

**TOWNSHIP OF FALLS
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

ROLL CALL:

ROBERT HARVIE, JR., CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JONATHAN SNIPES, VICE-CHAIRMAN	PRESENT
JEFFRY DENCE, SECRETARY-TREASURER	PRESENT
JEFFREY ROCCO, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT
BRIAN GALLOWAY, SUPERVISOR	PRESENT

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m. with roll call and salute to the flag. All Board members were present. Also present were Township Manager Peter Gray, Township Solicitor Michael Clarke, Township Solicitor Lauren Gallagher, and Township Engineer James Sullivan.

**ITEM # 1 CONSIDER DCNR APPLICATION WITH ACT ENGINEERS FOR
THE BILES ISLAND PROJECT**

Manager Gray introduced this item. ACT Engineers is working on the DCNR grant application for work at Biles Island. The application is scheduled to be filed to DCNR on April 4, 2012. As part of the process, a resolution is required. Mr. Bob Korkuch is here to discuss this further. Mr. Korkuch said that DCNR, a funding agency from the state, welcomes projects such as Biles Island. Most of the work to be done would be to work toward getting a reasonable cost estimate for this kind of facility. They have prepared a grant application that deals with two pieces, one of which is to look at the entire island. The first piece would have to do with planning and is in the amount of \$320,000. The second piece is looking at phase 1 of Biles Island and doing the detailed planning work. This is in the amount of \$100,000. This program for DCNR anticipates that they will fund up to 50% of the costs incurred for this work and the balance of the 50% has to come from other sources. They have been spending some time with Waste Management, one of the partners they have identified. It is proposed that Waste Management's resources be included as well. It is important for DCNR to see that there is a complete technical team. Any work done from this point forward by Waste Management or the township, would all be counted toward the 50% match. Part of this application is identifying the technical partners. Chairman Harvie said we would be applying for a grant for the master site development plan as well as phase 1 scope of work. Mr. Korkuch said they want the master plan work done as well as the detailed planning work which would lead all the way through preliminary engineering. That is necessary to be able to come up with reasonable cost estimates. Member Galloway said it sounds like a wonderful opportunity to find a partner who would contribute 50% of our costs. Member Snipes wanted to clarify and said we would be applying for 50% of the total cost of the detailed planning work. We can apply up to \$210,000. He asked if they can fund less than that or if it is a 50% matching grant. Mr. Korkuch said it is 50%. It is competitive. The feedback they have gotten so far is that DCNR is excited about this project and it is definitely something they would like to fund if

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they have the money to fund it. Member Snipes asked if we have a pretty good shot. He asked what the difference is between the master site development plan and phase 1 scope of work. Mr. Korkuch said the master site development plan will cover the entire island, including phase 1. From a master site development perspective, they want to look at and have identified a variety of different uses obtained from the public input. They looked at where on the site it makes sense to locate camping, a canoe launch area, boating, and marina. Phase 1 looks at the items and going through to a very detailed cost estimate and preliminary engineering. Member Snipes said if they can't get people onto Biles Island then the whole thing won't work. Mr. Corliss said phase 1 would be for passive use; there is no active use in that. Member Snipes said the 50% matching could be in-kind or come from other sources. Waste Management may have already done surveying, mapping or some type of planning work that we could count toward their path. He asked Mr. Korkuch if he thinks we could bring that down substantially. Mr. Korkuch said once a project is accepted into the DCNR program, they will consider that for matching any costs that have been spent since July 1st of this year. Member Snipes said that Waste Management has said to us that in preparation for the island being passed to the township, they are willing to do work based on what plans we have in terms of moving things around or grading. Member Dence said we cannot pick or choose phase 1 of the master plan. To get this funding, we have to do the master plan. Even at 50% matching we are way ahead of ourselves, even talking about the master plan. He loves the idea of phase 1 but even talking about anything else doesn't make a lot of sense to him. It is a long way to spend money on it now. Mr. Korkuch said DCNR's comment is that for a project this size it has to be viewed as a long-term project. Member Rocco asked if there are any other portions of the land that would be ready any time soon for development. Chairman Harvie said phase 1 is ready when we want it. Mr. Korkuch presented additional information relating to the DCNR grant and how it works. Member Rocco said this seems like it is too far out. They could spend \$100,000 today or \$320,000 or a lot less if they do some of the work ourselves. Mr. Korkuch said as part of the application process, it was recommended to identify those who would be partners in this and those who would be supporters as well. They have collected a series of endorsement letters as part of this grant application process. Mr. Korkuch said they have letters from Waste Management, Bucks County Open Space, Historic Fallsington, Morris Arboretum, and some from the township as well. Manager Gray said we have received a few and hope to receive a few more in the next days as well. Chairman Harvie said for phase 1 some of the work has to be done. He asked about the timetable on this and how long we have to spend that money. Mr. Korkuch said it is three years. Chairman Harvie hears the concerns. DCNR is forcing us a little bit to do certain things. It is a little more expensive than what we were looking to spend. Member Dence moved to open public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Andy Dell asked who the \$320,000 is being paid to. Chairman Harvie said Mr. Korkuch said it is ACT Engineers' estimate for engineering design costs. Mr. Dell said if we didn't use the DCNR you wouldn't have to do any of this. He asked if we need to go through DCNR for anything. Chairman Harvie said a lot of the work being talked about is work that would need to be done at some point. Mr. Dell said in order to get this \$210,000 grant, if we get it, we are spending \$420,000. Member Galloway said no, they are spending half and we would spend half. Mr. Korkuch said you would spend \$210,000 to get \$420,000. Chairman Harvie said

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at some point these studies have to be done. The question is if we take the opportunity to get someone to pay for half of it; but it changes the timetable. He said that phase 1 is a naturalized area. Member Dence said the biggest part of phase 1 is the access. Mr. Roland Kenney gave some feedback that he has heard throughout the township. He said it seems like he is always defending the Board and Manager Gray. Mr. Kenney said it seems like we keep having new recreation projects and asked if we have enough recreation in this township. Mr. Kenney had concerns if the Biles Island area is contaminated. He said we are throwing a lot of money out there for trails and feels this is not needed. Chairman Harvie said Waste Management uses the island for daily cover. If the soil was polluted, they wouldn't be able to do the mining operation that they have been doing. Before it was a mining operation it was an alfalfa farm. Mr. Guido Mariani said he heard the word trails a few times. He asked if the trails have to be ADA compliant and if they do, he said you will spend a lot of money from the start. The Biles Island project is to develop recreation, a nature center, fishing pier, playground, bird-watching, nature trails, boat ramp and possibly a marina, restaurant, and green technology. The funding source is federal, state, county, township, and private. Mr. Mariani said he doesn't think the private funding will be there for this kind of project. He doesn't understand what the need is for this project and asked how far this project will go before it reaches maturity. Mr. Mariani wonders about the projected cost for this entire project. He thinks it will be in the millions. Once this project is complete, how do you propose to support and maintain this project without host fees. Mr. Mariani said his personal opinion is that without the inclusion of a permanent, income-producing source for this project, this project has the potential to consume and deplete our reserves and impoverish this once wealthy township. As soon as he hears matching funds, he has a real problem with that. Mr. Mariani asked the board to walk away from this project and said to think about the position you will put this township in at a future time. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Member Snipes said he is in favor of doing this tonight. Of course they want to take financial considerations into account. He asked Manager Gray how much have we spent on the community park. Manager Gray said construction was about \$6M. Every month we provide an expenditure list. We could spend anywhere from \$2,000 to \$15,000 per month. Manager Gray said it costs between \$150,000 and \$200,000 a year for everything. Member Snipes said if you go to the community park, it is one of the most popular places in the township and you can hardly find a parking spot. He said it is always hard to think about these things because there is a lot of money involved. Member Snipes asked how other communities have approached a project such as this. Mr. Korkuch spoke of the Palmyra Grove project. He said even after eighteen years all of the features are not yet complete. It will probably take another two to three years before completion. These projects tend to be very long term. The amount of detail into the master plan varies greatly. Member Snipes said he feels we need to start when we have a partner like Waste Management who is willing to work with us. We have to have some kind of plan so Waste Management leaves it to us in a favorable type of condition. Member Galloway moved to approve Resolution # 2012-09 to approve the DCNR application with ACT Engineers for the Biles Island Project; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor with the exception of Member Dence and Member Rocco who both voted no. (3-2) Member Snipes said he does understand the comment of other board members. Member

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Dence said he is in favor of phase 1, but feels the whole master plan is way ahead of them at this point in time.

ITEM # 2 CONSIDER HERITAGE CONSERVANCY AGREEMENT WITH FALLS TOWNSHIP FOR DCNR PROJECT AT MARTINS CREEK

Manager Gray said The Heritage Conservancy is in partnership with G.O.A.L. They have applied for funding for projects to enhance Martin's Creek. As part of the project documentation, DCNR requires the Heritage Conservancy and Falls Township to enter into an agreement allowing the DCNR to work in the township. The grant period runs from January, 2012 to December, 2014. The board is asked to consider this agreement. Ms. Susan Myerov, Senior Planner from the Heritage Conservancy, said they will work in the area of the creek at Eventide Lane and go to Mill Creek Parkway, about six tenths of a mile in length. They would like to work with G.O.A.L. to do about six different programs. They will do cleanups, remove some vegetation, and plant some native trees in the area. They hope to reach out to the residents in the area to provide information about why these streams are important. There is no match from the township. Their match is through volunteer labor. The conservancy has several private funders to help them with their 50% match for DCNR grants. The agreement that is worked out will allow them to work on the property. Ms. Myerov said this agreement is by the Heritage Conservancy and the township so they can work on the property. They will have a separate contract with DCNR. Chairman Harvie said a lot of the reason there is stagnant water is because people throw debris into these streams. Member Snipes moved to approve the agreement with the Heritage Conservancy for the Conservation and Natural Resources Conservation Program; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 3 CONSIDER APPOINTING LABOR COUNSEL FOR POLICE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Chairman Harvie introduced this agenda item. The contract with the Police Association of Falls Township (PAFT) is up at the end of this year. Board members were provided with information from three different law firms. They are: Ballard Spahr at the rate of \$350 per hour for partners and \$275 per hour for Associates; Hill Wallack in the amount of \$200 per hour for partners and \$175 per hour for Associates and if it goes into arbitration, \$225 per hour for partners and \$200 per hour for Associates; and Thorp Armstrong in the amount of \$325 per hour for partners and \$290 per hour for Associates. Member Dence said all of these firms are qualified. The one local guy is Mr. Dave Truelove from Hill Wallack. Member Galloway said he found Mr. Truelove to be very professional and said he is knowledgeable about contract law. Member Snipes asked if there are particular things the board should be aware of. Mr. Clarke said as Member Dence said all three firms that submitted proposals are qualified. They have all done this type of work before. Ballard Spahr has done the last two contracts for the township. Thorp Armstrong has done some police contracts. Hill Wallack has done numerous police contracts in Bucks County, including Lower Bucks County. Mr. Clarke said he has worked with all three and they are all well qualified. The way they addressed the questions gave the board some guidance. Mr. Truelove has a real familiarity with what is going on in surrounding municipalities. The

union is always going to point to surrounding municipalities and having someone who is familiar with Lower Bucks is helpful. Chairman Harvie said he feels very comfortable with Mr. Truelove. Member Snipes moved to open public comment; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Mr. Guido Mariani said he has two suggestions for the board. The first is to require all the participants in the bargaining process, including arbitrators, to obtain actuarial statements of future costs of retiree benefits to avoid a deficit in the fund if it goes on. The second suggestion is to be sure that the total economic costs of this contract cannot exceed the total percentage of increase of the general fund revenue or the consumer price index, whichever is less. Mr. Mariani would also suggest beginning to think about expanding your tax base. Member Dence moved to close public comment; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) Manager Gray said they do have actuarial tables and they are required to provide actuarial studies. They do already have those numbers. Member Galloway moved to approve Hill Wallack as the township attorney for the police contract negotiations; Member Dence seconded the motion. Member Galloway amended his motion to include the rate of \$200 per hour for partners and \$175 per hour for associates and if it proceeds to arbitration, it would be \$225 per hour for partners and \$200 per hour for associates; Member Dence seconded the amended motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 4 CONSIDER ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 133, GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE, SECTION 6,
DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTES**

Manager Gray introduced this item. Chairman Harvie further explained why this ordinance change was necessary. At the last meeting they approved a business who will be operating out of where their current location which the trash trucks do not have access. If we approve of them to be in a certain location, we have to allow trucks to have access to that location. The area we are opening up is in a heavy industrial area from Tyburn Road toward U.S. Steel and down Canal Road where there is an industrial park. We are opening up a few more miles of roadway, but trucks are still being kept away from where people live. Member Snipes moved to approve Ordinance # 12-01, amendment to Chapter 133, Garbage, Rubbish and Refuse, Section 6, Designated Truck Routes; Member Dence seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

**ITEM # 5 CONSIDER LEASE OF THREE COPY MACHINES FOR TOWNSHIP
BUILDING**

Mr. Matt Markey provided information to the board for three new commercial copy machines. The proposed company, Kyocera, will buy us out of our current lease with IKON. There are ten months left on this lease. The price for three copiers will be an additional \$62.71 per month. All of the copiers will be networked together. Mr. Markey expects a better level of service with Kyocera than the current company. Each machine will have 10,000 black and white copies per machine, per month. Since this is a longer lease, it includes an obsolescence clause. Member Dence moved to approve the lease of the copy machines, with Kyocera, at the cost of \$704.71 per month according to the March 13, 2012

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memo from Mr. Markey; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 6 CONSIDER BIDS FOR CHLORINE AND MURIATIC ACID AT THE PINWOOD POOL

Manager Gray said the bids were opened for chlorine and muriatic acid for the Pinewood Pool. Several deficiencies were noted, including bid security amounts being an issue. Also, references were not furnished. It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors reject and re-advertise the bid. Member Dence moved to reject the bids for chlorine and muriatic acid as presented; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 7 CONSIDER QUOTES FOR BUSES FOR FALLS TOWNSHIP SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

Mr. Bill Reese has provided two quotes for buses for the summer recreation program. They could not locate a third bus company. The quote from First Student Bus Company is at the rate of \$185 for the first three hours plus \$55 for every hour over three hours. The second quote, from Eastern PA Transportation of America, is at the flat rate of \$100 plus \$60 per hour for the length of the trip. Mr. Reese said we have been using First Student for the last three or four years. Member Rocco asked if Pennsbury ever bid on this. He said it seems like a good opportunity to make a little extra revenue. Member Dence moved to approve First Student for the summer recreation program, following the rates as outlined in the memo from Mr. Reese and Manager Gray dated March 16, 2012; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

There was a break in the meeting at 8:25 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

ITEM # 8 PUBLIC COMMENT – FIVE MINUTE LIMIT PER PERSON FORTY-FIVE MINUTE MAXIMUM

Mr. Roland Kenney thanked Member Dence and Member Rocco for the earlier vote when they voted no on the Biles Island project. He said people watch where the township money is being spent. Mr. Kenney would like the board to look after the taxpayer money and urges them to spend it wisely.

Mr. John Bossman said he wanted to bring attention to a project that borders Falls Township and Lower Makefield. He said it has been ongoing and has red flags everywhere. Mr. Bossman said the Lower Makefield Township EAC did not welcome this project. Mr. Bossman provided pictures to the board. He said Howley and Hilltop show water still coming out of that area ten days after a .16 rainfall. There is a proposed cart pathway proposed to go in this area. Mr. Bossman said they can only build this development with Falls Township's approval due to limited access for fire trucks. Mr. Bossman wants to know Falls Township's position on this project. Mr. Bossman said he sees this project as a no win situation for future residents of Lower Makefield Township. He feels the Lower Makefield Board of Supervisors is ignoring Falls Township residents. Mr. Bossman said the developer is proposing to build fourteen homes. Mr. Bossman said this area has

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extremely saturated soil. The homes bordering their backyards will become useless and in the past ten years the water has become extensive. Mr. Bossman asked if any of the Falls Township Board of Supervisor members can attend the Lower Makefield meeting tomorrow night. Chairman Harvie said he spoke with the Lower Makefield Board of Supervisors Chairman, Pete Stainthorpe. Chairman Harvie said Mr. Stainthorpe understood the concerns and issues with emergency access through Hilltop. Chairman Harvie said he plans to attend the meeting as this is something the board is concerned about. Chairman Harvie said the level of bedrock is actually closer to the surface. Mr. Bossman has another issue at his property at 261 Austin. He said Peruzzi installed some lights on their property. The location of these lights is causing light pollution on Mr. Bossman's property. He asked if someone could take a look into this issue.

Mr. Wes Plaisted (resident of Howley Drive and Chairman of the Falls Township Environmental Advisory Council) said he has lived in the same house since 1983 and the water problem has gotten worse every year. When Yardley Crest was built, his kids could no longer play in the backyard. Mr. Plaisted said his wife hangs clothes in the backyard and when she comes in from outside, her shoes are always full of mud. The drainage is a major problem. Member Snipes asked if there is any impact on this project if our fire marshal does not respond with a letter or has issues with this project. Member Snipes also asked about access for emergency vehicles. Mr. Clarke said they would take the fire marshal's suggestions into account, but he does not think it would be a fatal flaw to the plan. Clearly it is something they would want to consider about having an emergency vehicles access the site. Member Snipes asked if emergency vehicle access is required or desired. Mr. Clarke said yes; their rules are similar to ours and it is probably desirable to have two points of access in case one point of access is blocked. With all things in a sub-division and land development ordinance, it is something that can be waived by the Board of Supervisors if they so desire. Member Dence said this is something they are aware of. Mr. Plaisted said they tried for a second entrance further down, but because of the wetland issue they were not allowed to do that.

Mr. Bill Reese announced the township's Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, March 24th at the Falls Township Community Park, phase 1 pavilion. This is a free event for children ages ten and under. It will start promptly at 1 p.m. Breakfast with the Bunny will be held at the Three Arches on Saturday, March 31st from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Annual Pasta Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, April 15th at the Falls Township Senior Center from 4-7 p.m. The price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 18 and senior citizens age 55+. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Mr. Andy Dell said he was disappointed about the board's decision on the Biles Island Park. He said we have a lot of police officers retiring and new police officers to hire and we have a building renovation to do. Mr. Dell asked if we always have enough money without the host community fees to pay our ongoing bills with our current tax base. Chairman Harvie said no, but we also wouldn't be repaving and reconstructing every road in the township either. The host community fees cover a myriad of expenses. Mr. Dell said he thinks we could have done this on our own with help from Waste Management as they would be more than willing to help. Mr. Dell asked what will happen with the economy in the future. He

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said he has been to the township park and it is a beautiful place. He wouldn't mind you spending a little more money down there, but you have to be careful. Mr. Dell asked if there was any feedback on work for this building. Chairman Harvie said the architect came in and received a lot of feedback. Manager Gray said they have talked about square footage for each department. The architect is putting together some plans based on square footage. Mr. Dell asked about the exterior of this building. Member Dence said we have asked the architect to hold to the footprint we currently have but to re-arrange the interior of the building to make it more efficient and the exterior more presentable. Chairman Harvie said we asked them to hold to the footprint we have within reason.

Mr. Jim Chiorella said he appreciates the time the township has dedicated for looking at the Lower Makefield project. One of the things that concerns him is the history. Having been a contractor doing subdivisions and working in the construction industry for years, he is familiar with projects such as these and he is seeing a lot of red flags. They didn't respond to our fire marshal request letter and then the developer asked for another approval letter a year later. Mr. Chiorella asked how much influence Falls Township has over the Lower Makefield building. Mr. Chiorella said his fear is that they will find a way to make it work. Mr. Chiorella said when he moved into his home there were two storms. One was the hurricane in August and the week before that there were some torrential downpours. During one of the heavy periods of rain, there was a rushing river between his house and his neighbor's house. He was fearful that they were going to get flooded out. Mr. Chiorella said he is not against progress, but he sees this whole water situation as a tenuous balance. If they did it right, it could alleviate them of this problem. His fear is if they don't do the development right, he is afraid his house will be completely flooded the first time there are heavy rains. He knows that Lower Makefield Township can do what they want, but asked what he can do. Chairman Harvie said they have a good relationship with Lower Makefield. He is hopeful there is mutual respect at the meeting tomorrow night. The owner of the property has a right to his property. As long as the developer is meeting the guidelines and requirements that Lower Makefield sets out, they have to allow them to do this project. In terms of what recourse the residents have, Chairman Harvie said he will turn to the solicitor. Mr. Clark said even though the residents that have spoken this evening are not residents of Lower Makefield, under the Case Law of the Municipalities Case Code and because of their proximity to the proposed development, there is nothing that prevents any of the residents that live in the proper districts to appeal to the Bucks County Court of Common Pleas and challenging Lower Makefield. If everything is built and two years from now the flooding is worse, their recourse at that time becomes more limited. You cannot channel water into another lower lying property. Any development and the increase of impervious surface will often result in additional water run-off into other areas. That should be addressed during the land development process. The proper time to challenge that or appeal that would be before during and after the land development process.

Ms. Jennifer Yang said she went to the last Lower Makefield meeting and asked them what kind of protections they have after construction is complete. She said the answer she received was that it was a hypothetical question and they don't have to answer those kinds of questions. She said they brushed her off. Ms. Yang said she asked the Planning Commission if Falls Township was doing anything to help with this situation. Chairman

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Harvie said if the water is coming from Lower Makefield, he doesn't know what we can do. There are no plans to do anything there. We cannot do anything on anyone else's private property. Mr. Sullivan said there is a berm based between Falls Township and Lower Makefield and the water should be going to the other way. The surface water shouldn't be a problem once the project is done. It will be ground water combined with surface water on our side of the municipal line. It is something we will look at during the design of the road program. During the next couple of years we will be in that neighborhood.

Mr. Jim Chiorella asked if Falls Township could bump up the road program if this project goes through. He said maybe the township can work in conjunction with the developer in Lower Makefield. Chairman Harvie said if they approve preliminary development tomorrow night it usually means there is something that may need to be changed. Chairman Harvie asked where Hilltop stood in regard to the road program. Mr. Sullivan said we are looking to bid next month. Hilltop is on the 2012 Road Program. Maybe they can look at that while they are doing Hilltop.

ITEM # 9 MINUTES – MARCH 6, 2012

Member Dence moved to approve the minutes from March 6, 2012; Member Rocco seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 10 ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Sullivan gave an update on the 2011 Road Program. They will be doing some work on Winding Way and Vernon Road. The Quaker Penn Park Babe Ruth Baseball Field is moving along well and must be paved before April 15th before the boat ramp opens. Member Snipes moved to approve the February 2012 Engineer's Report dated March 16, 2012; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 11 BILL LIST

Member Dence moved to approve the bill list in the amount of \$1,540,313.18; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 12 EXECUTIVE SESSION – There was no Executive Session held.

ITEM # 13 MANAGER COMMENT

1. Member Snipes moved to approve the purchase of a new 12 x 12 shed for the Three Arches from Bucks County Sheds and Garages in the amount of \$2,564; Member Galloway seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)
2. Mr. Clarke said board members should have received a copy of some correspondence from Chairman Robert Loughery (Bucks County Board of Commissioners) regarding our appeal about the notice of intent to revoke Community Development Block Grant funding. This stems from the decision by the County of Bucks to review our funding commitment. This was communicated back to Manager Gray. On January 6, 2012, the township filed an appeal of the decision to the county to revoke our funding

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commitment and that appeal has been granted. There are four conditions that are laid out in the correspondence. If the board is willing to accept those conditions, we will need a motion to accept it and authorize Chairman Harvie to execute the letter.

Member Dence moved to approve the agreement and authorize Chairman Harvie to execute the agreement; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0)

ITEM # 14 BOARD COMMENT

Member Rocco congratulated Mr. Galloway on a great St. Patrick's Day Parade. He said it looked like it was well attended. Member Rocco said the weather has been nice. He asks that everyone be mindful of children who are playing outdoors.

Member Snipes – no comment

Member Galloway said it was great for the Falls Township and Bristol Township residents to come out to watch the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Member Galloway extended his gratitude to those who helped make the parade a successful event. There were over 1,500 marchers in the parade. Member Galloway said he appreciates the support of both Bristol Township and Falls Township.

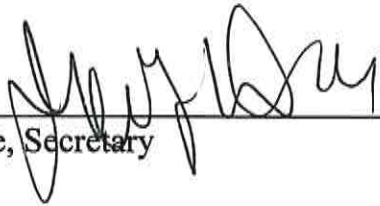
Member Dence said announced the 2nd Annual Que for the Troops event to be held at the Falls Township Community Park. The dates are May 19th and 20th. There will be live music, a craft fair both days, a car show on Saturday, a motorcycle show on Sunday, rides for the kids, food vendors, and a barbeque competition. All of the money raised benefits the Liberty USO, who still needs our support. Regarding Biles Island, even though he didn't agree with the master plan tonight, the part we are allowed to access now is a great opportunity and has the potential for a nature center. The nature center in the county offers many programs, but in our area, we have access to the river. It is a great opportunity.

Chairman Harvie congratulated Member Galloway and all of the volunteers who helped with the St. Patrick's Day parade. We looked at earlier today at a couple of new photocopiers from Kyocera. These copiers will also digitize records. This has come up in the past. It is something that needs to be done here in the township. Chairman Harvie would like Manager Gray to put the feelers out and see if there are companies do digital storage work. All board members agreed to have Manager Gray look into this matter. Chairman Harvie said in regards to Biles Island, he respects those people who are not in favor of this project. The work they are doing early on is something that they will be able to use in future years from now. He thinks the master plan is set up so it allows the flexibility to have the freedom to move forward with the plan as fast as they want. If they only do phase 1 now and don't decide to do phase 2 and phase 3 years from now, that is fine. Chairman Harvie said he will take issue with the insinuation that we are not careful with the township funds. We live in Falls Township and raise our children in Falls Township. This is our home. We are making decisions that we feel will better our community. Recreation is key to a community. There are a lot of communities who can't do basic things, let alone a park system. He thinks we are pretty adept at spending the money wisely. We are debt free

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and have been debt free since 1999. We have not had any water and sewer bonds for about three or four years now. Chairman Harvie thanked the professionals for all their work this evening. He also thanked the board members for a good meeting.

Member Dence moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Snipes seconded the motion; all board members were in favor. (5-0) The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.



Jeffrey Dence, Secretary