

**LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 1, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Richard Scott-Harper  
David Connors  
John Lee Irwin  
Stephen Zurl  
Thomas Szakas

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ken Battin, Township Manager  
Shane Kinsey, Director of Public Works  
Dawn Maciejczyk, Township Secretary  
35 Audience Members

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Scott-Harper led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Scott-Harper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He announced that the next regular scheduled meeting will take place on September 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., the deadline for agenda items will be noon on August 29, 2018. He also announced that the Board will be holding a Conditional Use Hearing for Three Groves Ecovillage on August 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. as well as a Proposed Zoning Ordinance Hearing on August 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Scott-Harper announced that there are vacancies on several Township Board and Commissions. The Open Space Committee has three (3) openings, Inniscrone Golf Course Committee has two (2) openings, Township Auditors has three (3) openings, Environmental Advisory Council has three (3) openings, the UCC Board of Appeals has two (2) openings and the London Grove Township Municipal Authority has a pending resignation from a Board member, the unexpired term would need filing. If you are interested in serving on any of these Boards or Commissions please contact the Township Manager, Ken Battin.

Mr. Scott-Harper announced that at this time he would like to start the part of this meeting, regarding speeding on Inniscrone Drive. He introduced Mr. Stephen Giampaolo, P.E., McMahan and Associates and Mr. John Yurick, P.E., McMahan and Associates. Mr. Scott-Harper announced that after finishing the Inniscrone Drive part of the meeting the Board will continue with its regular scheduled monthly meeting. He also announced that Mr. Giampaolo and Mr. Yurick will be available in the small conference room to answer individual questions or for you to look closer at the diagrams.

Mr. Giampaolo introduced several different options that could take place along Inniscrone Drive, as well as approximate cost if these options. The options that were discussed are as follows:

- Just using paint and putting “slow” on the road to make drivers aware, possible putting in rumble strips, as well as painting the intersection to make drivers aware.
- Build on to the existing mediums and add a couple additional mediums.
- Raise the crosswalks and the intersections instead of just painting them. There would be a transition area going over these that would act as a speed bump.

Mr. Giampaolo stressed that these ideas are just in the preliminary phase at this time.

Mr. Irwin asked Mr. Edwards, Inniscrone Homeowners Association, if they are seeing less cut through traffic now that the bridge has reopened? Mr. Edwards responded yes, but school is out at this time, so we do not have a true reading. Mr. Szakas asked Mr. Giampaolo, why he would recommend the calming mediums? Mr. Giampaolo answered, the mediums add a visual as well as a traffic calming aspect. This helps to show this is not just a back road. (6:15 p.m. Mr. Zurl arrives) Mr. Scott-Harper asked, approximately how many speed humps would need to go along this road if we choose to go that route? Mr. Yurick answered, approximately 14. Mr. Scott-Harper asked, what is the approximate cost of each raised intersection? Mr. Giampaolo answered, approximately \$75,000 to \$150,000 per intersection.

Mr. Connors asked, do you have any studies that shows the effectiveness, meaning do people speed to make up time between speed humps? Mr. Yurick answered, I do not have any studies, but the humps would have to be every 300 feet to maintain that 25 mph speed limit, this would not allow people enough time to speed up in between the humps. Mr. Kinsey asked, would this road benefit from long line stripping? Mr. Yurick answered, no that would not have any traffic calming effect.

Mr. Scott-Harper asked, how wide is Inniscrone Drive? Mr. Yurick answered, 24 feet wide with rolled curbs. Mr. Szakas asked, if the raised intersections or speed humps are put in will that effect response time for emergency personnel? Mr. Giampaolo answered, yes, they would slow response time a little. Mr. Szakas asked, will this effect property value? Mr. Giampaolo answered, I have never heard of it effecting property value.

Mr. Scott-Harper asked, would the rumble strips be every 300 ft? Mr. Giampaolo answered, they would typically go right before every intersection approaching a stop. Mr. Irwin asked, would there be an issue with the raised intersections and the raised crosswalks when it became plow season? Mr. Giampaolo answered, there could be an issue. Plows must be straight while going over them and not angled. Mr. Kinsey answered, they slow plow operations and there is additional maintenance associated with these raised intersections. Mr. Szakas asked, can we put three way stop signs in at the intersections? Mr. Yurick answered, there are PennDOT requirements that must be met for there to be three way stop signs at the intersections, these intersections do not meet those requirements. Mr. Kinsey said, if we put stop signs up that are not warranted and there is an accident, or someone gets hurt it falls back on the Township.

A resident asked, is there a temporary type of speed hump that can be used for approximately six months? Mr. Yurick answered, there is, but it is hard to find one that meets PennDOT standards. Mr. Kinsey also answered, that the temporary ones need to be bolted to the road, which ruins the infrastructure of the road.

Brian, from Finn Way, said first he wanted to thank the Board for looking into finding a solution. He also said, is there a way we can explore stop signs and speed reducing? Mr. Scott-Harper said, no the Township does not set those standards, they come straight from PennDOT. Brian asked, can we look into children at play signs? Mr. Kinsey said we can do that.

A resident commented that the speed indicator sign at the top of the hill works great, but he lives at the bottom of the hill and people fly past his house every evening.

A resident asked, with the raised intersections and crosswalks, can we just do more crosswalks instead of intersections? Mr. Yurick answered, we can investigate that, but then we are getting into speed humps for them to be effective.

A resident asked, what did the mediums that are currently their cost? Mr. Scott-Harper responded, I do not know, the Township is not the one that put them in, that was the developer. Mr. Giampaolo said, if we were to extend the ones that are there then we are looking at approximately \$20-30 per square feet. This could cost approximately \$8,000 to extend one. Being a parent, I understand that people are going to speed. There is no visibility in some of these intersections and I am looking out for the safety of the children. A resident commented that the intersection of Roscoman and Castlereia is a bus stop.

Mr. Edwards asked, can we have something in place before school begins? Mr. Battin said we can certainly look at the options and see if there is something less costly that we could handle in house, and check Mr. Kinsey's schedule to see what we can get done. Mr. Runey asked, what is the time frame that we are looking at? Mr. Scott-Harper answered, it depends on what measures are picked.

Mr. Scott-Harper announced that at this time Mr. Giampaolo and Mr. Yurick will move over to the small conference room to answer any further questions, and the Board will continue with their regular monthly meeting.

## **I. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Scott-Harper asked for public comment. There was none.

## **II. CORRECTION/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The meeting minutes of July 11, 2018 were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Connors made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 11, 2018 as presented, seconded by Mr. Irwin and approved by a vote of 5-0.

## **III. REPORTS FOR JULY 2018**

### **Inniscrone Golf Course**

Mr. Scott-Harper reviewed the monthly report prepared by Mr. Tom Bolko, General Manager of Inniscrone Golf Course. Mr. Battin commented that this month has been there best month ever. There were no questions from the Board.

### **Codes Department**

Mr. Scott-Harper reviewed the Codes Department report, prepared by Mrs. Zunino, Mr. White and Mr. Weer. Mr. Zurl had a question regarding permit cost and what the money goes to after the permit is paid for. Mr. Battin explained the fees.

### **Public Works Department**

Mr. Kinsey presented the Public Works Department report. He also asked the Board for a consensus to dispose of the lot of electronics from Municibid. The bidder is not responding to phone calls and now Municibid is in the process of getting ahold of the bidder. The Board agrees that Mr. Kinsey may dispose of the lot of electronics. Mr. Connors commented to Mr. Kinsey and the rest of the Public Works Department that the roads look outstanding, thank you very much.

### **Finance Department**

Mr. Scott-Harper reviewed the Financial Report prepared by Ms. Guenther. Mr. Zurl made a comment that the report is very nice and always well put together. Mr. Zurl made a motion to approve the Finance Report as presented, seconded by Mr. Connors and approved by a vote of 5-0.

### **Pennsylvania State Police Report**

Mr. Scott-Harper reviewed the Pennsylvania State Police Report for the month of June. There was a total of 298 incidents, which is an increase from 281 in May.

### **Monthly Emergency Services Report**

Mr. Scott-Harper reviewed the Monthly Emergency Services Report. There were no questions from the Board.

### **Southern Chester County Emergency Medical Services Report**

Mr. Scott-Harper reviewed the Southern Chester County Emergency Medical Services Report. Mr. Scott-Harper mentioned that the Southern Chester County Emergency Medical Services just gave notice that in 2020 they are going to change their funding formula to the three part formula adopted by the Ad Hoc committee.

### **Monthly Right-to-Know Report**

Mr. Scott-Harper reviewed that there were three (3) Right-to-Know request for the month of July. There were no questions from the Board.

### **DEP Odor Report**

There were no odors reported this month.

## **IV. HEARING**

## **V. FIRST BUSINESS**

### **McCue Road Bridge Bid**

Mr. Kinsey reviewed his memo from July 23, 2018 regarding the McCue Road Bridge. He stated that Carroll Engineering has agreed to prepare bid documents, handle the bidding process, and construction inspection for the repairs to the bridge at no cost. They are also offering to cover 20% of the construction cost up to \$10,000. Mr. Kinsey is seeking approval from the Board to move forward with the bidding of the repairs as specified through PennBid.

Mr. Connors made a motion to approve moving forward with the bidding of the repairs as specified in Mr. Kinsey memo dated July 23, 2018, seconded by Mr. Szakas and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Budget Amendment**

Mr. Kinsey explained that there was a mix up with the budget documents from 2017 to 2018. The budget has been amended to reflect the difference as you can see in Ms. Guenther’s memo dated July 17, 2018.

Mr. Connors made a motion to approve the budget amendment as outlined in Ms. Guenther’s memo dated July 17, 2018, seconded by Mr. Zurl and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**VIII. LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**PLANS:**

**Approval to Release Bond, Inniscrone Phase 3 & Phase 4**

Mr. Zurl made a motion to approve the release of the Bond for Inniscrone Phase 3 and Phase 4, seconded by Mr. Irwin and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**Estates of London Grove Escrow Release #5**

Mr. Connors made a motion to approve escrow release #5 in the amount of \$144,449.14 as recommended by the Township Engineer, Ronald Ragan in his memo dated July 27, 2018, seconded by Mr. Zurl and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**Hills of London Grove Escrow Release #3 for Phase 4**

Mr. Connors made a motion to approve escrow release #3 for Phase 4 in the Hills of London Grove, seconded by Mr. Zurl and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**Hills of London Grove Escrow Release #7 for Phase 3B**

Mr. Zurl made a motion to approve escrow release #7 for 3B in the Hills of London Grove, seconded by Mr. Irwin and approved by a vote of 5-0.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT: (NON-ACTION ITEMS)**

Mr. Scott-Harper asked for public comment. Ms. McNicholas asked if any of the proposed zoning changes have been approved thus far? Mr. Scott-Harper said no nothing has been approved, there is a hearing scheduled for August 22, 2018 to discuss that. Ms. McNicholas said then why is there a for sale sign on a property on Baker Station Road that says commercial property already? Mr. Scott-Harper said I can’t answer that, it’s not our sign. I can tell you that we have not approved any changes yet.

**X. EXTENSIONS- NO ACTION NEEDED**

Development	Application	Date Received	90 Day Expiration	Planning Commission Approved
Needham Farms	Preliminary	March 15, 2005	November 20, 2018	
Taco Bell	Preliminary/Final	April 26, 2018	October 25, 2018	

	Plan			
220 Chatham Road	Final	May 2, 2018	October 29, 2018	

Development	Application	Date Received	5 Year Expiration	Planning Commission Approved	Board of Supervisors Approved
London Grove West	Approved Final Plan	December 22, 2010	May 25, 2019	April 27, 2011	August 10, 2011
Coventry Reserve	Approved Final Plan	August 1, 2016	March 8, 2023	February 28, 2018	March 8, 2018
Petrella 12 & 13 Greenfield	Approved Final Plan	May 18, 2018	June 6, 2023	May 30, 2018	June 6, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Zurl to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Mr. Connors and approved by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Maciejczyk  
Township Secretary