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**I. OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 7:00 P.M., at Lower Saucon Township, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA with Mr. Glenn Kern, President, presiding.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Glenn Kern, President; Tom Maxfield, Vice President; Ron Horiszny, and Priscilla deLeon, Council members; Jack Cahalan, Township Manager; Leslie Huhn, Assistant Township Manager; Karen Mallo, Township Planner; Dan Miller, Township Engineer; Jameson Packer, Jr. Council Member. Absent: Linc Treadwell, Township Solicitor. Dave Willard, Council Member arrived at 7:02 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)**

Council held an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Kern said if you are on the agenda, you have Council and staff's undivided attention for the discussion period. At the conclusion of the discussion period, we do open it up to the public at each and every agenda item, so you have an opportunity to comment. If you do choose to comment, we ask that you use one of the three microphones that you see here as the minutes are transcribed verbatim. We want to make sure we get every word into the record. We also ask that you state your name for the record so the transcriptionist can duly note that.

**III. PRESENTATION/HEARINGS – None**

**IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None**

**V. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. ZONING HEARING BOARD VARIANCES**

**1. DONALD & MAUREEN LABARRE – 2154 WASSERGASS ROAD – VARIANCE REQUEST OF SIDE YARD SETBACK TO REPLACE EXISTING GARAGE AND CARPORT**

Mr. Kern said the applicant is proposing to replace an existing garage and carport with a larger pole building which does not meet the required side setbacks.

Mr. LaBarre was present. He said he is requesting a variance to replace an existing garage. The size of the existing one is 14'x20' with an 8"x16" overhang for a carport. He'd like to build a larger garage that is 20'x30'.

Mr. Kern asked if Council had any questions? Mr. Maxfield said we should state that the proposed garage does not violate the side setback no further than it currently does. Mr. LaBarre said he's just making it 8' longer in the back. Mr. Maxfield said what we're asking is that you are not asking for more relief than currently exists. Mr. Horiszny said

however it is going to put you at the limit of 25% impervious coverage, or very close to it. Mr. Maxfield said this will be it.

Mr. Kern said Council can support, oppose or take no action. Taking no action is neutral and it goes onto the ZHB; we support it if it's particularly good; and we oppose it if it's particularly bad. What is Council's decision?

Council took no action.

**2. CLAIR & ELAINE HEADMAN – 1258 SEIDERSVILLE ROAD – VARIANCE REQUEST OF SIDE YARD SETBACK TO BUILD A GARAGE**

Mr. Kern said the applicant is proposing to build a garage which does not meet the required side setbacks.

Mr. Headman was present. He said he'd like to do is build a free-standing garage at the side of his driveway. They told him he has to have a 30' setback from the side, and he only has a 20' the way it is. To move the garage the extra 10' closer to the house would make it harder to get into the garage to enter and exit it. It's down at the bottom of the driveway now, so it won't interfere with any of the road.

Mr. Maxfield said maybe there's something there that we're not aware of, but from the maps we've been provided, is there any reason why the garage could not go at the other end of the driveway? Mr. Headman said like straight down the driveway? Mr. Maxfield said yes. Mr. Headman said the problem there is the way the ground is, it goes back and there's probably about a 4' wall and then it tapers down below that. It's probably at the bottom end, backend of the garage and would be probably be 15' to 20' above ground that is there now. At the side yard, it's probably the most level place to build where he has it proposed to be built.

Mr. Kern said how close would this be to the side? Mr. Headman said it's 20' the way it is now and the setback is supposed to be 30', so it's a 10' difference. Mr. Kern said have all your neighbors have been informed? Mr. Headman said yes.

Mrs. deLeon said, for the record, she's abstaining because of her husband's involvement with the construction part of this.

Council took no action.

**B. DAVE ADAMS – NORTH DRIVE – REQUEST TO EXTEND SEWER**

Mr. Kern said the applicant is requesting that Council allot an EDU to a vacant lot which he owns.

Mr. Adams said they are requesting to connect to the sewer line which is on the adjacent building lot.

Mr. Kern said it sounds pretty straight forward. Mrs. deLeon said that's Lot 2 in the pictures? Mr. Adams said yes, it would be Lot 2. Mrs. deLeon said she doesn't have a problem with this, she's just wanted to know what the future held for extending public sewer out to the other people on North Drive. Mr. Adams said there are two laterals on the sewer line now on the property where they want to attach to. They were put in originally in 1989. It's just a matter of tapping into those. Mrs. deLeon said she's just trying to remember the history back in 1989. That was put in with the Township sewer project back then. It only serviced Lot 2 and didn't go to Black River Road. Mr. Adams said no one has been able to find paperwork on this. Mr. Miller said the sewer line is along

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Black River Road. Are you asking if it went to North Drive? Mr. Horiszny said he thinks there's a line on North Drive. Mr. Maxfield said we had a couple of requests for extensions to it in the last five years. Mr. Miller said there are a lot of pressure lines in there, and that's a concern for long term maintenance and not the most efficient way of doing it. Mr. Maxfield said he doesn't recall if it was a gravity line or not. Mrs. deLeon said she was just trying to remember backwards.

Mr. Kern said did you receive Hanover Engineering's letter? Do you have any issues with that letter? Mr. Adams said no. Mr. Kern said what is the desire of Council at this point? Mr. Maxfield said he doesn't see a problem with it. Mr. Kern said would that be an approved based on Hanover Engineering's letter of March 28, 2012?

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved for approval based on Hanover Engineering's letter of March 28, 2012.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. deLeon

Mr. Kern asked if anyone in the audience had any comments? No one raised their hand.

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

Mr. Adams said where do we go from now with this since it's been okayed. Mr. Miller said you have to speak with Gar Davidson and Brad Youst from the Lower Saucon Authority, and continue with that. You have to work with LSA and their Engineer to determine where the easement would go and after that you will be dealing with the Township Solicitor in actually preparing that easement.

**C. EASTON ROAD FIELDS REVIEW OF PROPOSED PARKING AREA AND ADA PATHWAYS**

This agenda item is tabled.

**D. HELLER HOMESTEAD ROOT CELLAR FOLLOW-UP**

Mr. Kern said at the March 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting, Council requested that PHMC be contacted for their recommendations on the completion of the root cellar roof.

Mr. Cahalan said there was a discussion about this at the last meeting and the work that was being done by a volunteer was stopped prior to that meeting. Council agreed after that discussion they would contact PHMC for some advice on how to proceed and also several Council members went out and looked at the work that had been completed to-date. In your packet is a chart with pictures at the top and the questions what were asked of Karen Arnold from the PHMC Staff. There was a telephone conference call with Karen Arnold on March 26<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Cahalan, Mrs. deLeon and Ms. Huhn. Karen Arnold's comments are in the middle column, and then the column on the right, Mrs. deLeon had a discussion with the Saucon Valley Conservancy and they have some comments they want to offer to this discussion.

Mr. Cahalan said while Ms. Huhn is making copies, he can bring up another Heller Homestead follow-up item that's on the flat roof that was done on the back of the house. He did get the additional bill from Alan Kunsman Roofing. Council had previously approved the amount of \$4,470.00 to replace the rubber roof. As we reported, when they took that rubber roof off, they discovered there were some problems with the support beams underneath there and with some of the wood decking. We also explained there was the main beam that was sagging and Hanover Engineering, Chris Argall came up with a solution to that and they installed a channel bar and strapped it to the beam. The channel bar itself only cost \$175.00 and the additional lag bolts and straps were \$76.00. The additional work that Alan Kunsman had to do to finish the job came to an extra \$2,998.70. Council has approved \$4,470.00, and this is for an additional \$2,998.70 which would bring the total to \$7,468.70. He'd ask for approval to pay the extra \$2,998.70 to Alan Kunsman Roofing.

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**MOTION BY:** Mr. Willard moved for approval to pay Alan Kunsman Roofing the additional \$2,998.70 which would bring the total to \$7,468.70.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. deLeon

Mr. Kern asked if anyone in the audience had any comments? No one raised their hand.

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

Mrs. deLeon said basically the reason they had to call PHMC was that the volunteer did masonry work that wasn't approved prior to the project. We needed to make sure we had the okay with PHMC. We held the conference call. She had been talking to several contractors that know how to do work on stone buildings and how to attach a wood structure to a stone structure, and they were just wondering if anchor bolts and straps were used or necessary. Karen Arnold felt they weren't necessary and could possibly do more harm than good. The Conservancy met last Tuesday and went over all these things and the comments are on the right-hand column. They were okay with that. The concern was the lime mortar sand mixture that was used. The root cellar has Portland cement on it, so like the Meadows Bridge, where they have been trying to get the County to stay away from using Portland cement and try to use a lime mortar mix. Karen Arnold agreed that is fine. In the future, we have to remember that we need to be more specific with any future contractors who do repair work on both the schoolhouse and the homestead. The cement kind of stands out because Marcus didn't put color in it and it's very white when you look at it and to her, it's in her face. She would not like that if it was her home and this is the Heller Homestead, so she doesn't like it either. Karen Arnold claims it will darken as it ages. Mrs. deLeon hasn't seen it darkening. The Conservancy recommends since the mortar has not darkened to date, they want color added in any future work.

Mrs. deLeon said apparently, in an email the contractor sent to Mr. Cahalan, he stated that he's not finished with the pointing yet and the joints need to be finished off with a different mortar. He said he will use the correct lime mortar, but it will not match the pointing work below because that was done with Portland cement. That's fine, but you can still match the mortar. It needs to have color added to it. That's what they are asking Council to do.

Mrs. deLeon said there was concern that the ends of the rafters that Marcus installed were shaped a little bit differently than what was on the existing roof, and Karen Arnold didn't seem to have a problem with that. They were just questioning that because of maintaining the character. It was on the National Register and they wanted it to look like it did previously. Then with the crosshatch cutouts, the contractor had suggested in the front gable, in the A-part, actually cutting out a hatch thing, creating an opening so that air could go in there. She kept asking for a picture which he claimed he had, but he never forwarded that picture so they don't know what it's going to look like. It might not be needed now because the slate roof will provide more ventilation to the roof than previous. They are asking that to be put on hold. The rafter plates are exposed and that's where the stone wall meets the wooden roof, and they didn't realize it before if you look at the pictures of the root cellar, you see that the front gable wall is wood and the wood actually comes down lower than the door. It kind of goes around the sides and covers that gap, so no one ever knew that the gap was there or the wide spaces in the gap. When that was discovered, the spaces had to be filled in with stone, and again, we have our white mortar mix. At the Conservancy, they would like it to look like it did in the pictures when it was put on the National Register and that would have the gap covered. Karen Arnold also mentioned that she noted in the 2001 picture, the old door that was there, there was a wooden door frame and it was painted white and she wondered why it wasn't painted white in the subsequent pictures. Sometime in 2001, this was when they took the door off, the door frame was rotted, so wooden beams were used from the remnants of the Heller Barn ruins. They actually made a door frame out of the old wood. That project was done before the covenant was signed with PHMC, so that pre-dated the 15-year covenant. That's why PHMC probably doesn't have a record that it was done.

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Mrs. deLeon said Jerry Holum has donated bead board that can be used at the front on the wood gable end, and Karen Arnold said that was fine. When you go inside the root cellar, above the doorway when you go down to the basement, there was additional stonework done to the inside part of the stone gable end. Karen Arnold felt at this point to just leave it alone. Again, you see the white mortar compared to the other areas in there that's pointed. Mr. Cahalan asked Karen Arnold if the lathe strips would be all that is needed prior to installing the slate, and she said yes. That's fine.

Mrs. deLeon said there were invoices submitted. One was \$16.92 for sand and there was \$23.93 for lime and sand which were presented to the Conservancy for work for materials.

Mrs. deLeon said they had approved a total payment of \$1,400.00, the first part of the workshop was \$700.00 for the slates to be put on, and then they ran into the problem of the roof rotting and we subsequently voted for an additional \$700.00 for time and material for the roof, so that totaled \$1,400.00.

Mrs. deLeon said at this point, she thinks that any future work out there should be in writing and there should be a plan on how he will clean up the pointing. According to some contractors she has spoken to, their recommendation is to remove approximately 1-1/2" and add color to the lime sand mixture to match the old Portland cement color. Extend the roof about 1-1/2" to 3" over each gable end. We asked Karen Arnold about that space between the rafters for ventilation and she didn't have a problem with that, so that has to be explained, and then install the slates over the lathe and cover rafter plate on the gaps.

Mr. Kern said that sounds good. Mr. Horiszny said do we need to vote on paying the other bills? Mr. Cahalan said those were additional. That came up with the additional work that he did on the stone on the back gable. He will go over the suggestions. What Council is asking is that he sends something to Marcus Brandt outlining this in writing and ask him to complete it per the suggestions. He would assume he would do this for the \$1,400.00 that he's been approved for. Mr. Kern said has he been paid? Mr. Cahalan said no, nothing. He is to submit a written signed plan to be approved by the Council and clean up the pointing, when you say remove approximately 1-1/2", he thinks you mean the grout between the stone? Mrs. deLeon said yes. Mr. Cahalan said and then he has to add color to the lime sand to match the old Portland cement, that means on the sections beneath the roof, the ones that were done several years ago? Mr. Kern said no, the ones he just did. Mr. Cahalan said add color, but color it to the same color as the stonework below. Extend roof approximately 1-1/2" to 3" over both gable ends. Extending it with what? Mrs. deLeon said that's so when you have your roof and you have your building, there should be some kind of measurement that sticks out beyond so it's not flush. Mr. Cahalan said extend it with the slate? Mr. Horiszny said it would just be the slate, maybe the lathing would go out over the edge. Mrs. deLeon said do you see how this roof sticks out over the gable end? There's an inch or so, that's what she is talking about, so it's like that in the front and the back. She's not saying it right. Make it extend out as you don't want it to be flush up against. Mr. Cahalan said the only thing you could extend out on this would be the slate unless you would add additional wood. Mrs. deLeon asked if he wasn't going to put lathe around all the framing of it? Mr. Cahalan said on the existing framing, yes. He believes there was some other underlayment on that previous picture to extend it out. Mrs. deLeon said she doesn't know how to build a roof. Mr. Cahalan said he'd have to add something to those rafters. Mrs. deLeon said she's just trying to make it look like it did. Mr. Horiszny said the slates would extend out to create the overhang. Mr. Cahalan said Mr. Horiszny is saying just put the slate on and let the slate hang over 1-1/2" to 3". Mr. Cahalan is just trying to clarify if that's what he means. Mrs. deLeon said he should tell us how to do it, he's the contractor.

Mr. Cahalan said install the slates over the lathe and allow space between rafters for ventilation. He will send it to Mr. Brandt and ask him if he can complete the work per those instructions. Mr. Kern said maybe you can get from Mr. Brandt clarification on how he can make it look exactly like

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this on the overhang. Mrs. deLeon said what are we going to do about the extra invoices because this was a problem he ran into after he said the \$1,400.00. These are additional. Mr. Kern said the \$16.92? Mrs. deLeon said and the \$23.93. To her, it should be time and materials. Mr. Kern said he thinks Council can pay for that. Mrs. deLeon said then you need a motion to reimburse Marcus for the \$16.92 and you need a motion to reimburse Laura Ray for \$23.93.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. deLeon moved for approval to reimburse Marcus Brandt for the \$16.92 and reimburse Laura Ray for \$23.93.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Horiszny  
Mr. Kern asked if anyone in the audience had any comments? Don McClarin said he suggests you probably don't have to take it to 1-1/2". He thinks 3'4" is plenty. He suggests one of you go down there and take a little chunk of mortar off the existing stuff and take it up to Beth Allen Supply and they will give you an exact match. Tell the guy this is what you use from now on. Otherwise, he's probably going to go buy a bag of colored liquid from Lowes and mix it in and it just becomes more of a mess. Mr. Kern said how does Beth Allen match it? Mr. McClarin said they have a bunch of color samples and the color mostly comes from sand. Mrs. deLeon said he should have known that. Mr. McClarin said yes, he should have known that. You can probably wash it all off before you start adding the color to it with acid. Just a little thought. Mr. Kern said what is it they add to the mortar at Beth Allen? Mr. McClarin said they are pretty good with restoration stuff. They probably have coarser sand. In a lot of those older buildings, they use more of like a gravel type, it's not real fine. They'll probably have all that stuff there. You just have to ask. Mr. Kern said when you add the lime in there, and it's just a sand-lime mix, white lime kind of alters the color too. Mrs. deLeon said when they did work on the Heller Barn arch, the mason swept out the joints when he was readjusting the stones and saved that, and then he used that color. Of course, he used DeGruchy lime. He did the best lime. Mr. McClarin said he's sure you'll get it to match a little bit better by just going up there. Mrs. deLeon said this was one on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, so it was soft for a couple of days, now it's really hard. How do you get it out? Mr. McClarin said it's going to take a grinder with a big wide blade on it. You can try to scrape and chisel some by hand, but you probably have to get it all ground out. 1-1/2" is a little ridiculous. He thinks you can get a half inch and rough up the surface a little bit. Mrs. deLeon said she figured she would just ask for more and we can always go back.

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

Mrs. deLeon said so we don't need a motion to ask Mr. Cahalan to contact Marcus Brandt and bring it back to us. This will be another two weeks. Mr. Maxfield said is there a possibility that Mr. Brandt will not be willing to do this work as stated? Mr. Kern said we know another mason. Mrs. deLeon said it's a shame as we wanted this done by April 28<sup>th</sup> for History Day and she doesn't think that's going to happen.

**VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2012 MINUTES**

Mr. Kern said the minutes of the March 21, 2012 Council meeting have been prepared and are ready for Council's review and approval.

Mr. Horiszny said page 1, line 4, he thought we convened at 7:11 pm and not 7:00 pm. He's just trying to be accurate. On page 29, line 45, roll call was 5-0, not 4-1.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of the March 21, 2012 minutes, with corrections.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. deLeon

Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any comments? No one raised their hand.

**ROLL CALL:** 4-1 (Mr. Horiszny - No)

V. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Matt McClarin said he will volunteer his time to do all that stonework if you don't go through with the landfill. In all seriousness, he missed last month's meeting, and he really wanted to get here as he had some very valuable information for you. He was walking around the neighborhood a little bit and talking to people about things, and he stopped at the Walter's residence. They are the ones who live all the way up on top of the mountain. Last time IESI blasted, they cracked Walter's existing well. What happens when that dump is right over top of 540 homes and they start blasting? Walter's is here, the landfill is here. The landfill is going to be here, and now you've got 540 homes right next to it. Foundations cracking, septic tanks cracking, all that stuff. He thinks Walter's is keeping it under the table as he does work for IESI. He gives them contracts, and IESI paid to replace his well. Who's going to pay to replace the whole neighborhood, all the damage that is done? He knows in the past with the wells and water contamination, it was put on Steel City. It was put on all of us and he just wants to make sure before going into this thing, if we have any problems, that we are going to be fully compensated for any damages, property values or damages to any little bit of our properties. He doesn't think people in Steel City have the idea wrapped around their heads that this is going to be right over the top of our homes. He doesn't know if any of you have taken a drive through there lately, but if you stand in the park at the basketball courts and look up at that mountain, you can see the part they just built clear as day. Mrs. deLeon said the big wall. Mr. McClarin said there's going to be trash above that. You want to put how many thousand dollars into a park that you can see trash from. He had a petition that he is going to send out to everyone in Steel City saying we do not want the park improvements if any of the money comes from the landfill, bottom line, we don't want it. He's sure all his neighbors will sign that petition. There's no doubt about it. Once people understand what's going to happen, he can already hear alarms blaring from his house, every Friday, every Saturday. His neighbor's home was built in 1767. It's one of the original farm houses in Steel City, the original ones. He's heard it was used as an underground railroad and everything else. Everybody is worried about the Heller Homestead, but there's history in Steel City too. It's really a tight knit community. He spent \$175,000.00 for his home at the age of 22. He'd hate to foresee all his work go down the drain because that dump's going to go across the mountain. He gets really emotional about this. Mr. Maxfield said he understands; it's Mr. McClarin's home. Mr. McClarin said it's really going to affect them. He just wants to make sure if this goes through, that 540 of your taxpayers are going to be backed up on all of this. He thinks that by bringing it even closer to all of them, you are going to have a lot more problems than just Walter's well being cracked. You are going to have a lot more foundations cracking, septic tanks cracking, everything else. Not to mention they are adding pipe to the mountain, and his neighborhood can't handle any more water running off that mountain. He had 2' of water in his yard last time it rained. He'd like to say if the dump continues, put a little money in and do storm drains. There's not one single storm drain in the bottom half of Steel City, not one single one. If they tied in some storm drains coming down the street where the garages are, and routed it the other way towards the park, you'd have 20 homes that don't get affected by any flooding whatsoever, or buy the property next to his house, there's two empty lots, and put a detention pond there. They need something to come out of it if they are going to have to deal with it. That's just the way it is and the way he feels. Now that it's going to the next step, he's going to get out there and spread the word that there's going to be a lot more people against this than you realize. So plan on that happening. Hope you take that information about Walter's serious. They live in Steel City, and they damaged their property and they kept it under the table. He actually ran into Mr. Donato driving around the neighborhood and chatted with him a little bit. First cut off the budget, take Steel City Park and take that money right out of it. You can use that to fight them off in court as he knows you will have a battle on your hands if you do that. Mrs. deLeon said when is the Planning Commission meeting that this is going to be on? Mr. Cahalan said it will be May 24<sup>th</sup>. The April Planning Commission meeting is a joint meeting with Hellertown Borough. The landfill will probably be on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. deLeon said you have to sign up for the email. Mr. McClarin said he talked to a lot of people and they wanted to know when the next meeting was. He said he didn't know. He'll keep that in mind and tell some people to show up for that meeting. Get them at least something from IESI. He read through decades of articles from back in the 70's how many

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times the place was supposed to be shut down from leachates and contamination. He has copies of all of that and it's time to end it. He bought his house when the property, they are trying to go on was residential. How fair is that to him. He didn't know it was going to expand. Mrs. deLeon said maybe the Township could put on the announcement page of the website that the upcoming meeting will be talking about the zoning map change once it's confirmed. Mr. Cahalan said okay.

**VI. COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS**

**A. TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

- Mr. Cahalan there are a couple of Special Event requests that are in your packet. There are three and they've been reviewed by Parks & Recreation Board and Township staff. The first one is Saucon Valley LAX day. This is an event they've held two years previous out at Polk Valley Park. Saucon Valley Lacrosse holds the event and it's an all day event. It will be on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 am to 5 pm. The event consists of lacrosse matches and they have tents set up with vendors who sell lacrosse related gear. They provided all the paperwork to the Township. They do use parking monitors and use the overflow parking to make sure no one parks on the grass or on the roads in the park. They pick up the trash and put it in the dumpster. They are really responsible and they haven't had any problems with this in the past. The Parks and Recreation Board reviewed this request and recommend that Council approve the Special Event request. Mrs. deLeon said she has a questions with the Conservancy one, for the Civil War. It says the approval is subject upon submittal of the required paper work and security deposit. We never asked for a security deposit for Historical Impressions of America. Is this something new? Mr. Cahalan said it's under the Special Event request policy. Mrs. deLeon said Hellertown waives their fee. Mr. Cahalan said he thinks they waived it also. That's standard language he put in there about paperwork and fees. The only thing he does need is the insurance certificate from Historical Impressions and they are good to go. Mrs. deLeon said good, then we don't have to worry about a security deposit. Mr. Cahalan said the second one was the Historical Impressions of America on April 28<sup>th</sup>. They've been out there before and know the drill. They know where to put the tents and not to put the tents. They were given a map. Parks & Rec recommended approval of that one. The third one is the Boy Scouts Troop 319 were out there in March and they liked it so much they want to come back again for another campout on the same weekend, the 27<sup>th</sup> through he 29<sup>th</sup>. They will be further back in the park. Mrs. deLeon has talked to them and there won't be any conflict with the History Day. Mrs. deLeon said they were there this past weekend and she made it a point to go as she always wanted to take them on a tour. The boys were really cute. She asked them if they knew what a root cellar was. A boy raised his hand and said you put roots in it. She said what are roots? He said he didn't know. When she told them about the history weekend coming up, they were there three or four years ago and had a good time and they want to come back. She thought it was a good opportunity for them. Mr. Cahalan said three events reviewed and with recommendations for approval from Parks & Recreation Board for Council to approve those.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. deLeon moved for approval of the three Special events.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Horiszny

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

- Mr. Cahalan said the connector trail that runs between Polk Valley Park and the school district campus is going to be finished within the next two to three weeks. He's looking ahead to a short dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for Council and the Parks & Rec folks to go out there and to recognize that this is finally open and connecting the park and the school campus. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, there's a program at the school district and Council got a copy of the flyer. It has to do with the launching of the Environmental Education Center at the school district. Dave Spirk and Craig Kologie have come to the EAC to give an

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overview on the project. They are going to have a program that is going to run between 11 pm and 1 pm on that date. The connector trail will be finished and ultimately it will have some connection to this Environmental Education Center so that could be a good time to dedicate and cut the ribbon on the trail. It's on a Friday. Otherwise, we'll just schedule something later on. It's just an idea. Mrs. deLeon said that's a good idea. You want to do these things when there are a lot of people there. Mr. Cahalan said the school officials will be there as well as Dave Spirk, who is the Chair for Parks & Recreation. He will work on a time and set up a short ceremony over at the trail. We can do it within that window. The program is at 11 am in the Middle School gymnasium, and then from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm, you can view the K-12 environmental projects and enjoy tours of the site. People will be milling around and if we can get our ribbon cutting in during that, it would be good. We can work on that. Mr. Kern said coordinate with the school what the best time would be.

- Mr. Cahalan said Upper Saucon Township requested a support letter after the last Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission meeting. They are putting in a grant to DCNR for funding for connectors from their Community Park to the Saucon Rail Trail. They needed a letter prior to the Council meeting. A copy of it is in your packet. He'd ask for Council's ratification tonight of that action.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Horiszny moved for approval as stated above.  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Willard  
**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

- Mr. Cahalan said they received their annual request for a donation to the David W. Lang Annual Golf Outing which is Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Locust Valley Golf Club. It's the 6<sup>th</sup> annual event, and this is an event that raises money for a scholarship fund that benefits future scholar athletes at Saucon Valley High School. In the past, Council has agreed to contribute \$100.00 towards this event.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Horiszny moved for approval to contribute \$100.00 to the David W. Lang Annual Golf Outing for a scholarship fund.  
**SECOND BY:** Mr. Maxfield  
**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

- Mr. Cahalan said the Township hired a new part-time Police Office, John Bowlby from Nazareth, PA.

**B. COUNCIL**

**Mr. Maxfield**

- He said he's starting to notice signs all around the Township. There seems to be suddenly with the spring weather, gobs of those temporary signs on corners for auctions in Glendon, etc., a lot of functions that don't even occur in the Township. He wanted to make Chris Garges aware of it. If he'd like help yanking them out, Mr. Maxfield will give him a hand. Mr. Cahalan said Chris will be starting his sweeps through the Township and will pick them up. Mr. Maxfield said it just makes thing look junky and we ought to be concerned about it.

**Mr. Willard**

- He said he attended two meetings on March 26<sup>th</sup> relating to appointments that he was given by the Council. In the morning he met with Mr. Cahalan, Cathy Gorman and Council President for a briefing on the fire companies in his the role as liaison. They informed him of the background, the current operation, some of the financial issues they are involved in and the next step will be for that team of the four of them to meet with the Fire Chief's at

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an upcoming meeting, date to be determined. In the evening, he was invited by Mr. Cahalan to attend the Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission meeting in relation to his appointment to the Pennsylvania Highlands Trail Commission. That seems to be going quite well. He will say Mr. Cahalan is a great resource for that group and the Chair comes from our Township, so he can say we provided a lot of leadership for that project. In seeing how the Parks & Recreation approvals are done now, and also in reading the minutes of Hellertown Borough's approval process for events on the trail, he would like to rethink how we are doing this, and we had quite a spirited discussion about it last time. He sees in Hellertown they are asking when the Commission gets a request for a special event on the trail in Hellertown, that it does come to the Borough Council for review so they get any comments before any approval is given, so if we can follow that process, there won't be any mistakes made. He would recommend that.

- He said a neighbor told him the sink hole at Deer Run and Meadow Ridge Court, which opened up last summer, might be active again. He hasn't had a chance to look at it. He doesn't know if Mr. Miller saw it as he was over there last summer. Mr. Cahalan said they are looking into it and there are some markings on the road they are looking into also. They will find out what's going on. As far as the Special Event form for the Rail Trail, he agrees that that's something we need to do with that form, that's why they built in the 40 some days in that it has to come to the Rail Trail. We'll see that it gets distributed to the municipalities so they have an opportunity to weigh in and indicate if they have any problems with the request. That will be all factored into the process. Ms. Huhn said she did have a chance to talk to Roger Rasich today about the depression at the sink hole that was there previously, and he did not feel it has changed any, and the markings are PA ONE CALL markings, and he doesn't know what that's from. Mr. Maxfield said are they in proximity to one another? Ms. Huhn said she thinks they are close by it. They will check on it.

**Mr. Horiszny**

- He said he wondered if the paving out at the schoolhouse will be done by History Day? Mr. Cahalan said Public Works will be out at the Connector Trail doing the paving there the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be out tomorrow at Kingston Park doing the final grading, and then also putting some more base on the pathways and in the parking lot and getting it all leveled out. As soon as they complete the paving on the Connector Trail which should take two days the week of April 16<sup>th</sup>, they will be out at the Kingston Park and they'll be doing the paving out there with the same machine. It's going to be close to being completed by the 28<sup>th</sup>. Tomorrow, a gentleman is coming from the company who does the composting toilet, and we have to talk to him about the steps we have to take to site that. We want to make sure it's in place, but doesn't know whether it will be operable because we are waiting for an electrical hookup from PPL for the fan. That's moving ahead. He thinks we can get it done by then.

**Mr. Kern**

- He said in driving around the Township, he noticed that many roads signs, speed limit signs, yield signs, any sign you can think of has a green mold on them, which in some cases renders the sign unreadable. It's really gotten intense. He's sure some of them are PennDOT responsibilities and some may not be. However we get those signs cleaned, he'd like to get them cleaned. Mr. Maxfield said it may be residual paintball stuff. Mr. Kern said it's not. It's actual mold. Mr. Maxfield said they hit it with something, as it's like that with Upper Saucon too. If you go down certain stretches of certain roads, you go over a road and it's not there at all. Mr. Cahalan said he'll look into that and report back.

**Mrs. deLeon**

- She said on March 29<sup>th</sup>, the Chamber held a breakfast connection at the Hellertown Diner. That was well attended.

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- She said coming up, we talked about April 28<sup>th</sup>, which is the annual Saucon Valley History Day. There will be activities at the Grist Mill, the Homestead, and the Schoolhouse. In addition to that, the Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber is planning a Pathway to Progress business event at Water Street Park. There will be booths set up there by local businesses along the trail and also booths for the preview of the Saucon Valley Farmer's Market. There will be booths set up there. The time is 9 am to 2 pm. It will be a fun day to be in Saucon Valley.
- She said May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm to 8:30 pm, is the 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Hellertown-Lower Saucon banquet held at the Meadows for \$50.00. Rob Vaughn will be the guest speaker. Csencsits Auto will be honored. We normally do a joint ad with Hellertown, so Mary needs to know all the information in the next week or so. Mr. Cahalan said they already submitted it to her.
- She said you gave them the yellow books on the gaming laws, there's a blue page. She opens it and it says Transfers for Volunteer Fire Company Grant Program, that there's going to be an annual sum of \$25,000,000.00 shall be transferred from the State Gaming fund to the Volunteer Fire Company grant program. Maybe we can ask Dan, and see if he can find out about it. Dan said sure.

**Jr. Council Person** – No report

**C. SOLICITOR** – Absent

**D. ENGINEER** – Mr. Cahalan said do you have an update on the 412 Polk Valley? Mr. Miller said there are three types of plans necessary for this. There is the signalization plan which is effectively approved. It's waiting on the others. There are the right-of-way plans and the HOP plan. They plan to, within the next week, and are aiming for Friday or Monday, to submit the HOP plans. The only delay on that was they were doing their new ADA forms and the zoning impacts for Hellertown. They have that squared away now. They believe they have all the information now to get it completed. After those are accepted and approved by PennDOT, they expect to get authorization to do the right-of-way plans for the transferring of properties. Mrs. deLeon said they'll have an update at the SVP meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Cahalan asked Mr. Miller to have Jim Milot send an email that the SVP can have that lists those steps. Do you have any estimate on how much longer that could take? Mr. Miller said he does not. The right-of-way plans involve negotiations of property owners and he's been on the side of this, so he's not sure they have been negotiated. Mr. Cahalan said as far as the Township is concerned, there's only one property owner with the auto body shop. Hellertown has some negotiations on their side with the shopping center. Mrs. deLeon said what about McDonald's? Mr. Cahalan said there are no changes. That's on 412 and they are not doing anything to the property, that's why they aren't involved. Mr. Maxfield said for next meeting, maybe Mr. Cahalan or Mr. Miller could give them an update on what they are expecting on Route 412 going into Bethlehem with traffic pattern changes. Mr. Cahalan said they are posting updates as we get them from PennDOT. Their last one was posted on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Right now the focus is on the Cherry Lane area underneath the highway all the way to the bridge going over the Saucon Creek. That's listed in the update we got on March 30<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate receiving weekly updates and as we get them, we'll post them on the website. We can also distribute those. Mr. Maxfield said they put on signs and said they were working on a certain date, and he went down there and didn't see anyone working at all. Mr. Cahalan said most of the work that's being done is going to be relocating the telephone poles and things like that. The impact will be eventually on the Hellertown with Cherry Lane and some road closures there as you go into Hellertown.

**E. PLANNER** – No report

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Council went into Executive Session to discuss potential property acquisition. The time was 8:15 pm.  
Council reconvened. The time was 8:22 pm. They did talk about potential property acquisition.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved for adjournment. The time was 8:22 pm.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Willard

Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions? No one raised their hand.

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

Submitted by:

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Jack Cahalan  
Township Manager

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Glenn C. Kern  
President of Council