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Next Council Meeting: November 17, 2010
Next Planning Commission Meeting: November 18, 2010
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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, November 3, 2010 at 7:10 P.M., at 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA, with Mr. Glenn Kern, President, presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present – Glenn Kern, President; Tom Maxfield, Vice President; Priscilla deLeon, Sandra Yerger, and Ron Horiszny, Council members; Jack Cahalan, Township Manager; Leslie Huhn, Assistant Township Manager; Brien Kocher, Township Engineer; Linc Treadwell, Township Solicitor; Judy Stern-Goldstein, Township Planner and Jr. Council Member, Eubin Hahn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Mr. Kern said Council did meet in Executive prior to this meeting to discuss a performance review, a personnel issue and also potential real estate transaction.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Kern said if you are on the agenda, you have Council and Staff's undivided attention and discuss the agenda item with you thoroughly. At the conclusion of the discussion, they do open it up to the public for public comment for each individual agenda item. If you do speak, we ask that you use one of the microphones and state your name clearly for the record. We transcribe the minutes verbatim, accurately and fully. If you go on our website, you can see that. We want to make sure we get everyone's name in there and what you've said accurately. If you do want to receive future agendas, there's a sign-up sheet in the back where if you put your email address, we'll email them or mail them to you if you don't have an email address. Attorney Treadwell said we also had a short discussion about potential litigation in the Executive Session. Mr. Cahalan said under IV. A. Pavelcze and V. G. Approval of Quote for Installation of Rail Trail Gates and Bollards have been tabled.

III. PRESENTATION/HEARINGS

A. ORDINANCE NO. 2010-07 – AMENDING VEHICLE CODE – FREDERICK STREET AND MEADOWS ROAD RAIL TRAIL – PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

Mr. Kern said Ordinance No. 2010-07 has been advertised for a public hearing and consideration of adoption to provide for truck restrictions on Frederick Street and for stop signs at the Meadows Road Rail Trail crossing.

MOTION BY: Mrs. Yerger moved to open the public hearing.

SECOND BY: Mr. Horiszny

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

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Mr. Cahalan said the ordinance will do two things. Frederick Street is the hilly street coming up from Fountain Hill onto Route 378. Police reported numerous trucks bottoming out on that road. We asked the Township Engineer to do a traffic study of that street. The recommendation was to

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restrict truck traffic on that road. This ordinance will do that. We also had to ask Fountain Hill Borough for permission to erect the truck restriction sign in their municipality and they gave us permission to do that. The second part is for the Rail Trail. It is for stop signs at the crossing at Meadows Road and this ordinance will put those two stop signs in effect at that crossing.

Mr. Kern asked if anyone in the audience had any comment? Stephanie Brown, Meadows Road, said she'd like to discuss the stop signs on Meadows Road at the Rail Trail crossing. She's lived here for 37 years and has been walking on Meadows Road for at least 20 years and feels that this is a bad idea and very unsafe. Years and years of walking on Meadows Road have taught her that it's basically a short cut to get through the Township. She believes Mr. Birdsall at one point said it's a known shortcut for people from Bucks County to get to Northampton and Lehigh Counties. She sees how traffic doesn't stop for the stop signs at the bridge. She's almost been hit several times just in that area alone, but she never reported it. She can't agree with this. She's a little concerned about the blind corner coming down Meadows Road at Wilmet. You are going to have that stop sign basically at the railroad tracks and it seems like it should be up further as most people will go right through it. She'd like to bring up there was a letter to the editor today in the Express Times by Lee Weidner from Hellertown, who we all have a lot of respect for in the Township. It explained how Lee almost got hit walking through Hellertown by someone going through a stop sign. He's known to walk through Hellertown for many years now. He was reluctant to report it to the police due to the fact that within a few weeks of that incident he had been out walking and he yelled at someone for going through a stop sign. This lady went and reported him to the police and the police came knocking at his door. She understands his hesitation to report the incident, but he basically almost landed on top of the car that wouldn't stop. Within the last six months, walking down in Hellertown in front of McDonald's, she was almost hit by a car that didn't stop. There's no stop sign there and that's why she keeps asking for one. People are in a hurry and stop signs don't stop them, they barely slow them down. You're asking for a very bad situation to happen if you put these stop signs up. She doesn't agree with the stop signs. She doesn't agree with the crossing signals you spoke of at one time. The only thing that is going to make that crossing safe at Meadows Road for the Rail Trail is an elevated bridge or elevated pedestrian crossing. A couple of months ago, she did relay information to Mr. Cahalan and Mr. Luthar from Hellertown regarding the Township initiating a pedestrian safety campaign that would coincide with the opening of the Rail Trail because it's very important. The Rail Trail is planned for people in the community. It's not designed to bring people into the community to use it. Most people will be walking or biking to access the Rail Trail. She can't agree with these stop signs. You are asking for trouble putting the stop signs there.

Mr. Russell Lebkuecher said he thinks stop signs would be the greatest idea in the world as the more stop signs, the better.

Mr. Jerry Holum, Meadows Road said he thinks the stop signs are a great idea as compared to the blinking lights, but the location of one specific stop sign, in his estimation, is poor. That is the stop sign for east bound traffic. We have the east bound traffic heading down Meadows Road on a blind curve and we are asking traffic to stop. It doesn't seem logical. He thinks it would make more sense to him if you tried to stop the traffic before you went around that corner. Mr. Kern asked Mr. Kocher how the positioning of the stop signs are determined? Mr. Kocher said he's not sure they finalized the locations. He and Roger did talk about having approach warning signs that there's a stop sign ahead and some of those big pavement markings that say stop ahead. He's not sure we could justify stopping them before the curve and then stopping them again at the trail although that would slow them down. Mr. Holum said stopping them only once before the curve, before Wilmet Lane. What you are doing right now is saying traffic going east bound, there's a stop sign ahead, it's right around the corner. Hope you stop. If you don't stop and a hiker is going down the trail, someone could get seriously hurt. Mr. Kocher said the disadvantage of putting too many stop signs is people speed between them, they stop at that first one, then to make up that time, they go faster around the curve. Mr. Holum said you don't put the second one

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around the curve. You put the first one right before the curve or at the crest of the curve and not at the trail. It's a distance of about 25', but you'll give the hikers an opportunity to cross and the traffic will slow down. Mr. Kocher said they can look at that placement in the field when Roger goes to install them.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved to close the hearing.
SECOND BY: Mr. Horiszny
Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.
ROLL CALL: 5-0

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for adopt Ordinance 2010-07 amending the Vehicle Code.
SECOND BY: Mr. Horiszny
Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.
ROLL CALL: 5-0

B. ORDINANCE NO. 2010-08 – AMENDING POLICE PENSION FUND – KILLED IN SERVICE DEATH BENEFIT – PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

Mr. Kern said Ordinance No. 2010-08 has been advertised for a public hearing and consideration of adoption to amend Article II of Chapter 38 of the Code of Lower Saucon relative to the Police Pension Fund by revising section 38-13(C) to provide that the Killed in Service Death Benefit will be payable by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in accordance with the provisions of Act 600 of 1956 as amended by Act 51 of 2009. This has been reviewed by the Police Association.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved to open the public hearing.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.
ROLL CALL: 5-0

Mr. Cahalan said we reported previously that this will allow the Township to cancel the insurance policy that we've been carrying for about six or seven years at an annual cost of \$4,000.00. The State has now picked this up and will be paying the benefit for any police officer killed in action. This ordinance will amend the pension ordinance to remove the Township's responsibility for that payment. Mrs. deLeon said we did talk about this at the Pension Committee meeting and the committee was in favor of it.

Mr. Kern asked if anyone in the audience wanted to comment? No one raised their hand.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved to close the public hearing.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.
ROLL CALL: 5-0

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 2010-08.
SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger
Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.
ROLL CALL: 5-0

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. PAVELCZE – 1760 FRIEDENSVILLE ROAD – DENIAL OF SUBDIVISION PLAN

TABLED

V. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS

A. ZONING HEARING BOARD VARIANCES

1. JIM & DOROTHY CONRAD – 3709 HICKORY HILL ROAD – METRO PCS – VARIANCE REQUEST FOR SETBACK OF HEIGHT OF TOWER EXTENSION

Mr. Kern said the applicant is requesting a variance to permit the tower fall zone setback to be slightly decreased by virtue of the 7 foot tower extension and dimensional and/or de minimis variance from the side yard setback to permit the accessory structure to be +/- 6.83 feet from the property line.

Ms. Debra Shulski was present representing Metro PCS. She was before the board for two other Metro applications and this one is similar to those. It's a co-location, which you know means there is an existing structure there. It's a tower owned by PPL and they are adding antennas to that tower. There are six panels. The height of the tower is proposed to be extended because it is an existing PPL tower. They are extending it by 7' and under your ordinance they are allowed to go up to 25' above the height. The height isn't an issue. It becomes an issue because it's a non-conforming tower in terms of the setback. There's a fall zone setback in your ordinance that requires that the fall zone be 1-1/2 times the size of the tower. The slight extension increases that non-conformity. That's one of the issues. The other one is a de minimis variance from the accessory structure requirement. At the base of the tower, there will be a 10'x16' concrete pad for the associated radio equipment cabinets and that will be fenced in at the compound area. Because of that location, we were sort of dictated to by PPL as to where we could put that so it didn't interfere with any of their equipment. That's going to require a few feet de minimus variance from that requirement. There may have been a concern raised whether PennDOT was contacted. They have tried to reach out to the appropriate person with PennDOT. They sent that person an email trying to get feedback from them. They don't expect there will be any issues, but we hope to hear back from them soon and will report back to this board any information they receive. Mr. Horiszny said this in addition to the Leithsville tower? Attorney Shulski said that is correct. They will be back before this board for conditional and site plan approval. After discussion with Council regarding the amount of paper used for the plan, Attorney Shulski said she will send a disk to the Township and one paper copy for their file.

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

Council took no action.

2. L&P HOLDINGS (MEADOWS BANQUET FACILITY) – 1770 MEADOWS ROAD – UPDATE ON ZONING HEARING BOARD STATUS

Mr. Kern said Council directed staff to work with the applicant to prepare a baseline of what has been done over the years at the Meadows Banquet Facility and from there develop some type of mitigation agreeable to both parties. The applicant has not submitted any plan of action, therefore the notice of violation should proceed to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Attorney Treadwell said if you recall two meetings ago, we had a discussion about what the owner had proposed to do. We have not yet had it fully documented. The Zoning Hearing Board application had ten or eleven items that they were requesting. As a result of what the owner had agreed to do, that number should be reduced, but we do not yet have that from the applicant's engineer or attorney, so he can't delineate for you which items are

no longer to be considered for the Zoning Hearing Board and which items are. We should probably put this off to the December Zoning Hearing Board, but why don't we let Mr. Lebkuecher explain what he had agreed to do at the property.

Mr. Lebkuecher said he is going to start by getting rid of everything in the back yard, starting with the tent, the decks, the concrete walkway, the deck off the side, and the shed - anything from the house all the way to the back yard. He would take that away, which is almost 5,000 square feet of property. He could have it done in January and February. He hasn't booked it for next year, so he was going to turn it into a beautiful yard for pictures for wedding ceremonies. Attorney Treadwell said there was also a question about doing some plantings along the creek. Mr. Lebkuecher said he told him if he would just give him what he wants him to plant, he will do it. They said they were going to come down and we could just walk around the property. Attorney Treadwell said we probably need someone from Boucher & James office to give some suggestions. Mrs. deLeon said that would be a way to showcase how to do plantings along a creek. Mr. Lebkuecher said he's buying to two lots by the bridge, so whatever would have to be done, he would do just to save the business and keep his business afloat. Mrs. Yerger said there are some attractive plants that can help stabilize the bank and mitigate. Mr. Lebkuecher said someone was down from the Conservation District to see that he wasn't harming the creek. They came around with books and said everything he planted did nothing to harm the creek. They were going to give him plants that he could plant along the creek. They said everything was beautiful and just some of the trees should be pruned and cleaned up that had fallen over the creek. He doesn't want to do anything right now as he's in enough hot water right now. One tree fell across Ed Hill's property and that is where the water is crossing the field where the tree had fallen down. It should be fixed. They called the State and is waiting for the State to come so he can see if he fix the hole where the tree fell. The water just crosses the property. Mrs. Yerger said the local Conservation District should be able to help you with that. You may not have to wait for the State and they may be more responsive. Mr. Lebkuecher said he got sued for that when it hit Ed Hill's fence. He will make the property beautiful and as long as he can keep the chalet and his Monday and Tuesday dinners going, he can pay his employees and keep the business going. He doesn't need the tent in the old backyard. Mrs. Yerger said call the Conservation District and it won't cost you much. Mrs. deLeon said you need the paperwork in because it needs to be in. They'll tell you when the deadlines are for the ZHB on December 20th. Attorney Treadwell said he talked to Dennis Benner and we just need to have that new application that shows the reduced relief that's being requested, then he will have that in front of him. Mr. Lebkuecher said can he get a permit to tear it down now or does he have to wait until December? Attorney Treadwell said we can talk to Chris about it. He couldn't think of a reason why he couldn't start taking it down now. Mr. Lebkuecher said he agrees to move it to the December 20th ZHB meeting. Attorney Treadwell said Council does not need to take any action. Mrs. deLeon said Mr. Lebkuecher can talk to the staff tomorrow about the permit to remove things.

B. BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY 2011 BUDGET PRESENTATION – LYNN KOEHLER

Mr. Kern said Lynn Koehler, Lower Saucon Township representative to the Bethlehem Area Public Library will discuss with Council the 2011 library budget.

Ms. Koehler said it's been a very tough year for the library. State funding was cut for 2009 by 21% and now they are going to be cut next year by another 11%. They actually had two budget meetings. They have not approved the budget yet because the City of Bethlehem has not provided all the information, plus we don't know if they are going to approve the budget we asked them to approve. That said, they did come up with an agreement that they are going to stay with the \$17.55

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per capita which was the rate that was last year. Last year the City of Bethlehem helped out by covering some of the services. It's the same as last year although you are going to be paying a little bit more. What the library is doing right now is a very tough thing. Because of holding the line to the supporting communities, and to the City of Bethlehem, and the cut in State funding, they have to cut hours and they are cutting staff. They are going to be offering a buyout for people who are going to retire and that will happen between now and the end of the year. We'll see who retires, then we'll see if we have to lay off anybody. Those people will be replaced with people who earn less money or part-timers and people will be absorbing other jobs. This year the library also had a panic attack caused by Lower Saucon Township when they thought LST was going to withdraw. They came up with all kinds of plans for what they would have to do if that happened. Ms. Koehler assured them that wasn't going to happen this year and LST was going to give them a year's notice of their intent if they do that kind of thing. They've been talking about the PA ACCESS program. The State of PA is not funding it anymore. All the libraries are doing the extra work of covering the books taken out by everybody in PA who has a library card as they can go to any library they want and take out books. Before there was a payment per book and it was really small, but it added up and it helped. Now the State is not paying for that at all. They are providing a service that they don't get money for. That's money they lost. Some of the money Bethlehem lost is money for some of the Internet services as that had to be cut out. Some of the benefits that everyone was getting for using the BAPL and other State libraries are gone also. We don't know what we're going to do next year in terms of the City of Bethlehem. We don't know how to handle the pension. We don't know so many different things. They are sticking with this plan now. Her guess is the same per capita may stay the same, but the census figures may be coming in and our population has gone up a bit, so supporting communities will be giving more money that way. She's asking you for the request for LST to join in the BAPL for another year and the per capita as \$17.55. They have a November 15th deadline to let BAPL know if LST is joining in or not. Mr. Cahalan said the amount is \$173,464.00. Mr. Horiszny said how do we have the same population and the same per capita and it goes up by \$5,000.00? Mr. Kern said Bethlehem is not contributing this year. Attorney Treadwell said in 2010 you paid the same overall number you had paid in 2009. The BAPL made up for that by the City of Bethlehem contributing some services to the BAPL that they did not charge them for. We paid the 2009 amount in 2010.

Mr. Cahalan said you talked about the City of Bethlehem's situation. Is it the BAPL Board's feeling that, while this Council may be guaranteeing what they approved, is it uncertain what they are going to get from the City of Bethlehem? Ms. Koehler said yes, it is uncertain what they are going to get from the City of Bethlehem. Mostly with regard to pension costs right now, but every year we go to them and say approve your contribution and there's always a chance of them saying no. There will be no change in the request to the supporting communities. The amount is still the \$17.55 per capita; however, if the City of Bethlehem does not approve that money and for some reason they decide to give less money, more people will have to be cut and hours will be cut. Mr. Cahalan said historically if the City said they couldn't pay the per capita, and they paid less than that, then for all the other supporting municipalities, the tide went down for us? Ms. Koehler said that's the way it's supposed to happen. Mr. Cahalan asked if we could then see our contribution decrease? If they take the \$17.55 per capita proposed to the City of Bethlehem and they say they can't pay that, and say we'll pay \$17.00, historically, what happens was they came back to us and said you will all pay the same amount. That's supposed to be the process. Attorney Treadwell said the agreement you currently have, which contains the November 15th date, states that the surrounding municipalities will pay the same per capita number as the City of Bethlehem. What the library does is they come up with the per capita number and they submit that to the City and everybody else. It's supposed to be the same for everyone. If the City came back and said they are only paying \$17.00 per capita, then theoretically everyone else's rate should be \$17.00 a person also. Mrs. deLeon said other years did the City pay what we paid? Attorney Treadwell said there's the question. Most of the time – yes. Last year the City did some financial accounting type work and instead of charging the library for certain services they provide as they have done in the past, they provided those services for free which then made up the difference. Mrs. deLeon said we did

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talk about that. Mr. Cahalan said their audit also showed that their payment that was supposed to be made in 2009 wasn't fully paid until 2010. Ms. Koehler said they are running a little late in their payments and the BAPL is not happy about that. Mrs. deLeon said did they have their budget hearing like we had our budget hearing this past Wednesday? Mr. Cahalan said he doesn't think they had it yet. Ms. Koehler said it's in early December. She said she doesn't know what's going to happen. There was one other little thing, some kind of request for having a guaranteed payment? Attorney Treadwell said he requested that the Board of the Library consider if the Township agreed to this \$173,464.00 figure that we be locked in for 2011 and 2012. His understanding is that the Library Board considered that request and said no. The way their Solicitor explained it to him was that the Library Board felt if they did that for Lower Saucon, then they should do that for everybody. What his intent was, was to try to avoid that six months of conversations we have every year on when is the library going to adopt their budget? How much are they going to ask for? Mr. Kern said based on Mr. Cahalan's discussion, it may have been in their best interest to lock that in. Mrs. deLeon said no one knows what the census is going to come in as. Ms. Koehler said that makes everything go up also. That's why they are looking at other options. In the meantime, we need to provide library services for the Township. There's some form of contract agreement you need to send them. Attorney Treadwell said the discussion he had with their attorney was that if they agreed to the two year locked in number, then when would do a short little agreement that said we agreed to pay that for 2011 and 2012 and they agree to accept it. They didn't agree, so there's no need to do any new contract. We're still operating under the old one. Ms. Koehler said you sent them a letter saying you didn't want to renew the contract as it was. Attorney Treadwell said he's not sure it exactly said that. It said we intended to not do it. It's simply resolved if you agree to include that \$173,464.00 in your budget and we'll send them a letter saying we are in for 2011 at that number. Mrs. deLeon said she feels very strongly about having a library.

- MOTION BY:** Mrs. deLeon moved for approval of the contribution of \$173,464.00 to the BAPL for library services for 2011, conditional on what the City of Bethlehem gives.
- SECOND BY:** Mr. Maxfield
- Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.
- ROLL CALL:** 5-0

C. RECOMMENDATIONS RE: HELLER HOMESTEAD LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Kern said Staff will be presenting Council with recommendations for proposed landscaping improvements to the parking area following the demolition of the maintenance garage.

Mr. Cahalan said they took down the maintenance garage and there are some ruins there and a port-a-john and it needs some work. Ms. Stern Goldstein has worked on this and she can walk us through some of the recommendations.

Ms. Stern Goldstein said she has a sketch and photos for Council. There was a site meeting on Friday, October 29th at the Heller Homestead. We discussed the ruins and the parking area. We discussed the entry area, the port-a-john and from that they came up with the recommendations that are on the plan in front of you. If we start at the entrance area, making sure the existing stone curbing remains. It's been uncovered recently. Previously there had been a proposal to widen the entrance, and that was to meet Township standards for parking lots. This is an historic homestead. The driveway has been existing in that location for a long time. At this point, the proposal is to leave it exactly as it is at the entrance and to leave the entry sign as you are looking at the plan, to the left. The sign and planting area to remain as it is. The sign has removable letters to announce events. They would remove that existing bed that would be a lovely bed if it were maintained to be a bed, but it really hasn't been and it becomes weedy. It seems it's too much maintenance for what needs to happen there. The plant material adjacent to the sign is also too tall. It's covering up the letters on the changeable sign which makes it difficult to change the letters and to read the letters

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once the plants come up. They are proposing some flox around the signs. They've included some photos of flox. There's a variety of colors. The plant material is appropriate to several eras of the Homestead going back to the mid-1800. It's a low mounting plant. It's a ground cover, so it will be dense once it's established and we won't be getting weeds up through them. It's low maintenance and it will add seasonal color for quite a long length of time during the growing season and accent the sign with more appropriate maintenance for the site. As we come back through the site, over near the existing garden, there's a Red Bud tree that is on its way to a long, slow death. We are proposing that that tree be removed. The Conservancy doesn't want the new Red Bud tree to be planted in the same place. They looked at an appropriate location that's shown on your plan, basically on the other side of the garden gate, to the left. Mr. Maxfield said it's the Red Bud tree that was planted in memory of someone and it's dying? Ms. Stern Goldstein said yes, to the point of there are some crevices in the trunk and the bark is very bad. It looks like it's diseased. At one point, the tree had been damaged by mowing or weed whacking, but that doesn't seem to be the actual cause. That would be a replacement Red Bud. As we work over to the stream, we're proposing to relocate the port-a-potty from its current location down south a little bit and propose a little pathway to connect to the parking lot to the trail and then cut out a little bit access stone parking and restore that to a lawn area to better refine that parking will be on the site. They are showing lines so you can see how many cars will fit. It's a stone area, so there will not be any lines there. The definition will make it clear that they head in towards the creek and head in toward the port-a-potty. As we continue down to the bottom of the plan, or the southern end closest to the creek, there's a retaining wall now, which is stone. There is no delineation above it with any barrier. We talked about some bollards with chains or anything that will be correct any of the periods of the structure and still fit in with the Homestead. We came up with the suggestion for some flox along that wall also which will mound up and cascade down along the wall in addition so it can have nice seasonal colors which would act as a barrier. At the southern end of the plan, there's a bench being added. That is relocating the existing bench that sat along the roadway in the bed. It was a bench that was donated to the Conservancy and it will be relocated to an area more appropriate for a bench setting. Going up north, crossing the proposed trail, we see the garage ruins. Along the lower side, stream side, which would be along the retaining wall, we are proposing lavender. We talked about some natural plant material to come up a little above the wall so you can see it when you are up in the ruins and you are not just going to fall off the edge. Lavender is actually period appropriate going back several periods up to today. It's seasonal color and fragrant. It has that clumpy nice feel to it so you'll still see the stone wall in-between the plants and we'll let it grow out. We thought that was a nice solution. Towards the south, we had lots of discussions on what kind of surface could be in there. Paving would not be appropriate or stone. We didn't want to have anything that would be maintenance intensive. We're proposing a seed mix in there, which is what is on the plan. We are also proposing an educational sign near the old boiler area which is the southeastern corner of the ruins. There's some whitish stones in that area which we think is the historic boiler. She included some information about fossil board. It's a board they've used before for outdoor educational science. They've used them in an environmental area in Doylestown Township. In that case, the Public Works Department created the framework for the signs over the winter. They talked to Roger about that and it's a possibility. Her promise was she would take photos and show him what's being done. They've included that in the packet now for discussion. Fossil board is one you don't have to use, but they've used it before. It really was good, the only problem she's seen with the boards that have been in Doylestown Township since 2006, is there has been some fading. They contacted the company and they changed their process to deal with the fading in bright sun. They are proposing one board in this plan. In talking earlier this evening, and a conversation with Priscilla, it would be appropriate to add an educational board about the Rail Trail also. We have not included what would be on this board yet. That's something where the content needs to come from the Conservancy. Reserving that space for it now and talking about the need for something, she wanted to have it in the plan. Working your way from that area to the parking area in the former gravel area, to separate that edge from the ruins, they were talking about some clumps of plant material. Some period correct species from back in the day and currently that would work like some Lemon Lillie's, some Coreopsis, and having them

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in clumps. Some of the plant material was selected over the weekend without the benefit of their full file. Others added today and they do match the recommendations from the master Gardner. She did a nice job last year and came up with some recommendations and those plant materials are correct and would be appropriate for the setting. They kept it conceptual right now. These are not surveyed measurements. In the packet, you have the plan and a second sheet that lists what the attachments are. The attachments are product information about the different plans. There is information about the fossil industry and the educational board which was talked about. There are photos of the fossil boards installed at Doylestown Township. They can be in large cases, but for outdoor educational areas, we want low key. Exhibits L and M are the historic maps that Priscilla emailed to her on Friday. It's for a discussion and eventually to approve the conceptual plan so they can work with Public Works and Township Staff for next year. Mrs. deLeon said if you look at the one Sanborn map, did anyone ever hear of Wausau Lane? That's the driveway coming into the Homestead. Ms. Stern Goldstein said the driveway had a name. Mr. Maxfield said he thinks it's an Indian term.

Mr. Maxfield said he's having a problem adding walkway to the floodplain. That's what really stuck out to him. We really hit some people hard from the public who proposed building in the floodplain and he doesn't think we should set a bad example by putting more walkway in. Mrs. deLeon said does it have to have a walkway going to the port-a-potty? Ms. Stern Goldstein said the walkway was proposed to connect to the existing trail since the trail is already down there. She understands the need not to add anything in the flood prone area. It's a site that's been disturbed in the past. It's a difficult situation. It's a shame to have a parking area and not be able to connect it down there. People can walk on the grass which they do now. Mr. Maxfield said we don't have any other connection from the parking lot to the path? Mr. Cahalan said none at this time. Ms. Stern Goldstein said right now it's grass and people can walk there. It's not that accessible. Mr. Maxfield said if we do make a pathway, make it as thin as you can and as straight forward as you can. We have that little tongue sticking out to access the port-a-potty, so maybe things could be relocated so we didn't have to add additional things there and make it a minimal impact as possible. Mrs. Yerger said can we use what we used in Polk Valley Park, the pervious pavement? Ms. Stern Goldstein said we could, but it's such a small area. She's not sure it would be cost effective. Mrs. Yerger said does it have to be paved? Ms. Stern Goldstein said it's grass now, they walked on it. The minute you make it a formal path, you have to make it ADA accessible. The access to the port-a-potty would be limited due to weather and sogginess. Mrs. Yerger said the port-a-potty is not sitting in the grass now. Ms. Stern Goldstein said it's sitting in the grass area by the edge of the gravel. Mr. Maxfield said if we concentrated on making the port-a-potty accessible from the front of the parking lot, that would make it accessible for a good number of ADA number and you could eliminate the walkway and go back to grass. Mrs. deLeon said is it there in the winter time because of snow plowing? Mr. Cahalan said he thinks in November they took it away from the Heller Homestead as there were no activities there. If the port-a-potty was relocated without the trail, how will it be maintained? Ms. Stern Goldstein said you can't get in there in any kind of soggy weather and she wouldn't want to have that heavy truck coming back. They have that long hose that they can come in and service it, but when they need to take it out, which they do occasionally, they need to get their truck right back there. Mr. Maxfield said then we need to put that port-a-potty closer to the parking lot. Ms. Stern Goldstein said we can put it closer to the parking lot. If we put it back in the parking lot, we would not be using the chunk of gravel that is there. They would leave it in as it is and wouldn't define the way the parking is. It's been there for years. They were trying to help redefine. Mrs. deLeon said she was anticipating it to be gravel. Ms. Stern Goldstein said they were going to take it out in order to trade off what was going in with the pathway. They can leave it in as gravel and take the pathway out. The issue was the port-a-potty hadn't been there before. They were going to put some four foot high lattice around the port-a-potty so when they are walking out they are not having headlights coming into them from a car. Mrs. deLeon said where would you put the lattice if it was closer to the parking lot? Would you move it up closer to the west so that the trucks would be able to access it? Ms. Stern Goldstein said they would have to do that in order for the trucks to access it. They are not serviced that often as

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it's not used as quite heavily. There is a tree on site that the branch arches over towards the parking area and it's where the port-a-potty is right now. When you look at the tree, it appears to be dead, but in the spring and summer, it is quite alive, it's just deformed. It's been there at least six years and looked like that. It's not in imminent danger of coming down now, but in an ice or snow storm, it could come down. The issue is if we're going to keep the port-a-potty in that area of the branch, it's up to the Township is you want to take the tree down now or wait until there's a problem and it's coming down. She doesn't want it to come down on anyone's car or the port-a-potty. Mrs. deLeon said she remembers the tree always being there and a limb was cut off a few years ago. It's looking really top heavy, but she's not a tree expert. Mrs. Yerger said are the port-a-potty's staying in the winter time or not? Mr. Cahalan said the answer is no, they shouldn't be there as there are no activities there. Mr. Kern said are we eliminating the proposed path and moving it back up to the original location? Mr. Maxfield said that or even if you wanted to keep it the way it's designed here and talk to Roger and talk to the port-a-potty company and find out what would be the best opportune place for it to be located. He doesn't see why it couldn't be put somewhere within that grass area on the perimeter. Ms. Stern Goldstein said she's hearing they want to leave it gravel now. Mr. Maxfield said it wouldn't necessarily have to be gravel. If you wanted to keep it gravel, we should probably ask Roger what his plowing schedule is and what's an accessible spot for the port-a-potty. Mrs. deLeon said the only reason she'd like to keep it gravel is it gives more parking. She really prefers that this be more boxed off and eliminate the grass area. She misunderstood the plan. The port-a-potty be put however distance off the gravel edge into this area so it's still accessible and somehow in a way that the truck can still get to it. Mrs. Yerger said all the port-a-potties at Lehigh are on gravel, so they will be able to get to them, and that's not an issue. Mrs. deLeon said we didn't want to nosey about too much in the ruins, there's a lot of bricks that are half brick and the one tile brick that's in this corner that, to us, looked like it was firebrick. She doesn't know how much of it is there, how deep it is. She didn't want to disturb it too much. What do we do with that? You don't want to bury it. Ms. Stern Goldstein said she's envisioning that the white brick in the boiler area to stay as it is. The grass would be in the rest of the ruins. There's a pile of red brick that could stay as a pile and could become projectiles. It could be taken off site and used in something else. She doesn't know the date of the brick and how recent that brick was used. Mrs. deLeon said when you look at the Sanborn maps, one is dated 1933 and the other is dated 1924. It just delineates the shape of the building. There are parts of the foundation that are brick. She is just trying to be creative. 90% of it will be grass, but then that corner is going to be what's there. There has to be some preparation to it. Ms. Stern Goldstein said she doesn't know the historical nature of that pile of brick. She's not sure anyone does. It could stay or it could be used for something else. The pile is about 18" high and 3' to 4' wide. It's probably about 75 to 100 bricks. Some are partial bricks; some are full bricks. Mr. Maxfield said you could collect them and store them somewhere.

Ms. Stephanie Brown said being a member of the Conservancy, the homestead site is a public park in Lower Saucon. It has a historic significance. Which comes first, the historic integrity of the homestead or the fact that it's a public park and accessible to everyone? Mr. Cahalan said there is the park area and then there is the Heller Homestead area which is leased to the Saucon Valley Conservancy. Ms. Brown said most people consider that to be part of the park. Mr. Cahalan said you have resources in the Heller Homestead. Mrs. deLeon said the entire 14 acres is park. The Conservancy leases the two acres. Mr. Cahalan said Ms. Brown was probably talking about the covenants. That doesn't apply to the back acreage. Ms. Brown said she is not handicapped physically, but she has a boyfriend who is permanently disabled, and now her life is thinking in those terms for him. Since she's a volunteer at the Conservancy, one of the things she's been doing is using the Parkway in Allentown as it's easier right now with her boyfriend doing rehab. One of the things with their port-a-potties they are by the parking lot sitting on the edge of the grass and she hasn't had any problems with them, but she can see how easily they could get parked in. For someone on a wheelchair who needs accessibility, that could be a problem. She's a little confused and thought the port-a-potty was there year round. As someone who walks through the Township, it's nice to be able to stop at a park and use the bathroom if you need to. She's always using the

bathroom by the Grist Mill. If the rail trail is up and working the way it's planned, are there port-a-potties on the trail itself? Mr. Cahalan said Water Street Park has a port-a-john. Ms. Brown said the fact that having that port-a-john there year round would be nice. You said not widening the driveway because of the historical significance. It's really dangerous there and would be really nice if it was widened. We are trying to keep plants oriented to the history of the Homestead, but where are we in terms of doing that versus native plants? Ms. Stern Goldstein said they coincide in this case. Ms. Brown said that's good to hear. It would be a showcase for Township residents to see. She would like to see the native plants used if it is possible. Ms. Stern Goldstein said Polk Valley Park right now has a lot of native plants. Ms. Brown said you have to consider, she likes to see plants, but the park property in the Heller Homestead, how much is in the floodplain? Mrs. Stern Goldstein said they are not putting in flower beds and nothing that would be damaged by being in the floodplain. Mrs. deLeon said the driveway coming into the Homestead, the other day she pulled in and something caught her eyes on the edges. There was a stone edging there that was old and it was covered with gravel. It kind of defines the width coming into the driveway and because of the PPL light that's there and the wires, it would be hard to widen it there. It would be a shame to lose those little stone things. Ms. Brown said redoing the flower bed in the front, are you planning on taking plants out of that flower bed? Ms. Stern Goldstein said most of it will be grass and at the discretion of the Historical Society, they will use the plants on site somewhere else.

Mrs. deLeon said PHMC initially gave approval for removal of the garage. Does this plan have to go back to them? Mr. Cahalan said he can send it to them after Council approves it. Mrs. deLeon said Mr. Cahalan is going to look at the tree with the dead limbs? Mr. Cahalan said yes, he will look into that. Mrs. deLeon said they are keeping the parking lot gravel. There's some kind of gravel that when you put it down and go over it, it packs more. Mr. Maxfield said that's the modified that has the dust in it. Ms. Stern Goldstein said you could do that near the creek as if there's a flood, the fines would be washed into the creek or into the ruins. Mr. Maxfield said the modified has the sulfur in it also. Ms. Stern Goldstein said it's a great solution, but not in that location. Mr. Maxfield said we are going to wait for a redraw? Mr. Cahalan said correct.

D. RESOLUTION #71-2010 – SUBMISSION OF PENNDOT TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT FOR REHABILITATION OF THE OLD MILL BRIDGE

Mr. Kern said Resolution #71-2010 has been prepared authorizing the submission of a PennDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant for the rehabilitation of the Old Mill Bridge.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A PENNDOT TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE OLD MILL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Old Mill Bridge, a two-span cast and wrought iron “Pratt” truss bridge built in 1867, which spans the Saucon Creek linking Old Mill and Reading Roads, is the earliest known iron Pratt bridge known to exist in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the bridge is a contributing resource to the Ehrhart’s Mill Historic District which was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Lower Saucon Township to repair and rehabilitate this bridge to preserve its significant historic features and to utilize the bridge for contemporary transportation use by providing pedestrian and bicycle access to the soon to be opened Saucon Rail Trail; and

WHEREAS, to this end, the Township has commissioned engineering studies by Hanover Engineering and by the Lehigh University ATLSS Center, which outlined the repairs necessary to maintain the structural integrity and pedestrian and bicycle safety of the bridge.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Lower Saucon Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania authorizes the submission of a Transportation Enhancements grant application to PennDOT in the amount of \$238,650 to be used the repairs and rehabilitation of the Old Mill Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

1. The Council of Lower Saucon Township hereby allocates the amount of \$14,400 in municipal resources from its Historical Structure Fund to provide the required match for said project.
2. The Council of Lower Saucon Township does hereby designate the Council President and the Township Manager as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between Lower Saucon Township and PennDOT to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Mr. Cahalan said this is one of the grants that we discussed at the budget hearing that we are submitting. This is for the Old Mill Bridge. One of the significant things about the bridge is it's on the National Register of Historic Places. It's a contributing source to the Ehrhart's Mill Historic District and that is one of the key qualifying items for this grant from PennDOT. They will prepare it and submit it by November 8th. They are putting in for \$238,650.00 which will be used to rehab and repair the bridge. They have an engineering study done by HEA and recently we approved a study done by the Lehigh University ATLSS Center who are worldwide experts on bridges, so that information will be submitted to PennDOT, and we hope we can qualify for this grant. We are proposing this as a transportation connector as it will allow pedestrians and bikers to cross the Saucon Creek from Reading Road and access the Rail Trail at Old Mill Road. The Township's only contribution to this would be a match of \$14,400.00.

Mrs. deLeon said how many more years do we have budgeted for this bridge? Mr. Cahalan said we've been carrying money in this account. The last repair was when the abutments were done five years. We have about \$180,000.00 and this will augment that so we'll have more than enough to carry out the full rehab of the bridge.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of Resolution #71-2010.

SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield

Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? Mr. Holum said is there any thought of opening that for traffic or is it just going to be for pedestrians? Mr. Cahalan said it's just for pedestrians.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

E. UPDATE ON RIVERSIDE DRIVE CLOSURE

Mr. Kern said the Manager will update Council on the closure and repair of Riverside Drive.

Mr. Cahalan said it was closed and reopened at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon. Mrs. deLeon provided some photographs of the damages that were incurred from the heavy rain on October 1st. There were a couple of questions raised about the closure. It was brought up that the fire company may not have been notified of the closure. We checked with the Northampton County 911 center and we gave Council some information on how they handled the notification of that closure. Mrs. deLeon had asked what the speed limit was for the Norfolk Southern trains in that area and we provided you with a sheet with information that we received from the Norfolk Southern in 2005. It says the speed limit in that area is 40 MPH. They set the speed limit based on the class of tracks. That addressed all of the issues.

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Mrs. deLeon said she did email Sean Brown at PennDOT and thanked him and told him to thank all the people who were involved in fixing this because we do appreciate them doing that. The County did respond and sent those CAD reports to both fire and ambulance. We still don't know what happened in the morning with the incident at the railroad tracks? Mr. Cahalan said he did not get any incident reports. If it was something that happened on the tracks, Norfolk Southern could have handled it. Mrs. deLeon said we need to do weight limits for that stretch of road. It's a PennDOT road and how do we ask PennDOT to change the weight limit? Mr. Kocher said Mr. Cahalan can send a letter requesting they do a weight limit study. If they don't do one, you can and supply it to them. You should see if they will do it first. Mrs. deLeon said the heavier the trucks, the more the road is going to get deteriorated. We need to start the process. That doesn't affect emergency services.

- MOTION BY:** Mrs. deLeon moved for approval to direct the Manager to contact PennDOT and find out about the weight limit on Riverside Drive.
- SECOND BY:** Mr. Maxfield
- Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.
- ROLL CALL:** 5-0

F. RESOLUTION #72-2010 – TRANSFER OF MONIES

Mr. Kern said Resolution #72-2010 has been prepared to transfer monies from one Township fund to another.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONIES FROM ONE TOWNSHIP FUND TO ANOTHER

SECTION 1.

The Council of Lower Saucon Township hereby authorizes the transfer of monies from one Township fund to another in accordance with Article XXXII, Section 3202 (f) of the Second Class Township code as follows:

	<u>FROM</u>			<u>TO</u>	
<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	
\$ 8,000.00	01.493.000	Contingencies	01.414.313	Open Space Planning	
\$34,000.00	01.493.000	Contingencies	01.487.156	Medical Insurance	

SECTION 2.

The Township Manager is hereby directed to make the necessary transfers to implement this Resolution.

Mr. Cahalan said we have a request from the Director of Finance to transfer money between the accounts, specifically from the Contingency account. The first one is for monies needed to fund the Land Trust Beneficiary Agreement and the baseline documentation that Council approved for the Dravec parcel. The second one is to transfer funding to cover an increase in medical insurance due to an additional enrollee and having to continue to carry another employee that was not anticipated. The resolution would transfer \$8,000.00 from the Contingency account to the Open Space Planning account and \$34,000.00 from the Contingency account to the Medical Insurance account. Both of these are covered in the proposed budget that was given to Council.

Mrs. deLeon said she understands the medical transfer, but the one for Open Space, the Dravec property was bought with open space money. Mr. Cahalan said yes. Mrs. deLeon said why do you have to transfer out of the General Fund into the Open Space fund? Mr. Cahalan said the Council's direction on that was to limit the use of open space funds. We are only using it for appraisals and not for any other costs. We brought that up previously and there was a discussion and Council

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gave direction that we were not to use open space money for those purposes. We are taking it from the General Fund.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of Resolution #72-2010.

SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield

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

ROLL CALL: 4-1 (Mrs. deLeon – No)

G. APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR INSTALLATION OF RAIL TRAIL GATES AND BOLLARDS

TABLED

H. APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO DESCCO FOR POLK VALLEY PARK BRIDGE

Mr. Kern said DESCCO has completed the installation and placement of the Polk Valley Park pedestrian bridge. Hanover has inspected the abutments and bridge placement and is recommending the payment of the contract price (\$50,495.00) for the completed work.

Mr. Cahalan said the bridge has been installed. It has been inspected by Hanover Engineering and they recommend that the contractor's invoices be paid. It has been approved by the Director of Public Works. The recommendation is to pay the full contract price of \$50,495.00 to DESCCO of Fleetwood, PA.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval to pay the full contract price of \$50,495.00 to DESCCO for the Polk Valley Bridge.

SECOND BY: Mr. Horiszny

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

ROLL CALL: 5-0

VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 20 AND OCTOBER 27, 2010 MINUTES

Mr. Kern said the minutes of the October 20 and October 27, 2010 Council meeting have been prepared and are ready for Council's review and approval.

Mr. Horiszny said on the October 20th minutes, line 45, page 6, it says "September 20th minutes were approved" and it should be "the September financial reports were approved".

MOTION BY: Mrs. Yerger moved for approval October 20th minutes, with corrections and the October 27th minutes.

SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 3-1 (Mr. Horiszny – No; Mr. Maxfield – Abstained)

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Ms. Stephanie Brown, Meadows Road said now that the approval for the stops signs has been made for the Meadows Road at the Rail Trail crossing, does the Township have any plans to reduce the speed limit in that area from the Gun Club down? It's already 25 MPH as you are coming close to that bad corner. She had written a letter months ago to the Township asking them to consider changing the speed to limit to 25 MPH at the sportsmen's association property. Has anything been done to look into that? It's 35 MPH for the most part until you get down near Jerry Holum's

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property and then it changes to 25 MPH. It would be a lot safer. Mr. Kern said that's not a bad idea. Mr. Cahalan said they can look into it.

- Ms. Stephanie Brown said hearing about one of the co-owners buying the Murray property along the creek, what is going to happen with the historic sign for the bridge if the property changed hands? Mr. Cahalan said the got permission from the owner that would be transferred to the new owner, who is Mr. Lebkuecher. Ms. Brown said the things that came out of the meeting with the County regarding the Meadows Road bridge was the Township was going to send a letter to the Giant shopping center regarding the change in the weight limit on the bridge. Was that ever done? Mr. Cahalan said he sent letters to the armored car company and to all the garbage haulers. He did see the armored truck coming up Skibo Road from the shopping center.

VIII. COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

A. TOWNSHIP MANAGER

- Mr. Cahalan said he has a follow up on the offer from Mr. Stewart Herman. He offered to give us the house at 2088 Polk Valley Road where we are putting the connector trail in. They had a meeting with him and told him we would have to do a house history report and an environmental inspection for the house before we would move to demolish it. We got quotes. The house history report would be done by Wise Preservation and they gave us an estimate of \$2,023.00 and Mr. Kocher was able to get a quote on an environmental inspection by RAPCO and that's in the area of \$700.00. If they find asbestos, it's probably a couple hundred dollars over that to remove floor tile. It comes to about \$3,000.00. Our Solicitor has spoken to Mr. Herman and he is okay with paying up to \$3,500.00 of the cost. With Council's approval, we can approve the estimates from Wise Preservation and RAPCO to move ahead with those two items. If they are completed satisfactorily, we'll be in a position to move ahead with the demolition of the house. That does not include the barn. Mr. Herman will take care of the barn. Mrs. deLeon asked Mr. Cahalan to ask Mr. Herman if he could document the history of the barn. Mr. Cahalan said yes, he can do that. Attorney Treadwell said they are going to move the trail back, so they don't have to own it to demolish it. Mr. Herman is going to pay the historical and asbestos things and we knock it down with our road crew and cart the things away and we can move the trail. Mr. Cahalan said that saves us the cost of what we were going to pay to put the trail in the front of the house. Attorney Treadwell will prepare a document to relocate the easement for the trail. We have an easement across the property Mr. Herman owns to have the trail here permanently. Mrs. deLeon asked if the barn was on a separate parcel? Attorney Treadwell said he is going to retain ownership to all the parcels and the barn.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of the estimate from Wise Preservation and RAPCO to move ahead with the house history report and the environmental inspection.

SECOND BY: Mr. Horiszny

ROLL CALL: 5-0

B. COUNCIL/JR. COUNCIL MEMBER

Eubin Hahn – No report

Mr. Maxfield – No report

Mrs. Yerger

- She said she received a copy of a program that is going to be taking place at Lehigh University on November 18th and the public is welcome and it is free. She will send the information to everyone. It's being done by Preservation Pennsylvania and the D&L and it's going to be a forum on helping municipalities preserve the historic structure and historic districts.

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Mr. Horiszny

- He said at the last meeting we requested some pictures of the Williamson riparian restoration and Chris Garges got those pictures and he thinks everyone has had a chance to see them.
- He said also from the last meeting, he has experience with tire recycling and he will set up a meeting with Mr. Cahalan and the staff to decide how Lower Saucon Township can take part in that so it doesn't cost us \$2.00 a tire, and we can just get rid of them.

Mr. Kern – No report

Mrs. deLeon

- She said she wanted to restate that we did get awarded some money from the casino.

D. SOLICITOR – No report

E. ENGINEER – No report

F. PLANNER – No report

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mrs. Yerger moved for adjournment. The time was 9:02 PM.

SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon

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

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Submitted by:

Jack Cahalan
Township Manager

Glenn Kern
President of Council