

**HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULARLY SCHEDULED WORKSESSION MEETING  
Monday, June 13, 2005  
7:30PM**

The regularly scheduled Worksession meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Kenneth B. Bennington at 7:35PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: George C. Egly, Jr. – Vice-Chairperson  
Richard J. Manfredi – Supervisor  
Christopher Engelhart – Chief of Police  
Thomas A. Buzby – Director of Public Works  
David W. Taylor – Code Enforcement Official  
Daniel Jenkins – Fire Marshal  
Lorraine E. Leslie – Township Treasurer

Chairperson Bennington announced the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting in order to discuss personnel.

Chairperson Bennington called for a moment of silence for a young Marine, Lance Corp. Robert Mininger of Hilltown Township, who was killed in the line of duty in Iraq. Chairperson Bennington had the pleasure of coaching this young man at Deep Run for many years.

A. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: None.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT – Chairperson Bennington presented the Treasurer's Report with the following balances as of May 31, 2005:

General Fund Checking	\$ 665,484.62
Payroll Checking	\$ 1,353.23
General Reserve Fund	\$ 32,541.82
Open Space Fund	\$ 991,485.69
Park and Recreation Fund	\$ 110,527.98
Road Equipment Fund	\$ 130,979.96
Fire Fund Checking	\$ 106,602.69
Debt Service Checking	\$ 329,009.60
State Highway Aid Checking	\$ 241,242.02
Escrow Fund Checking	\$1,596,322.59
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 43,547.21

Motion was made by Supervisor Egly, seconded by Supervisor Manfredi, and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report dated May 31, 2005, subject to audit. There was no public comment.

C. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Mrs. Julie Davis, Dunlap Associates – 2004 Audit Review – Mrs. Davis provided a brief review of the 2004 audit. She advised that 2004 was the first year for the new reporting model, GASB-34, for which the Township is in compliance. Mrs. Davis referred to page 14 of the Financial Report showing the Statement of Net Assets that combines all the governmental funds of the Township, of which the Pension Funds and the Escrow Funds are not included. This is on a full accrual basis, which is different from past years, when the Township was on the cash basis of accounting. Mrs. Davis advised that there was a total of \$1,186,491.00 in cash at the end of December 2005. For the first time under this new reporting model, Mrs. Davis advised that a list of capital assets and net of depreciation has been provided, from which a value of \$6,822,440.00 has been determined. This new reporting model also shows the debt along with the rest of the assets and liabilities. Under "Net Assets" the Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt totals \$4,239,652.00. Total net assets as of December 31, 2004 was \$6,218,786.00 under this basis of accounting.

With respect to pages 15 and 16 of the report, Statement of Activities as presented on the full accrual basis, reflects expenses under the different governmental activities with the net of the revenues collected specifically for those activities. General Revenues of the Township are also included on these pages including Taxes, Grants and Contributions, Investment Income and Rents, and Miscellaneous. Under this reporting, the change in Net Assets for the year was \$1,914,869.00. One of the quirks of GASB-34 is that two sets of statements are presented. Capital assets and debt are not shown on these statements, though the statement does reflect payment fund debt and capital expenditures as expected, which are shown on the next set of statements.

Pages 20 and 21 of the report shows the revenues and expenditures, along with the changes in fund balances of governmental funds. This is presented on a major fund basis, meaning a calculation was done to determine which funds were considered "major." The results include General Fund, Open Space Fund, and Debt Service Fund, with all remaining funds combined as Non-Major Funds. This statement shows Capital Purchases as an expense. The year's total General Fund Revenues totaled \$4,563,390.00 versus total Expenditures for the year in the amount of \$4,249,442.00 for an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$348,091.00.

Page 23 and 24 of the report contains a Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets where the Pension and Escrow Funds are presented. The Pension Funds increased in Net Assets by \$501,070.00 for 2004.

Notes to the Financial Statements begin on page 25, and have been significantly expanded to explain the new reporting model, the different sets of statements, and the different basis of accounting.

Page 37 of the report provides for a breakout of the Capital Assets of the Township from the beginning of 2004, additions and anything that was sold, along with the balances at the end of the year. This statement also shows the accumulated appreciation by the type of asset, which is a better measure of the worth of the asset.

Page 38 "Long-Term Notes" sets out the balance of the Note as of December 31, 2004 at \$2,553,032.00, as well as the terms of the Note and the future maturities. Notes with respect to the Defined Benefit Pension Plans begins on page 39. Page 44 indicates the funding progress in the two Pension Plans, which Mrs. Davis noted are both fully-funded.

Page 47 shows the Budget to Actual results of the General Fund through the year. Total Revenues were better than budget by \$626,311.00, mostly due to unexpected developer contributions. Total Expenditures were over-budget by a small amount, however Mrs. Davis commented that overall, the budget came in \$348,091.00 better than anticipated.

Due to the significant tax increase, Supervisor Manfredi felt it was important to note that revenues were greater than expenditures, however it must be taken into consideration that in excess of nearly \$500,000.00 came from miscellaneous revenues, which are one-time revenues received at the end of 2004. Also, he pointed out that the charges for services, which includes building permits totaled \$739,000.00, but the actual was \$224,000.00 under that amount. Therefore, there was an over-statement of \$224,000.00, and when combining that amount with the \$250,000.00 at one time, there is \$500,000.00 of lost revenues. Supervisor Manfredi wants the public to understand the context of budgeting and operation versus financial statements. Discussion took place.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Chairperson Bennington thanked Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Leslie, Township Treasurer, for their fine work during the audit process.

D. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Mr. Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works – Mr. Buzby presented the Public Works Report for the month of May 2005; a copy of which is on file at the Township office. Mr. Buzby advised that twelve days were spent on installing stormsewer on Park and Mill Roads. Phase II of this project is close to completion.

Bids were opened on June 8, 2005 for the following items:

Bid #2005-1 – Asphalt –

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|----|-------------------|---|
| 1) | H & K Materials – | 4,000 tons – ID-2 Wearing - \$29.50/ton |
|    |                   | 2,000 tons – ID-2 Binder - \$26.50/ton  |
|    |                   | TOTAL - \$171,000.00                    |
| 2) | Glasgow -         | 4,000 tons – ID-2 Wearing - \$31.75/ton |
|    |                   | 2,000 tons – ID-2 Binder - \$27.25/ton  |
|    |                   | TOTAL - \$181,000.00                    |

Supervisor Manfredi recused himself from voting on this issue due to a business relationship with Haines and Kibblehouse.

Motion was made by Supervisor Egly, and seconded by Chairperson Bennington to award Bid #2005-1 for Asphalt to H & K Materials in the amount of \$181,000.00 as noted above. Supervisor Manfredi abstained from the vote. There was no public comment.

Bid #2005-2 – Aggregate –

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|----|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 1) | H & K Materials - | 500 tons #1B Crushed Stone  | \$8.90/ton  |
|    |                   | 500 tons #2A Material       | \$6.65/ton  |
|    |                   | 500 tons #2 Crushed Stone   | \$8.26/ton  |
|    |                   | 50 tons #3A Crushed Stone   | \$7.90/ton  |
|    |                   | 150 tons #4 Crushed Stone   | \$7.40/ton  |
|    |                   | 300 tons #3A Modified       | \$7.15/ton  |
|    |                   | 200 tons Surge              | \$8.00/ton  |
|    |                   | 1,500 tons ¼" Stone         | NO BID      |
|    |                   | TOTAL - \$17,150.00         |             |
| 2) | Glasgow -         | 500 tons #1B Crushed Stone  | \$10.75/ton |
|    |                   | 500 tons #2A Material       | \$ 7.35/ton |
|    |                   | 500 tons #2 Crushed Stone   | \$10.75/ton |
|    |                   | 50 tons #3A Crushed Stone   | \$ 8.35/ton |
|    |                   | 150 tons #4 Crushed Stone   | \$ 8.35/ton |
|    |                   | 300 tons #3A Modified Stone | \$ 8.60/ton |
|    |                   | 200 tons Surge              | NO BID      |
|    |                   | 1,500 tons ¼" Stone         | \$ 8.35/ton |
|    |                   | TOTAL - \$31,200.00         |             |

Mr. Buzby noted that the lowest bidder, H & K Materials, did not provide a bid price for ¼" Stone, which is used mainly in winter operations for anti-skid material. Therefore,

he will obtain three phone quotes to purchase the required 1,500 tons of 1/4" stone.

Motion was made by Supervisor Egly and seconded by Chairperson Bennington to award Bid #2005-2 for Aggregate to H & K Materials in the total amount of \$17,150.00 as noted above. Supervisor Manfredi abstained from the vote. There was no public comment.

Bid #2005-3 – ID-2 Wearing Course

1)	Blooming Glen Contractors	1,000 LF Pavement Joints	\$ 5.15/LF
		1,764 tons Leveling Course	\$39.30/ton
		4,403 tons ID-2 Wearing	\$39.10/ton
		TOTAL -	\$246,632.50
2)	M & M Stone -	1,000 LF Neat Cut	\$ 3.45/LF
		4,403 tons ID-2 Wearing	\$43.17/ton
		1,764 tons Leveling Course	\$39.75/ton
		TOTAL -	\$263,646.51
3)	Bracalente -	1,000 LF Neat Cut	\$ 4.00/LF
		1,764 tons Leveling Course	\$47.15/ton
		4,403 tons ID-2 Wearing	\$47.15/ton
		TOTAL -	\$294,774.05
4)	P.K. Moyer -	1,000 LF Neat Cut	\$ 7.50/LF
		1,764 tons Leveling Course	\$48.50/ton
		4,403 tons ID-2 Wearing	\$45.96/ton
		TOTAL -	\$295,371.85
5)	James Morrissey -	1,000 LF Neat Cut	\$10.00/LF
		1,764 tons Leveling Course	\$44.50/ton
		4,403 tons ID-2 Wearing	\$47.50/ton
		TOTAL -	\$297,640.50
6)	GoreCon -	1,764 tons Leveling Course	\$62.00/ton
		4,403 tons ID-2 Wearing	\$57.00/ton
		TOTAL -	\$360,339.00

Motion was made by Supervisor Egly and seconded by Chairperson Bennington to award Bid #2005-3 for ID-2 Wearing Course to Blooming Glen Contractors in the amount of \$246,632.50 as noted above. Supervisor Manfredi abstained from the vote. There was no public comment.

Public Comment:

1. Ms. Susan Brickajlik of Hilltown Pike asked the status of the water runoff problem on Hilltown Pike, below the Deep Run Valley Sports Association property. Mr. Buzby was informed by Ms. Dawn Knisley of PennDot that PennDot has done all they intend to do by flushing the pipes. Mr. Wynn and Mr. Buzby both reviewed and discussed the issue and feel that an engineering study of the Deep Run property is necessary. Mrs. Brickajlik commented that when Ms. Knisley visited the site in November of 2004, PennDot indicated that they would be changing grading toward Callowhill Road near the 24" pipe and possibly some additional grading in other areas to make the water flow better. Mrs. Brickajlik was under the impression that PennDot intended to totally open all the pipes, which has not yet been accomplished. Mr. Buzby agreed, noting that he inspected the area after Ms. Knisley told him PennDot had flushed and opened all the pipes, and discovered that most of the pipes were still partially clogged. Chairperson Bennington wondered why PennDot is no longer proceeding with what they agreed to accomplish. Lengthy discussion took place. Ms. Brickajlik wondered if State Representative Kathy Watson could assist with PennDot to bring some sort of resolution to this matter.

Motion was made by Supervisor Manfredi to send correspondence to PennDot's District Maintenance Manager, Dawn Knisley (copying Mr. Andy Warren, PennDot District Engineer, State Representative Kathy Watson, and Senator Joe Conti), providing a brief chronological history of this stormwater runoff problem in the Hilltown Pike/Callowhill Road area, and asking for a solution or immediate action to resolve this issue.

Discussion took place. Supervisor Manfredi also suggested that a statement of the Township's concern be included with the letter to PennDot, for the hazardous condition and liability issues that exist for vehicular traffic in this flooded intersection. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Egly and carried unanimously.

Ms. Brickajlik asked if the Township was aware that Deep Run plans to build berms and install 6" pipes to funnel water toward their drain that runs onto Hilltown Pike. Ms. Brickajlik presented the Board of Supervisors with copies of the Deep Run Valley Sports Association Board of Directors meeting minutes of May 24, 2005, where this issue was discussed. On numerous occasions, Supervisor Manfredi advised that Mr. Wynn has recommended Deep Run conduct a full-blown engineering study on the site to address the problem. Chairperson Bennington wondered if the Bucks County Conservation District has ever investigated the situation. To Mr. Buzby and Ms. Brickajlik's knowledge, the BCCD has not been contacted. Typically, Supervisor Manfredi explained the Bucks County Conservation District would get involved once a soil disturbance plan has been submitted. Chairperson Bennington read the section of the Deep Run Board of Directors meeting minutes, which states "DRVSA cannot control the amount of water

that is running off of our property onto Hilltown Pike. We are going to put three berms each with a 6-inch pipe to funnel the water into the drain that runs onto Hilltown Pike. It is DRVSA's hope that by putting in these berms it will help to slow the water run-off and eliminate the overflows." Discussion took place.

Motion was made by Supervisor Manfredi to direct Mr. Buzby and Mr. Wynn to meet with the Deep Run Board of Directors and an engineering representative of Deep Run to determine recommendations to resolve this problem once and for all, with a report provided to the Supervisors either at the July Supervisor's Worksession meeting or at the regular Supervisor's meeting by Mr. Wynn. Mr. Hans Sumpf, president of Deep Run, advised that the Board of Directors would not be meeting again until August 9, 2005. Supervisor Manfredi withdrew his original motion.

Motion was made by Supervisor Manfredi to direct Mr. Buzby and Mr. Wynn to meet with the Board of Directors of Deep Run and Deep Run's engineering expert to discuss and determine a proposed solution to the stormwater runoff problem by a date no later than the August 22, 2005 Supervisor's meeting. No formal vote was taken.

Mr. Sumpf asked what the purpose of this meeting would be. Chairperson Bennington referred to the May 24, 2005 Deep Run Board of Director's Meeting, which states that Deep Run intends to install three berms each with a 6 inch pipe to funnel the water into the drain that runs onto Hilltown Pike, without any input from the Township. Mr. Sumpf believes that a Bucks County Conservation District permit for this type of work is not necessary unless a threshold area of earth moving takes place. Supervisor Egly agreed, however he noted that Mr. Sumpf does not have an expert's opinion as to whether or not the area of work in question is under that threshold limit. Mr. Sumpf explained that a volunteer expert, who he believes is an engineer, conducted a pro bono study for Deep Run and is willing to insure that this proposal is brought in under the amount of earth moving that would require a permit from BCCD. Mr. Sumpf spoke to Mr. Wynn, who advised that the engineering study itself would encompass other neighboring properties, not just Deep Run. Supervisor Manfredi stated this was the first he had heard that comment.

To address the stormwater runoff problem at this site, Supervisor Egly commented that it is not as simple as Mr. Sumpf or the May 24, 2005 Deep Run Board of Director's meeting minutes make it out to be. He suggested that Deep Run contact the Bucks County Conservation District in order to protect the land and the soils, and to meet the requirements with the proper soil compaction and seeding. Mr. Sumpf stated that the Deep Run May 24, 2005 meeting minutes do not reflect the entire conversation that took place that evening. If that is the case, Supervisor Egly does not believe the Deep Run meeting minutes are done properly. Discussion took place. Supervisor Egly can understand PennDot's lack of response because they want the stormwater runoff

controlled above the site before they know what is required to address the stormwater problems at the intersection itself.

Supervisor Manfredi restated his motion, to instruct the Township Engineer and Public Works Director to meet with the Deep Run Board of Directors and their engineer or expert on stormwater management, along with a representative of the Bucks County Conservation District, to review and address the stormwater runoff problem, with a report to be made to the Supervisors at their August 22, 2005 meeting. Supervisor Egly seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Ms. Brickajlik suggested that the photographs of the flooding on Hilltown Pike from storms in 2003, 2004, and 2005 be available for that meeting as well. The Board was agreeable.

Supervisor Manfredi believes it should be noted that Deep Run has shown a willingness to try to solve this runoff problem. Ms. Brickajlik is not trying to cause problems or create difficulties for the organization. She is simply concerned that if a proper engineering study is not conducted, the runoff situation could become worse.

Supervisor Manfredi asked Mr. Buzby to insure that representatives of PennDot and the Bucks County Conservation District are aware of the water runoff coming from the southwest to the intersection, which he personally witnessed during a major storm in April, and which he believes is a major contributing factor to the drainage condition.

E. POLICE REPORT – Mr. Christopher Engelhart, Chief of Police – Chief Engelhart presented the Police Report for the month of May 2005; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

A speed detail was run on May 13, 2005 on Green Street and on Rt. 309. The highest speed on Green Street was clocked at 68 mph, and the highest speed clocked on Rt. 309 was 78 mph. Supervisor Manfredi believes there is a provision in the Vehicle Code that a municipality can set a speed limit of 35 mph if it is in a residential zone, and wondered if Chief Engelhart can obtain a legal opinion that a residential "zone" is considered the same as a residential "area." This would avoid the requirement for traffic studies for residential roadways. Chief Engelhart explained that experts determine a residential zone by how close the dwellings are located to each other. Supervisor Manfredi asked Chief Engelhart to look into that section of the Vehicle Code.

With respect to the newly created bike patrol, Chief Engelhart advised that it has been very well received in the Green Meadows/Meadow Glen area of the Township.



The Township has received several hundred gun safety kits from Project Child Safe, which includes a gunlock, which are available free of charge at the Police Department. Chairperson Bennington suggested the notice be placed on the Township's website.

Supervisor Manfredi asked when the speed board would again be in use. Chief Engelhart replied that the speed board would be placed on area roadways several times a week in the very near future.

F. BUILDING REPORT – Mr. David W. Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer – Mr. Taylor presented the Building Report for the month of May 2005; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Taylor has added several new sheets to his report, including a listing of inspections performed in conjunction with building permits, categories of site visits and office appointments; as well as a listing of Zoning Permits still pending but not yet issued, and a listing of issued Zoning Permits for the month of May 2005. The Board also received copies of a brief status report of several pending citations/violations.

With respect to the illegal signs on the Pileggi property, Supervisor Manfredi asked if the violation was due to signs erected by the Solara Salon. Mr. Taylor replied that was correct, noting that citations are sent to the property owner, as required by the Municipalities Planning Code. The operator of the Solara Salon was cited for erecting signs without obtaining proper sign permits, and has since indicated that they intend to come into compliance. Supervisor Manfredi has noticed a proliferation of temporary signs advertising businesses at various intersections throughout the Township, and asked if they are permitted. Mr. Taylor replied that they are not permitted, nor have they ever been. Discussion took place. Supervisor Manfredi wondered if consideration should be given to revising and improving Sign Ordinance regulations. Mr. Taylor is only familiar with sign provisions for Bridgeton, because he is a member of their Zoning Hearing Board, and with Buckingham Township, his previous employer. However, he believes that Hilltown's sign provisions are in line with other municipalities regulations, noting that it is a matter of enforcement and how much resources the Township wishes to spend on sign enforcement.

Personally, Supervisor Manfredi does not believe Mr. Taylor needs to submit such an in depth report on a monthly basis, noting that Mr. Taylor's monthly report indicating the different types of permits issued and the activity in the department is sufficient. If it is easier for Mr. Taylor to provide the report in the format in which it was submitted this evening, Supervisor Egly and Chairperson Bennington were agreeable to it continuing. Supervisor Manfredi cares more about the volume, activity, and workload; it is not important to him to see who obtained permits. Mr. Taylor believes he can condense and streamline the information a bit more without too much trouble.

It is Mr. Taylor's understanding that the Hilltown Post Office has offered to provide delivery service to the proposed Oskanian Tract Subdivision. It was suggested to Mr. Taylor by another postal employee, that perhaps the Township might want to send written notice to Mr. Jordan, the new regional manager of the Philadelphia Postal Service, seeking approval for the Hilltown Post Office to provide delivery service. Lengthy discussion took place regarding the Township's efforts in the past to seek a Hilltown mailing address for residents, which would provide a better identity for the Township. Hilltown is currently serviced by 11 different post offices, which often causes confusion. The Supervisors directed Mr. Taylor to draft correspondence to the new regional manager of the Philadelphia Postal Service to begin discussions regarding delivery service by the Hilltown Post Office.

In the past Mr. Marshall of Pinewood Lane brought complaints of what he believed to be an illegal home business being operated by his neighbor. Mr. Taylor recently received a building permit application from Mr. Marshall, who asked that he communicate to the Board that Mr. Marshall's neighbor continues to park his work vehicle in the driveway, rather than in the garage. Apparently, Mr. Marshall does not intend to file a written complaint, however Mr. Taylor intends to investigate.

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Hans Sumpf of 9 Beverly Road asked what the ramifications are if a church, for instance, erects a temporary sign notifying of a future event, such as a spaghetti dinner. Technically, Mr. Taylor explained, that sign would be considered an illegal, off-premise sign. Mr. Sumpf sees a great deal of signs springing up at intersections on a daily basis, some for local community organizations. Discussion took place.

G. HILLTOWN AUTHORITY REPORT – No one was present.

H. ZONING HEARING BOARD REPORT – No one was present. A copy of the Zoning Hearing Board Report for the month of May 2005 is on file at the Township office.

I. HILLTOWN FIRE COMPANY REPORT – No one was present. A copy of the Hilltown Fire Company Report for the month of May 2005, which is on file at the Township office.

J. SILVERDALE FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Mr. John Gillespie, Chief – Mr. Gillespie presented the Silverdale Fire Company Report for the month of May 2005; a copy of which is on file at the Township office.

Mr. Gillespie commended the cooperation that he received from the Hilltown Police Officers that responded to the hazmat incident on Rt. 113 yesterday.

The Silverdale Fire Company has applied for a federal grant for retention of firefighters and recruitment efforts. If they are successful, Mr. Gillespie advised that the information would be shared with the other fire companies who service Hilltown Township.

K. PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT – Mr. D. Brooke Rush, Chairperson – Mr. Rush provided a verbal report of the Planning Commission Worksession meeting of June 6, 2005.

The Bucks County Planning Commission has provided the Planning Commission with a listing of 5 acre+ lots and a listing of lots in the 3 to 5 acre range in the Township. Those lists also shows what the BCPC believes is the current land use of each parcel. Mrs. Lynn Bush of the BCPC is continuing to work on a map showing the parks and open space land owned by the Township.

The much anticipated draft copy of the amended Zoning Ordinance was provided at the Planning Commission Worksession meeting. Mr. Rush noted that there are no changes to the boundaries of existing Zoning Districts. There is new wording for a Zoning district, "Conservation District," which is proposed to replace the existing Rural Residential District. There are two options relating to that district with respect to density calculations and a change with public utilities or public water being available. There is also a proposed change to impervious surface within that new Conservation District. Mr. Rush noted that no changes are proposed to the sign regulations, but in light of this evening's discussion, wondered if the Board has any direction regarding sign regulations. Chairperson Bennington replied that the Supervisors would appreciate any suggestions the Planning Commission might make. If the Planning Commission feels there is an amendment they wish to add or a recommendation they wish to make that will prolong their review of the Zoning Ordinance amendments, Supervisor Manfredi asked that it be set aside during review of the amendments. Chairperson Bennington reminded Supervisor Manfredi that the Planning Commission must still review the entire document. Mr. Rush believes the Planning Commission will require a minimum of four meetings (two hours at each meeting) for review of the Zoning Ordinance amendments. He anticipates that the Planning Commission will schedule an additional meeting for review of the amendments, and hopes to complete its review by the end of August. The main issues Supervisor Manfredi would like to see addressed include provisions for physically disabled individuals and their needs, as well as caring for the elderly, particularly with respect to in-law suites. Discussion took place.

Mr. Rush asked if the Planning Commission should begin review of the rezoning request for the Guttman Tract Subdivision at this time or wait until a rezoning hearing has been

scheduled before the Board of Supervisors. The Bucks County Planning Commission has provided a review. Chairperson Bennington advised that the Supervisors previously gave the developer direction to proceed with their zoning change request, and therefore feels the Planning Commission should review and provide the Supervisors with their recommendation prior to scheduling a Public Hearing. Supervisor Manfredi requested an update from the Township Engineer before the Planning Commission proceeds with their review.

Public Comment:

1. Since Mr. Joe Marino of Redwing Road heard that the Zoning Ordinance amendment was provided to the Planning Commission last week, he has attempted to obtain a copy for review, however there is not a copy available for residents at the Township office. Mr. Marino feels that a copy of the amendments should have been made available to the public the same day the Planning Commission and the Supervisors received their copies. Further, he does not believe that residents should be charged for a copy, citing the \$25,000.00 contact the Township has with the Bucks County Planning Commission to develop the Ordinance amendments. Chairperson Bennington does not understand why the Bucks County Planning Commission did not provide additional copies for the Township office. Supervisor Manfredi acknowledged that he received a memo from the Township staff asking the Board's direction with respect to disseminating the information. Mr. Marino wondered how the Supervisors can suggest that the Planning Commission begin reviewing and discussing this draft document, without any input from the residents. Discussion took place. Chairperson Bennington directed the staff to have the Bucks County Planning Commission forward a copy of the draft Zoning Ordinance amendment to the Township office for dissemination to the general public.

L. PARK AND RECREATION BOARD REPORT – Mr. Jon Apple, Chairperson – Mr. Apple presented the Park and Recreation Board Report for the month of May 2005. The Memorial Day celebration at the Hilltown Civic Park went very well, with the largest turn out ever experienced. Mr. Apple contacted Mrs. Fox to schedule the Jack Fox Memorial Tree Planting ceremony, sometime in September of this year.

With respect to Theater Camp, Mr. Apple recently attended an event at the Main Street Theater of the Arts in Quakertown where he learned that there are approximately 25 theater students from all over the country living there who will be putting on four different plays throughout the summer months. These theater students are interested in teaching theater skills during the summer and Mr. Apple thought perhaps they could be involved in the Theater Camp program in Hilltown Township next year.

M. OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE REPORT – Mr. John Wietecha, Chairperson – Mr. Wietecha presented the Open Space Committee Report for the month of May 2005. The

Committee met with the Hershey Agency, realtors of Montgomery County, to obtain information with respect to what other municipalities are paying for open space, the resale value of open space land, etc. The Committee is also in the process of developing a brochure regarding the open space program in Hilltown.

When large parcels of land are proposed for subdivision, Mr. Wietecha suggested that open space purchase or conservation easements be proposed, rather than promoting deed restrictions. He noted that there is almost a million dollars in the Open Space Fund and feels that the Township should actively pursue purchases of open space or conservation easements. Mr. Wietecha agreed to send a memo explaining this suggestion to the Board.

N. MYLARS FOR SIGNATURE: - None.

O. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mrs. Kathy Newman of 402 Brookside Drive was at the May 9, 2005 Supervisor's meeting representing her neighbors with regard to a stormwater drainage issue. Mr. Wynn and Mr. Buzby, at the Board's direction, visited the site on June 1, 2005, at which time they advised Mrs. Newman that the stormwater is not reaching the swale. They also do not believe that the stormwater runoff is a result of the newest neighboring development, since it has its own stormwater management basin separate from that of Pleasant Meadows. Mr. Wynn advised that the stormwater on the neighboring development flows in a different direction. Mr. Buzby and Mr. Wynn were going to continue their investigation on the uphill properties to determine what the problem was, though they believe it was all on the Brookside Drive side of the development or on the easement.

Mrs. Newman asked when the minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting would be available. Supervisor Egly and Chairperson Bennington believe they were previously approved. If they were not yet approved, Supervisor Manfredi advised that they would be available for approval at the June 27, 2005 Supervisor's meeting. (\*Please note – the May 9, 2005 Supervisor's Worksession meeting minutes were approved at the May 23, 2005 Supervisor's meeting).

2. At the next Deep Run Board of Directors meeting scheduled for tomorrow evening, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Sumpf intends to recommend that Deep Run ignore the advice of their engineer who stated that they could slow the flow of water by installing swales. Further, Mr. Sumpf intends to tell the Board of Directors that Deep Run should not follow any of their own engineer's recommendations, and that the stormwater runoff should be allowed to continue to flow onto Hilltown Pike. Mr. Sumpf also intends to suggest to the Deep Run Board of Directors that the Township Engineer be asked to perform the recommended engineering study at the expense of the Township, since the

stormwater problem involves all of the surrounding properties. Chairperson Bennington did not appreciate Mr. Sumpf's tone and attitude, noting that the Board of Supervisors is merely attempting to resolve a very serious, long-standing situation, of which Deep Run's property is a party to. He reminded Mr. Sumpf that the Board had just authorized the attendance of Mr. Wynn and Mr. Buzby at the Deep Run Board of Director's meeting, at the Township's expense, in an attempt to resolve the situation. Discussion took place.

Chairperson Bennington again referred to the minutes of the Deep Run Board of Directors meeting, which states that Deep Run intended to install swales and piping without notifying the Township. Mr. Sumpf stated that Deep Run's engineering expert told him that there is a certain amount of work that can be done without obtaining permits from the Township or from the Bucks County Conservation District. He noted that Deep Run's engineering expert is a Pennsylvania water conservation engineer, and the firm he works for does this kind of work on a regular basis. Mr. Sumpf commented that Deep Run is trying to avoid the flooding of Hilltown Pike, which is a dangerous situation. If PennDot had done what they said they were going to do, Mr. Sumpf believes the situation could have been improved. Mr. Sumpf still intends to recommend that Hilltown Township financially assist Deep Run, a non-profit organization, with the engineering study that has been recommended by Mr. Wynn. Lengthy discussion took place.

Supervisor Egly read a portion of the following memo, dated June 10, 2005, from Township Engineer, C. Robert Wynn to the Board of Supervisors:

"I received a telephone call from Hans Sumpf who advised that he had 'someone knowledgeable regarding runoff' in the organization who was proposing miscellaneous, minor on-site items to address the stormwater drainage. I advised Mr. Sumpf that any such work, without the benefit of an engineering study to determine the extent of the problem, could not only be a waste of money or effort, but potentially make an existing runoff problem worse, and/or adversely affect additional downgrade properties." Mr. Sumpf stated that at this time, Deep Run could not construct the retention basin to control stormwater runoff as recommended by Mr. Wynn because they do not have the playfields available to replace the field that would be lost by the construction of a retention basin.

P. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

Q. PRESS CONFERENCE: A conference was held to answer questions of those reporters present.

R. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Egly, seconded by Supervisor Manfredi, and carried unanimously, the June 13, 2005 Supervisor's Worksession Meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes

Township Secretary

(\*These minutes were transcribed from tape recordings taken by Mrs. Lorraine Leslie, Township Treasurer).