

# LOWER MILFORD TOWNSHIP

Lehigh County

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 5, 2015 Workshop Meeting

## MINUTES

Present: Chair Donna Wright, Vice-Chair Michael Snovitch, Supervisor William Roy, Township Manager Ellen Koplin and 6 members of the audience.

The meeting was convened at 7:30 pm by Chair Wright.

Motion by Snovitch to authorize advertising the Regional Comprehensive Plan Agreement Ordinance, seconded by Roy and unanimously approved.

Motion by Snovitch to ratify Lower Milford Township as a Co-Petitioner on the Hosensack Creek Watershed petition, seconded by Roy and unanimously approved.

Koplin reviewed with the Board the road projects to be accomplished in 2015 as well as current equipment issues and needs. Building and grounds maintenance was also discussed.

Snovitch had questions concerning line painting. Koplin advised that due to the water base paint that is now required for use on roads, it would most likely be an annual contract. She also reminded the Board members that in order to select certain roads for lines, the traffic counts will need to be completed and then specific criteria adopted. Completion of the road counts will be accomplished by the end of April.

Snovitch also suggested that we request the PA Dept. of Community and Economic Development conduct a police coverage study. The Board members agreed to request the study.

Wright gave an update on the regional planning project including how an update will help Lower Milford. Planning categories include traffic, distribution of land uses and member municipalities having a voice in plan reviews. Also, a standing committee will be formed. The Lehigh Valley Planning Commission will be the consultant for the project.

The Recreation and Open Space Board is preparing a cost estimate to construct a pavilion in the community park. The R & O Board members will pursue needed estimates by contacting contractors for the various items. Wright will talk to other municipalities for estimated maintenance costs.

Wright introduced reports prepared in conjunction with the "1 LV - One Lehigh Valley." The reports are concerned with transportation, housing, environment, agriculture and open space. An example Wright shared was property values throughout the Lehigh Valley. Throughout the economic downturn, Lower Milford property values did not decline. Another example was properties in close proximity to preserved open space or agricultural land, had a higher value.

### Citizen Comments:

Jean Schock wanted to know if we solicited for estimates to paint the garage interior. Yes, estimates were sought.

Dale Koplin raised the concern of Township equipment, stone and cold patch being stored near the park and the potential danger posed to children using the park.

On Motion by Snovitch, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen L. Koplin, Township Manager/Secretary