

Lower Milford Township

Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

Board of Supervisors

October 2, 2025 Workshop Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Ellen Koplin, Chair; Lowell Linde, Vice-Chair; Timothy Cogle, Supervisor; Emily Fucci, Township Administrator/Secretary; and 38 members of the Public.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM by Koplin.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Koplin provided background on the Limeport Vision Plan and provided an overview of the locations she would like to see proposed walking trails as the first phase of implementation, which included the area of Limeport Inn and Limeport Commons.

Elizabeth Moerder expressed that she would not like walking paths within the Village.

Valerie Hildebeitel stated that she did not receive the survey initially and that she wanted the Township to show them what was proposed.

Emily Stackhouse stated that traffic and safety concerns of residents in the Village need to be addressed before improvements are put in place, and referenced the increased volume of traffic, speeding and truck traffic on Limeport Pike.

Larry Redmond asked for confirmation that the lane behind his home on 1439 Limeport Pike would not be affected and mentioned concerns of gunfire coming from a nearby farm in the vicinity of the proposed walking trail.

Barry Skoras stated that tractor trailer traffic on Hoffman Lane makes walking dangerous. Sue Skoras commented on the need for a safe location to walk around Limeport and the importance of keeping people off of Hoffman Lane.

Charlene Stackhouse asked why the land behind Limeport Inn and Limeport Commons was of "environmental concern" and couldn't be developed, worried about impact on the residents. Koplin explained it was located within floodplain, which is suitable for a walking path but not additional development.

Sue Labrie reiterated safety concerns with traffic on Limeport Pike and expressed concerns that the Pennsylvania State Police won't provide adequate patrols of a public park.

Moerder agreed with comments from E. Stackhouse on addressing traffic safety issues as the first step.

Cogle provided the audience with an overview of what the Township has previously done with PennDOT, which included lowering the speed limit along Limeport Pike, and the frustrations of working with PennDOT.

S. Skoras commented that a walking path would alleviate some concerns by keeping people off the roadways.

Pouran Esrafilly asked what residents and do to help, and Cougle advised they write to the PSP and local representatives. Esrafilly commented on the need for strict rules and regulations at any public improvement.

John Camburn asked who will maintain the pathway and if there will be additional liability taken on by the Township.

Hildebeitel asked for the survey results to be shared, and a consensus was received from the Board that it could be shared online instead of Fucci's advisement that it be a right to know request.

S. Skoras wanted the record to show that they do not want a park behind them at the fire station and provided examples of previous activity experienced during the Fire Company carnivals.

John Harbove stated that he would like to see the village have a community feel and that "welcome" signs at each end of the village would be a good start. Harbove expressed his desire for a safe place to walk and his belief that community improvements would positively affect property values.

Esrafilly commented on the importance that the residents keeping their peace and privacy. The Board assured Esrafilly that no walkway will be placed behind her home.

Duane Stackhouse shared his experience of finding people lurking behind his home near his garage in the dark.

La Brie asked why a new path is needed when the one at the Township building gets little use. She was advised that since the park area behind the Township building gets little use since most would need to drive here, a path in the populated area makes more sense.

Cogle expressed his vision, which includes a walking path that would create a loop starting at Limeport Inn and extending until the bridge on Hoffman Lane.

Mary Greiss-Coult expressed that she'd like to see additional time for people to respond and another opportunity to express opinions on the plan once it is put together better.

Esrafilly commented on the negative impacts Geryville Materials would have on the already burdened roadways if the quarry is built.

B. Skoras commented he was fine with sidewalks on Hoffman as long as property owners don't need to pay for them.

La Brie commented that the Township should not assume property owners will be agreeable.

Koplin asked the residents to take maps with them and bring ideas to the Township of where they'd like the path to be.

Discussion was held on draft 1 of the 2026 budget. A consensus was received that full amount of the Lehigh County radio upgrade purchase will come out of the General Fund. Koplin requested that the budget reflect the current promissory note agreement payment until the Fire Company's PEMA grant is processed and a new amount for the agreement is received. A consensus was

received that the Township will reimburse the Fire Company for money they spent on the grant writer to receive the PEMA grant.

Motion by Linde to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cougle and unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Emily Fucci
Township Secretary

APPROVED