking it from some of the other areas where it really doesn't belong. Why do you want to put the commercial in the center of the Township? It should be located along the outside of the Township. Charlie Schmehl commented he would believe that any commercial addition to the Township would be beneficial as long as the right standards are in place.

Jerry Pritchard commented he would think commercial development would be best suited where the main population movement takes place which would be along Route 248 and Route 145. Commercial development will want to be where the most traffic exists. Route 946 is not a big populated movement area. It doesn't carry as much through traffic. Michael Jones commented there is more traffic along Route 946 than what people may realize. Jerry Pritchard commented most businesses are looking for access to main arteries like Route 78. Phil Gogel commented he is not necessarily looking to build something for other people to come in. He is looking for something to be used by the residents, such as Tractor Supply.

Cindy Miller commented she is a commercial realtor and used to do strategic planning. When a business looks at where they are going to locate a business, they are looking at population, but not just that of Lehigh Township. They are looking at where they are going to pull the population from. That's why you see businesses migrating towards Routes 145 and 248 because they feel they are going to get more bang for their buck by locating there rather than Route 946. Big commercial box stores like a Tractor Supply are going to go towards a Route 145 before they come to a Route 946.

Phil Gogel commented the area is nice for Resort Commercial. He knows there is a small section of Resort Commercial. He thinks the area would like more of this because there are a lot of people who want to do rentals and profit from the Ski Area. Cindy Miller commented she was contacted by Barb Green from Blue Mountain Ski Area. Now that they have been sold, they are looking at putting up the hotel that was discussed some time ago. She also believes the water park will be looked at more seriously because the new owner did that at Camelback. Charlie Schmehl commented the goal of Blue Mountain is to be able to provide year round activity. Mike Jones commented it would make sense to have some commercial to be able to draw from the ski area traffic.

Cindy Miller commented it would be helpful if the Board suggested lots that they would want to have the zoning changed on rather than just making a general statement. This way the Planners wouldn't have to go back and forth with the Board trying to guess which lots the Board feels should be changed to some type of commercial zoning. The Planners came up with these areas as their recommendation. She is just asking the Board to give their input to help the Planners as to where the commercial zones should be expanded.

Jerry Pritchard commented the statement was made that commercial helps with the tax base. In order for that to happen, you would need to bring in something substantial like a hotel. If a hotel comes in, you are not going to be shopping in downtown Danielsville. Mike Jones commented he is not looking at large box store, but thinks it would be beneficial to have a coffee shop, Dunkin Donuts, or somewhere to get food.

Phil Gogel commented as far as the Resort Commercial zoning, he would take the whole section from Berlinsville to the Danielsville light because you have Edgemont Park, the ice cream stand, and other places. He is not looking for a large box store. Just something like a Tractor Supply or something small or Resort Commercial so we can at least capitalize on Blue Mountain or Woodstone. The old Susquehanna Bank would be great for a Dunkin Donuts, a KFC, or something similar. There is a lot of traffic from the Ski Area on Blue Mountain Drive. He doesn't agree with eliminating the whole section from any type of commercial and keeping the commercial in the center of the Township on Route 248. He can understand the commercial along Route 145. When cities are developed, they typically keep their commercial on the outside.

David Shulman suggested it would be more productive for the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors hold a joint Comprehensive Plan meeting to discuss the plan. This may be a better time to discuss the plan and resolve any questions or issues the Board or public may have. The maps the Planning Commission reviewed can be made available for anyone to look at. If everyone is together, it will make it easier for them to finalize the plan. It was agreed that a special joint meeting would be held on Thursday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Phil Gogel also noted there are a lot of water issues on the upper side of Route 946 along the mountain. With new development, corrective action can be taken to mitigate some of these problems. Charlie Schmehl commented sometimes you can have some type of incentive to get developers to correct an existing problem. It is possible that new subdivisions or development may help stormwater situations. They are not allowed to make any existing conditions worse. Phil Gogel commented this is another reason for adding the commercial area, because you need to have a developer who is able to fund these types of projects.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Minutes of August 10, 2021. Mike Jones made a motion to approve these minutes. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. Cindy Miller noted the following corrections to the minutes: Page 5, top of the page, last sentence, "not" should be replaced with "now" so it reads the Police Department is "now" citing the owners; Page 14 top of the page the resident who suggested Cindy Miller contact Mike McGonigle was David Hess and also on Page 14, second full paragraph, the

resident who questioned if there was an update on the activities at the Lorah farm was Deb Miltenberger. All voted aye to approve the minutes with these corrections. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- A. General Fund Checks 25094 to 25129. Phil Gogel made a motion to approve these bills. Michael Jones seconded the motion. Cindy Miller questioned the invoice regarding the repair work that was being done on the DUI trailer. What was being done as this was a new trailer? Alice Rehrig commented the work was to repair a wiring issue on the Command Center, not the new trailer. The Command Center is the older camper type unit. The new DUI trailer is roughly a 6' X 9' trailer that carries the barricades and other supplies to checkpoints. Cindy Miller noted both trailers were purchased through grants. Randy Braun questioned what the process was for paying bills. Cindy Miller commented the invoices and checks are processed for payment by the office and then the checks with invoices are given to the Board at the meeting for signature; all checks require two signatures. The bills are not mailed until after the Board approves the bill. If a bill is not approved, it is removed from the file. All voted aye to approve the bills. Motion carried.

V. PLANNING RELATED ITEMS

A. Extensions of Time

1. Timothy Pitts Major Subdivision. David Lear was present to represent this plan. The developer granted the Board an extension of time until December 31, 2021. They made their first submission to the Planning Commission about two months ago and are in the process of going through the comments that were received as a result of that submission. They have submitted their traffic study which is currently under review so the four impacted areas of Route 946 and Butternut Drive can be studied based on the estimated distribution throughout the Township. They are also waiting for clarification on some stormwater comments.

Mike Jones made a motion to accept the extension of time until December 31, 2021. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Mike Jones questioned why they would be looking at Butternut Drive when there is an access to Route 946. David Lear commented the three developments, Pitts, Heritage Village, and Northwoods will eventually be owned by one company and they are going to be sharing some facilities, such as recreation. They don't expect there to be much of an impact on Butternut

Drive, but they are studying all points of access to see what, if any, impact there will be. They need to make sure they are not overburdening any access points and make sure all intersections are safe. Motion carried.

2. William Jones/American Legion Lot Line Adjustment. William Jones was present to represent this plan. The developer granted the Board an extension of time until October 31, 2021. The extension is needed because the plan expires before the next Board of Supervisors meeting. This plan has received conditional approval from the Planning Commission and will be before the Board of Supervisors for approval at their September 14, 2021, meeting.

Mike Jones made a motion to accept the extension of time until October 31, 2021. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. Bill Jones commented he is expecting everything to be in and taken care of prior to October 31, 2021. Alice Rehrig commented she would expect he will be able to get conditional approval at the September 14, 2021, meeting. Cindy Miller suggested going to November 30, 2021, to make certain there is enough time. Bill Jones agreed to extending the deadline until November 30, 2021. Mike Jones amended his motion to accept an extension of time until November 30, 2021. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

VI OLD BUSINESS

- A. Cherryville Intersection. Phil Gogel had previously raised a concern regarding the slope and height of the grass behind the curb and whether it could be cut down because of how steep it was. Charlie Unangst commented the grass can be cut down, but the curb is only 18 inches high. On the front side of the curb, you have the pavement holding the curb except for the 7 or 8 inches that are above the roadway. On the back side, you either need to fill that area in with soil or concrete coming up from the sidewalk because it does add support to the curb in the event a plow would hit the curb. The grass also serves as a little bit of a deterrent for people to step over the curb in that area. It helps encourage them to use the designated ramp area. The sidewalk can't be elevated because you wouldn't be able to meet ADA requirements.

Cindy Miller questioned who will be providing the as built plans and will it require the Township to spend additional money on this project. Alice Rehrig commented she believes the as built is being provided by the contractor but will

have to verify it. Cindy Miller questioned when everything will be done on the Township end because we are paying the property owner a monthly fee for the construction easement until the project is signed off. Charlie Unangst will check on this.

- B. Maintenance Building. Cindy Miller commented we met with the architect on Monday and reviewed the plan. She believes there are still some minor items that need to be provided to the architect by the Engineer. They were hoping to have everything wrapped up by next Wednesday so the project can be put to bid. It is recommended the Board put the project to bid once everything has been finalized.

Phil Gogel made a motion to authorize the project be put to bid pending the final coordination of the architectural and engineering plans. Mike Jones seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. Yard Waste Facility. This item was tabled from the last meeting for additional discussion regarding the use of the facility by either businesses or non-residents as well as the dumping of improper materials. One suggestion was having the hours of operation from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. while the Maintenance Department was working and then lock the gates at 3:30 p.m. If residents wanted after hour or weekend access, they could purchase a key to the center for a nominal charge. Cindy Miller questioned how you would get the keys back or what would happen if they didn't return them. Mike Jones commented the cylinder of the lock would get changed each year and then new keys would need to be purchased for the after hour access. It would be an annual fee for the after hour access.

Jerry Pritchard commented there could be a one time investment of a camera system in which Township staff could monitor who is coming and going at the site and what they are dropping off. The cameras could capture the license plate and then an individual could be sent a fine for illegal dumping.

Mike Jones commented it seems like the biggest problem is contractors dumping at the site when it is for residential only and also people who are not residents bring their material to the site. The material may be appropriate in each case, but it is still against the rules. David Hess commented he was at a job in Allentown and a guy asked him to haul away the brush and some other material. When he asked him where he wanted him to take it, he told him he could take it to Lehigh Township. He told him he couldn't do that; it was for residents only.

Randy Braun questioned how much the key would be? If you made the charge \$5, you could just sell the resident the key to have access for the year. Bill Jones

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commented you could sell the key to a resident, but he may be the one who is dumping what is not supposed to be dumped, but it could cut down on some of the problems. Mike Jones commented unless you have someone watching the gate, you won't solve all the problems.

Mary Trexler commented the one time investment of a good camera is a good idea. It can be set so that everyone's cell phones are alerted when someone is in the yard waste center.

Randy Braun questioned if a citation has ever been issued for improper use of the cite. Cindy Miller commented she doesn't believe there was. Randy Braun commented if the Police sat there on a day when it was slow and the police issued citations for illegal dumping, as the word spread that citations are being issued, the dumping will stop. He is sure right now it is well known that the site is open, unmanned and you can get away with anything, so go for it.

Phil Gogel commented if there are too many problems with the site, the Board may need to shut the site down and everyone would have to go to the main site. This would also cut down on our time to load the boxes and transport the material. Alice Rehrig commented the transporting of the material is done by FRCA and included in the per capita fee the Township pays. There is not a separate fee set up if there is no transportation of material. Depending on the volume of material coming in, it may take the crew one to two hours to load containers each week. The other option would be for residents to pay as they take the material to the site. Depending upon how much material someone take to the sites, it would cost them more than the per capita fees we are paying.

Mike Jones commented he remembers a few years ago, someone from the center was checking IDs on people coming to the site and found quite a few people who didn't belong there. Alice Rehrig commented she knows the Police have already prevented people from dumping, but doesn't know if a citation was ever issued. Phil Gogel suggested closing the site at 3:30 when the road crew goes home and then have the site open on Saturday from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and the police can open and close the site. Alice Rehrig commented the last time we cut back on the hours; it did help curtail the issues at the site.

- D. Grow NorCo Grant. Alice Rehrig was looking for suggestions from the Board as to what she could apply for in this round of grant funding. The grant is a

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matching grant for most items except for police support items which is a \$1 match for every \$2 of grant funding. The maximum amount of funding is \$50,000. The deadline for filing the application with the County is September 10th. The project needs to be completed by December 31, 2022.

Cindy Miller commented she knows the Chief came to the Board looking to replace all the tasers at one time which would be around \$18,000. He was also talking about the need for digital radios at some point. Cindy Miller commented she contacted the County Executive and our County Council person. They both contacted Todd Weaver who is in charge of this for the County and he came back and said the County is not setting a deadline as to when they are moving to all digital radios. She explained to them that when this occurs it will be an unfunded mandate and they cannot spring this on the Township at the last minute because it will be very expensive. They do understand that, but they don't have any answers from dispatch. When Dispatch answered the question about when the switch would occur, they did indicate they recommend any new radio purchases be capable of handling both analog and digital transmissions since they don't know when they would be switching. She doesn't know what the total cost of the radios would be other than it is expensive. She does not know what the costs of maintaining the radios would be. Alice Rehrig commented she believes the cost of a digital radio is between \$4,000 and \$5,000. Cindy Miller commented there are 12 portable radios.

Paul Nikisher questioned why 12 portables would be needed? Not every officer is working at the same time. Phil Gogel commented the equipment is taken care of better when each person has their own equipment.

Alice Rehrig commented she did not know if there would be an issue with a radio becoming outdated if a digital radio being purchased now and not required to be put into service for a few years since the date of the switch is not known.

Cindy Miller commented the Department is also looking for a car to replace the one that has a bad engine. Alice Rehrig commented the Chief hasn't been able to locate a 2021 model vehicle. Since the grant is supposed to be awarded by the end of October and the vehicle hasn't been ordered, the vehicle could be included in the grant and the 2022 model ordered after the grant is awarded.

Mike Joes questioned if we put in for a car and tasers and a car isn't available or purchased before the grant is awarded, can the money be used towards the radios? Alice Rehrig commented generally, the grant must be used for the specific item listed in the application. For how close we are to the grants being awarded, the

purchase of the car could be held off until after the award. The cost of the car is usually between \$35,000 and \$40,000 so the cost of the car to the Township would be around \$12,000. Cindy Miller commented if all the tasers are purchased through the grant now, that would mean in five years, we could potentially need to replace all of them at one time. Mike Jones commented when the Chief mentioned the tasers, he indicated the batteries were rechargeable and you could swap things out. This may make them last longer. Cindy Miller commented the Chief is also looking to standardize the tasers because it makes the training easier because everyone is using the same equipment.

Phil Gogel suggested high resolution cameras and related installation costs also be requested for additional security measures at the Municipal complex.

The Board agreed to submit for a new police vehicle, tasers, and security cameras.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Release of Payment for Stream Restoration Project. The contractor submitted final invoices for the stream restoration work at Indiantrail Park since the project has been completed. Hanover Engineering inspected the work that was done and found it to be acceptable and are recommending release of the full contract amount. The original contract amount was \$123,665 and the additional contract for the removal of the damaged bridge on Cinchona Road and associated stabilization was \$18,890 for a total requested release of \$142,555.00.

Jerry Pritchard questioned if there were funds being retained for this project. Alice Rehrig commented there was nothing being withheld because the project has been completed.

Mike Jones made a motion to release \$142,555 to Brightfields Inc. for the stream bank restoration project. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. Manager's Report. Alice Rehrig reported the 2020 Census numbers have been released. The Township's population has increase from 10,526 to 10,774.
1. 2022 Budget. A draft of the 2022 Budget was presented to the Board for review and discussion at the upcoming budget meeting on September 14, 2021. In addition, a revised draft of the Recreation Capital Plan was provided to the Board. Alice Rehrig noted she will be making some changes to the plan to make it easier to follow. It will be set up similar to

the Fire Company and Public Works as a savings plan so everyone can see what funds are available when the projected purchases are scheduled to take place.

Paul Nikisher questioned if anyone from the Fire Company will be present for budget discussions. Cindy Miller commented they were invited and were present during the meeting when the dates were set for budget meetings and Capital Improvements.

- C. Solicitor's Report. Attorney Backenstoe reported one of the short term rentals who appealed the Zoning Hearing Board's decision has been sold and their appeal has been withdrawn. This is the property on Cedar Drive. The other short term rental located on Longacre Drive is schedule for argument before the courts in mid-September.

Paul Nikisher questioned the status of the Vandling matter. Attorney Backenstoe commented he filed the plans like he was supposed to, however, he did not open the escrow account. Attorney Backenstoe will be contacting him on Wednesday to find out what is going on. If the escrow account is not set up, he will be back in court. He hasn't done anything to create additional zoning violation such as earthmoving.

Paul Nikisher questioned the status of the property on Teel Road. Cindy Miller commented the owner filed an appeal with the Zoning Hearing Board for a home business. Attorney Backenstoe commented a lot of what the residents were upset about were not zoning violations. The items that the Zoning Officer felt were violations, he was cited for and he appealed to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Attorney Backenstoe also reported the individuals who were renting the Singer property on Route 145 have now moved out of the property. They were to vacate the property after the Township won the zoning appeal in Northampton County Court. Attorney Backenstoe also noted that the Township has been successful in each case they have filed in the courts.

- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT. Sandy Hopkins commented she has been in touch with members of the Lehigh Township Lions Club. She will be meeting with them on Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. They are very interested in participating in the Tree Lighting.

Mike Jones commented he has been told that Mr. Erschen has removed all his tools from the garage in Berlinsville so when people went to use them, nothing was there. He

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doesn't know what happened but was told he is done with everything with the Township. Sandy Hopkins commented the Rec Board had asked Alice Rehrig to contact him to return his key now that the Blue Mountain baseball season is over. He came back and said that Coach Sugra will be asking the Rec Board to use the Township field as an alternate field so it would be convenient if he had the key so he could help prepare the field for the High School Team. Sandy Hopkins commented Alice Rehrig did contact him again and let him know that until such time as a request is received and approved, the key should be turned in. Sandy Hopkins commented she really is not sure how much the High School team wants to use our field, especially since they have their own field. Cindy Miller commented they may be looking at additional places in the event the schools get shut down again and they can't use the fields. Jerry Pritchard commented Mr. Erschen is taking the tools back and forth to the field for when he needs them. In his opinion, it is childish and he should be turning in his key and moving on. David Hess commented the issue is that he didn't notify anyone in the Township that he was removing his tools. In his opinion, he should be turning in his key at the very least. Jerry Pritchard noted the tools have been replaced. David Hess commented the Rec Board is going to need to have more discussion on this for next year.

Lee Fehnel, 3701 Mountain View Drive, was present to discuss his concerns with the amount of large triaxle trucks and the speed in which they are traveling on Route 946. When he turns in his driveway, there are 8 to 10 foot weeds along the road. He has contacted PennDOT to get these weeds cut, but they are short of help and no one has come out. He has also had the police out to look at the conditions. He has been trying to do whatever he can to get these weeds cut down. He believes the Zoning Officer sent a letter to the people across the street and their 20 days are up on Monday. If they are not taken care of, he will park his truck on Route 946 with it's four ways on, put out cones, wear a vest and cut them himself and then spray weed killer on them. He has asked the Police to sit in his driveway many times. If they did that, they could issue enough citations that it would pay for their car and tasers. The trucks are a big part, but the cars and motorcycles are also flying up and down the road. He followed a truck from Klecknersville to his home and he was going well beyond the 45 miles per hour speed limit and was over the yellow line more than he was between the yellow and white lines. Cindy Miller commented the Township has addressed this with DEP and the Senator but there is nothing the Township can do other than have the police enforce the speed limit and weight and cite as warranted. Alice Rehrig will talk to the Chief and the Zoning Officer regarding this situation. Alice Rehrig commented she knows a letter was sent to the property owner and believes Mr. Fehnel is correct in that the 20 day period was up on yesterday.

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Paul Nikisher questioned what ever happened with reaching out to Mike McGonigle. Cindy Miller commented she called him twice and it went to voice mail. The mailbox is full so she couldn't leave a message.

Randy Braun questioned how long Blue Mountain Drive will be down to one lane. Cindy Miller commented it will be one way until they complete the required PennDOT improvements. She would expect they will try to get it completed as soon as possible because school starts on the 30th.

Jerry Pritchard questioned if anyone knows what is going on with the bridge on Maple. He saw it was closed the other week. Alice Rehrig commented the roadway is now open, but it is a single lane in the area of the bridge.

- IX. ADJOURN. Mike Jones made a motion to adjourn. Phil Gogel seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.