

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
Monday, April 24, 2000
7:30PM

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairperson Kenneth B. Bennington at 7:31PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Also present were: John S. Bender, Vice-Chairperson
E. Diane Parks, Supervisor
Greg Lippincott, Township Manager
Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor
C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer
Kerry L. Trauger, Chief of Police
Lorraine Leslie, Township Treasurer

Chairperson Bennington announced the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting in order to discuss personnel and legal matters; and the Board met in Executive Session on Saturday, April 22, 2000 in order to discuss personnel. There will be an 8:00PM recess this evening to conduct a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Schoolhouse Road to 35 m.p.h.

A. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Action on the minutes of the March 27, 2000 Supervisor’s meeting – Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2000 Supervisor’s meeting, as written. There was no public comment.

Action on the minutes of the April 10, 2000 Worksession meeting - Motion was made by Supervisor Bender, seconded by Chairperson Bennington, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2000 Worksession meeting, as written. Supervisor Parks abstained from the vote since she was not present at that meeting. There was no public comment.

C. APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLING – Chairperson Bennington presented the Bills List dated April 25, 2000, with General Fund payments in the amount of \$40,009.16, State Highway Aid payments in the amount of \$12,391.42, and Escrow Fund payments in the amount of \$852.32; for a grand total of all payments in the amount of \$53,252.90.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to approve the Bills List dated April 25, 2000. There was no public comment.

D. CONFIRMED APPOINTMENTS:

1. Mr. Adolph Jager – Proposed Agricultural Use – Longleaf Open Space –
This matter was tabled from previous meetings. Mr. Adolph Jager of 1235 Diamond Street was in attendance to request proposed agricultural use of open space in the Longleaf II Subdivision. Since the last meeting, Mr. Jager withdrew the option for grazing animals in Open Space D, along with the maintenance of that open space area. Mr. Jager is requesting the Board's consideration that Open Space E (the area from the basins south or away from the proposed homes) would be appropriate for agricultural use. Mr. Jager explained that Open Space E consists of two detention basins, a sewer lateral, and stormwater easements. Mr. Jager is willing to assume routine maintenance of Basins B and C, and other areas of Open Space E related to this proposed agricultural use issue. It is Mr. Jager's opinion that this proposal would cost the Township nothing, and that it would be a productive use of marginal open space. Further, he believes it would save the Township cost of maintenance of the open space in this development. Mr. Jager commented that he would not receive any monetary gain for the agricultural use of this open space. Chairperson Bennington's point was that Mr. Jager could have retained ten acres for agricultural use rather than selling the entire property to the Heritage Building Group in the first place. Mr. Wynn noted that there are areas in the open space identified as wetlands, and he does not know the ramifications of disturbance of livestock grazing on those areas. Supervisor Bender asked if Mr. Jager intends to limit the agricultural use of the open space for sheep grazing only. Mr. Jager replied the original definition of agricultural use of open space is that which is found in the Hilltown Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Jager does not want to be limited to sheep grazing only if he has the opportunity to use that open space for any of the farm animals/livestock as noted in the Zoning Ordinance. Discussion took place.

The Board of Supervisors unanimously tabled Mr. Jager's request for further consideration and review of the definition of agricultural use of open space.

2. Mr. Robert Showalter – Cul-de-sac length waiver request – Mr. Showalter was not present at this time.

E. MANAGER'S REPORT – Mr. Greg Lippincott, Township Manager –

1. At 1:00PM this afternoon, one bid was opened for the Roller Bid, from Seely Equipment in the amount of \$26,597.00.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to award Bid #2000-1, Roller, to Seely Equipment in the amount of \$26,597.00. There was no public comment.

2. The Park and Recreation Board made a recommendation to advertise for baseball light installation at the Civic Park, however the sketch plan produced in 1997 was unacceptable to Mr. Buzby, the Director of Public Works, because it showed the lights being placed in the walking path. Mr. Lippincott contacted Musco Lighting for different specifications, which should be available within the next few days.

3. Supervisor Bender commented that Hilltown Township is 7th out of 12 with regard to percentage of Census returns. Mr. Lippincott noted Hilltown is 70% in Census returns, which is above the Pennsylvania state average of 68%. The target is 78%. A page has been added to the most recent newsletter to encourage residents to return their Census forms. Discussion took place.

F. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

G. SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Mr. Francis X. Grabowski, Township Solicitor –

1. Solicitor Grabowski presented the Required Improvement Financial Security Agreement for Kunkin Associates. Several months ago, a zoning permit was filed for certain improvements on the Kunkin truck terminal site on Bethlehem Pike and Central Avenue, including grading requirements, stoned parking area, stormwater management improvements, etc. At the time, the amount of improvements was calculated to just less than \$10,000.00. Solicitor Grabowski insisted that the applicant escrow the funds with the Township. This was done in two ways – a Performance Bond from a Surety Company in the amount of \$10,000.00 was provided; and a cash escrow in the amount of \$5,000.00 was provided.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to accept the Required Improvement Financial Security Agreement of Kunkin Associates. There was no public comment.

2. At the last meeting, a presentation was made by the applicant for the Giant Foods Land Development concerning stabilization fabric versus the required retaining wall. Solicitor Grabowski prepared an Indemnity Agreement by which the applicant would indemnify the Township if the Supervisors would allow the substitution of stabilization fabric for the retaining wall. Ahold has agreed to sign the Agreement, however it has not yet been executed and returned.

3. Solicitor Grabowski provided a status report concerning the Highpoint Road/Hilltown Pike street light petition. Several Township residents attended the last meeting to discuss their request for a streetlight at the intersection of Highpoint Road and Hilltown Pike. A petition was prepared and sent to Ms. Lombardi who agreed to act as the coordinator by obtaining all the appropriate signatures. That petition has not yet been returned for execution.

4. With regard to the Longleaf II Subdivision, both the Township Engineer and the Authority Engineer have submitted cost estimates for required improvement work. Solicitor Grabowski has begun preparation of the Development Agreement, Financial Security Agreements, easements and Deeds of Dedication of open space and roads regarding this project.

5. The Land Development Agreements for the Hilltown Plaza Outparcels project, which includes the Quakertown National Bank and Wendy's Restaurant, have been prepared and forwarded to the developer. Certain modifications to those Agreements were requested by the developer, however Solicitor Grabowski refused those requests, and the developer has since accepted his reluctance to make any changes. The Bond was delivered today via Federal Express, however the Agreements have not yet been returned.

6. At the May 8, 2000 Worksession meeting, a Public Hearing will be held to consider the adoption of an Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance relative to definitions for front yard and double frontage lots.

7. At the May 22, 2000 Supervisor's meeting, a Public Hearing will be held to consider the adoption of a Stormwater Management Ordinance prepared by Mr. Wynn, as well as amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance relating to stormwater management.

8. Discussion took place at the last meeting concerning the water service overlay map and agreement with North Penn Water Authority. Solicitor Grabowski prepared the modifications discussed and the Agreements were forwarded to NPWA. Solicitor Grabowski believes NPWA will hold a meeting next week, at which time they will review and consider those modifications.

9. With regard to the Seylar Elementary School plan, Chairperson Bennington noted that aside from the Sewage Maintenance Agreement which was approved at the last meeting, this matter is back with the applicant in terms of a land development proposal. Nothing further can be done by the Supervisors to expedite the plan until the School District moves forward. Mr. Wynn commented the applicant has granted another extension.

H. PLANNING – Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer –

1. Sanders Subdivision (Minor) – This minor subdivision located on Twinbrook Road was unanimously recommended for preliminary/final plan approval by the Planning Commission subject to the following conditions:

- A waiver from stormwater management requirements of Section 516 of the Subdivision Ordinance is approved conditioned upon the applicant

contributing \$500.00 per lot to the Township Stormwater Management Capital Fund in accordance with Section 516.3 of the Subdivision Ord. and Resolution #99-21.

- Right-of-way/drainage improvements along Twinbrook Road are waived subject to receipt of a donation of \$1,000.00 to the Township to offset costs for swale re-grading to be performed by the Township Public Works Department. The amount of the donation was determined based upon discussion with the Township Director of Public Works, and is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors.
- Verification of approval for proposed erosion and sedimentation control measures to be implemented during construction activity on Lot #2 must be received in writing from the Bucks Conservation District.
- Planning Module approval must be received from the Bucks County Department of Health and PADEP.
- Concrete monuments must be installed as shown on the plan prior to plan recordation and must be certified in writing by the responsible surveyor.
- In accordance with Section 805 of the Subdivision Ordinance and Res. #99-16, a fee in-lieu-of recreation land dedication in the amount of \$1500.00 per dwelling unit (additional dwelling unit) shall be made to the Township.
- The requested waivers from on-site topographic survey, lot depth-to-width ratio, cartway widening, curb, sidewalk, and streetlights as requested by the applicant are recommended for approval.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to grant preliminary/final plan approval to the Sanders Subdivision, pending completion of all outstanding items as noted above. There was no public comment.

***8:00PM – PUBLIC HEARING** – Chairperson Bennington recessed the regularly scheduled meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors of April 24, 2000, in order to hold a Public Hearing to consider the adoption of an Ordinance to reduce the speed limit on Schoolhouse Road to 35 m.p.h. Solicitor Grabowski advised the proposed Ordinance was based upon a recommendation of the Hilltown Police Department who observed the traffic patterns and performed engineered traffic studies on Schoolhouse Road. This proposed Ordinance was appropriately advertised in the Doylestown Intelligencer on April 7, 2000, and was also filed with the Bucks County Law Library.

Public Comment:

1. Mr. Harry Helm of 518 Cherry Road asked what the present speed limit of Schoolhouse Road is. Chief Trauger replied the present speed limit is 55 m.p.h.

2. Mr. Mike Lapetina of Schoolhouse Road stated that several days ago, a white Nova station wagon passed him at such a high rate of speed while he was at his mailbox that he fell into the ditch. He is grateful that this Ordinance is being considered and that speed limit signs will be erected on Schoolhouse Road. If this Ordinance is passed, Mr. Lapetina asked when the speed limit signs would be erected. Mr. Lippincott replied signs could be erected within five days after adoption of the Ordinance.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to **adopt Ordinance #2000-3 to reduce the speed limit on Schoolhouse Road at 35 m.p.h.** There was no public comment.

The Public Hearing was adjourned, and the regularly scheduled Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors meeting of April 24, 2000 was reconvened at 8:05PM.

2. A & T Subaru (Prel) -- The Planning Commission unanimously recommended conditional preliminary approval of the A & T Subaru Land Development Plan conditional upon the following:

- Waivers requested by the applicant relative to roadway improvements and detention basin design criteria are recommended for approval.
- PADEP General Permit approval must be received for the minor wetland encroachment necessary for culvert construction proposed along Pheasant Hill Road.
- Verification of approval must be received from PennDot for the proposed driveway entrance and improvements within the Bethlehem Pike right-of-way.
- Site is proposed to be connected to public sewer facilities of the Hilltown Township Water and Sewer Authority. Verification must be received in writing from HTWSA indicating approval of the sanitary sewer design, connection, and payment of all applicable fees.
- The ultimate right-of-way of Bethlehem Pike and Pheasant Hill Road is offered for dedication to the Township and should be accepted in accordance with Section 506.2.A of the Land Development Ordinance.

- Verification of approval must be received in writing from the Bucks Conservation District for proposed erosion and sedimentation control measures.
- Outboundary monumentation must be installed prior to plan recordation and be certified in writing by the responsible surveyor.
- Financial Security/Development Agreements must be executed between the applicant and Township to guarantee installation of all required improvements.
- All engineering/drafting items as contained within the April 10, 2000 engineering review must be accomplished in a manner satisfactory to the Township.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to grant preliminary plan approval to the A & T Subaru Land Development Plan, pending completion of all outstanding items as noted above. There was no public comment.

3. Homsher Subdivision (Minor) – This minor subdivision located on Quarry Road was unanimously recommended for denial unless an extension is received. Subsequent to the Planning Commission meeting, a ninety-day extension was received. No action is required.

4. Galante Subdivision (Minor) – This minor subdivision located at the intersection of Rt. 113/Minsi Trail/Forest Road was unanimously recommended for denial by the Planning Commission due to non-compliance with Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulation requirements as itemized in the February 28, 2000 engineering review. Due to the number of outstanding items and, significantly, the involvement with FEMA identified floodplain, the Planning Commission recommends denial of the plan. In the event the applicant desires to perform the necessary floodplain studies and pursue subdivision of the property, a new application would be required. The applicant has been notified of the Planning Commission recommendation via correspondence dated April 19, 2000.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to deny the Galante Subdivision due to non-compliance with Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Ordinance regulation requirements as itemized in Mr. Wynn's February 28, 2000 engineering review, and based upon the recommendations of the Planning Commission. There was no public comment.

5. Eckerd Drug Land Development (Prel.) – Mr. Neil Stein, attorney for the applicant, and Mr. Ron Irons, the applicant's engineer, were in attendance to present the plan. The site is located at the northeast corner of Rt. 113 and County Line Road, and is zoned Planned Commercial I. At one time, the building was a Boston Market. The present proposal is to demolish the Boston Market facility, and construct in its place an Eckerd Drug Store of approximately 13,000 sq. ft. in area. In August of 1999, the applicant appeared before the Zoning Hearing Board, who granted certain variances for the project, including impervious surface, buffer yard, and parking for 56 vehicles. The applicant appeared before the Zoning Hearing Board once again in December of 1999, as a result of some additional zoning interpretations created due to the land development submission, and the Zoning Hearing Board appropriately modified its approval during the course of that process. The applicant then appeared before the Planning Commission in December of 1999, after addressing several reviews from the Township Engineer, and revising the plans accordingly. The applicant requested several waivers, two in particular that the Planning Commission did not recommend for approval. One of those waivers concerned the size of the parking stalls. The original Land Development submission contemplated stalls that were 9 ft. wide. The plan has since been revised to show some stalls being 9.5 ft. wide, others being 9 ft. wide, and some employee stalls being 8 ft. wide. In addition, the applicant requested a waiver regarding interior parking lot landscaping, since they could only meet approximately half of the requirement. The applicant has offered to plant the balance of the trees at whatever location the Township deems appropriate, whether it be a Township facility, park, or open space. The Planning Commission did not agree with that waiver request, and as a result of those two issues, they recommended denial of the plan. A revised concept plan was submitted to the Township Engineer concerning the parking stall width. Mr. Stein is hopeful of obtaining approval of those concepts this evening so that they may move forward. A Highway Occupancy Permit must also be obtained from PennDot, however due to the procedure incorporated by PennDot, the applicant cannot do so without verification of preliminary approval from the Township.

Mr. Wynn stated that the Planning Commission reviewed a sketch plan for a joint access parking area with Harleysville National Bank that apparently the applicant's solicitor and engineer are not aware of. Mr. Stein advised that the applicant does not have any agreements with Harleysville National Bank at this time. Chairperson Bennington suggested that the applicant discuss the issue with Harleysville National Bank to determine a joint access for both sites that may eliminate some of the problems they are encountering with this particular parcel. While Mr. Stein has no objection to contacting representatives of Harleysville National Bank, the applicant does have an obligation to move forward with the plans that are presently before the Supervisors. Before the Board is willing to give Eckerd Drug a preliminary plan approval, they would like the applicant to review the plans presented by Harleysville National Bank.

Mr. Irons spoke to representatives of Harleysville Bank concerning the joint driveway access, however the applicant is present this evening only to gain approvals for their self-contained plan from a timing standpoint. Chairperson Bennington asked what Harleysville Bank is suggesting for the driveway access. Mr. Wynn presented the plan that was reviewed by the Planning Commission last week, which is similar to Eckerd's initial proposal, except that the driveway would be moved slightly to the north, thereby aligning it with the access across the street. The Supervisors would prefer some type of joint agreement between Harleysville Bank and Eckerd Drug before agreeing to a preliminary plan approval for Eckerd at this time. A lengthy discussion took place.

The applicant provided an extension until April 30, 2000 for further review.

I. ENGINEERING – Mr. C. Robert Wynn, Township Engineer –

1. Hilltown Hunt Subdivision – At the entrance to the Hilltown Hunt Subdivision located across W. Creamery Road from the Township Building is a landscaped area located on Township owned open space. The landscaped area was not proposed on the approved plan. Mr. Wynn advised the developer that approval must be received from the Board of Supervisors to permit the landscaping to remain. The developer has offered to donate \$750.00 to the Township, which he indicated is the cost to salvage the landscape plantings and restore the area to lawn.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to accept the donation of \$750.00 from the developer of the Hilltown Hunt Subdivision to allow the landscaped area located on the Township owned open space along W. Creamery Road to remain, which was not proposed on the approved Hilltown Hunt Subdivision Plan, as noted above. There was no public comment.

2. Orchard Glen Subdivision – The current deadline for completion of improvements within this subdivision is April 30, 2000. There has been no recent progress regarding miscellaneous punchlist items, the most significant of which is re-grading of the detention basin bottom, which has not been accomplished due to wet conditions.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to notify the developer of Orchard Glen Subdivision, the Heritage Building Group, that effective May 1, 2000 they are in default and that the Township will consider taking appropriate action to secure escrow funds if all work is not completed by the May 22, 2000 Supervisor's meeting. There was no public comment.

3. Giant Foods (Hilltown Plaza) – Traffic signal installation remains delayed by PennDot due to the lack of right-of-way along the frontage of the Souderton Shopping Center (Menno Realty). Giant Foods has received approval from PennDot to utilize the

new entrance so that demolition of the existing entrance may occur. Mr. Wynn recommends that use of the new entrance be permitted provided Rt. 113 improvements are completed prior to its use, and that the Giant Food store not be permitted to open until installation of the traffic signal.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to permit use of the new entrance for Giant Foods provided Rt. 113 improvements are completed prior to its use, and that the Giant Food store not be permitted to open until the installation of the traffic signal is complete. There was no public comment.

4. Dublin Hunt Subdivision – This 55-lot subdivision is located within Dublin Borough with access to Maple Avenue and Rickert Road. No new dwellings are located within Hilltown Township. However, as the rear yard area of 9 lots is within the Township, plan approval on September 22, 1997 required this area to be deed restricted open space. The development is being purchased by Rouse/Chamberlin Homes from Heritage Building Group. The only remaining items prior to release of mylars for recordation are resolution of the proposed deed restrictions and re-signing/dating of the plans. Solicitor Grabowski recently received proposed open space restrictions for review.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to authorize re-signing and re-dating of the Dublin Hunt Subdivision Plan, with resolution of the proposed deed restrictions for the Dublin Hunt Subdivision prior to the release of mylars for recordation. There was no public comment.

5. Country Roads Subdivision – This subdivision is in the maintenance period with a deadline of August 22, 2000 to complete miscellaneous repairs necessary to curb, sidewalk, and tree plantings. There has been an ongoing problem on the site in the rear of eight homes involving a drainage swale constructed and reconstructed at least four times by the developer. The drainage swale is relatively flat which causes the water to pond, making it impossible for the homeowners to maintain their yards. Approximately two months ago, Mr. Wynn met with the developer and the homeowners, with the developer agreeing to re-grade the swale and install an underdrain system to assist with the wet areas. Mr. Wynn has since attempted to contact the developer by phone and by mail, however as of this date, no response has been received. Via correspondence, Mr. Wynn requested that the developer complete all the outstanding work by May 1, 2000 to provide opportunity for lawn to be established this year.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Wynn to seek proposal costs from the contractors performing the work in the Country Roads development, and in the event the work is not completed by the May 8, 2000 Supervisor's meeting, the developer of the Country Roads

Subdivision will be declared in default, and funds will be secured from the escrow to complete the work. There was no public comment.

6. Longleaf I Subdivision – This subdivision contains an area of open space that is to be a recreational area for the development. This location is to be graded as a recreation area and established as lawn. This area has been used as a phasing area, with construction trailers, placement of fill, and other materials placed on the site, which is inconsistent with the final disposition of the plan. Last fall, the Township notified the developer that the recreation area must be established pursuant to the plan and in lawn by June 1, 2000. Recently, Mr. Wynn received correspondence from the developer proposing to re-grade and raise the recreational area by 4 ft., thereby leaving all the excess fill in the open space area. Mr. Wynn advised the developer that he could not approve a change to the approved plan, and that he would not recommend that approval to the Supervisors. Mr. Wynn explained that the final plan approval of Longleaf II hinges upon the completion of improvements to the open space recreation area of Longleaf I. Discussion took place.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to authorize Mr. Wynn to notify the developer of the Longleaf I Subdivision of the June 1, 2000 deadline for improvements to the open space recreation area, and to encourage them to move forward. There was no public comment.

7. Keystone Estates Subdivision – This subdivision located on Keystone Drive has a deadline of May 1, 2000 for completion of improvements. Correspondence has been received from the developer requesting Board authorization for an extension until September 1, 2000 for completion of a dwelling that is under construction, trench drains, driveways, final wearing course paving, and other landscaping items.

Motion was made by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously to accept the extension offered by the developers of Keystone Estates Subdivision until September 1, 2000 for completion of the improvements as noted above. There was no public comment.

8. Mr. Robert Showalter – Cul-de-sac length waiver request – Mr. Showalter was present to request a possible waiver of cul-de-sac length for a sketch plan of a four lot subdivision located on Dublin Pike. The site consists of 23 acres, with four 5+-acre lots proposed. The lots would range in size from 5.11 acres to 5.97 acres. At their meeting of June 21, 1999, the Planning Commission reviewed this sketch plan, and stated they would be inclined to agree to a longer cul-de-sac street in order to retain five-acre lots, as long as those lots would be deed restricted from further subdivision.

The Supervisors indicated they would support the concept of a waiver of cul-de-sac length for the Showalter sketch plan for the site on Dublin Pike in order to retain five-acre lots, as long as those lots would be deed restricted from further subdivision.

J. MYLARS FOR SIGNATURE – None.

Mr. Lippincott noted there are two used police vehicles - a 1995 Lumina and a 1993 Caprice, and a Dump Truck, currently advertised for bid.

K. PUBLIC COMMENT –

1. Mrs. Betty Snyder of Mill Road, who is a member of the Planning Commission, advised that Heritage Building Group was present at their last meeting to discuss the preliminary plan for Orchard Hill Subdivision. Much to Mrs. Snyder's distress, there are some open space areas in that proposed development that are less than 100 ft. wide, which the Ordinance discourages. Mrs. Snyder wished to make the Supervisors aware of this issue prior to the developer's appearance before the Board. Mr. Wynn has highlighted those open space areas on the plan, and noted that some of those areas make sense from the standpoint that they are located along an area that is part of the open space but cannot be counted as such because they are PP&L easements. Some of those open space areas, however, are between existing property lines and proposed lots, which Mr. Wynn believes Mrs. Snyder is most concerned about.

2. Mr. Charles Schaeffer of 109 Schultz Road asked what his rights are if he is stopped for a traffic violation, asks that officer to identify himself and is refused until the citation is issued. Mr. Schaeffer referred to a recent article in the newspaper where a female was stopped for a traveling violation, alleging that she asked four times for identification and the officer refused. A lengthy discussion took place. Chief Trauger explained that Hilltown officers do not carry identification other than their badges, uniforms and arm patches. It is Chief Trauger's opinion that the article in the newspaper was not necessarily accurate and noted that the resulting hearing has not yet taken place. Further, Chief Trauger noted that a bogus identification card is very easy to create. Chairperson Bennington commented that if someone has a question as to the validity of a police officer, they may request the option of driving to the police station for verification of that officer or requesting the presence of a marked vehicle. A lengthy discussion took place.

3. Mr. John Gillespie of 310 Moyer Road, noted the increase in development that will be impacting Hilltown in the near future, and wondered how long it would be before another school is required. Taxes will skyrocket and residents will begin moving out of the Township because they cannot afford to live here. Supervisor Parks encouraged Mr. Gillespie and all residents to contact lawmakers concerning local municipality's inability to charge impact fees to developers. Discussion took place.

L. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. Supervisor Parks attended the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Convention in Hershey, Pennsylvania two weeks ago. There were over 4,000 people in attendance representing 1,450 Second Class Townships. The voting delegates heard and voted upon over 100 Resolutions that will impact municipalities by providing a larger voice in the future. Supervisor Parks attended many interesting and informative seminars, on such topics as cable TV renewals, grant writing, etc., that Hilltown may be able to put into place as soon as they can be applied.

2. Supervisor Bender mentioned that Arbor Day Tree Planting will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2000 at 1:00PM at the Hilltown Civic Park. Sixty free dogwood trees will be distributed to those who participate.

3. With regard to the Kunkin Land Development discussed earlier in this meeting, Chairperson Bennington asked if they will be required to install the berm all the way down Bethlehem Pike. It appears that the applicant stopped installing the berm approximately half way down Bethlehem Pike. Mr. Wynn explained that there is a berm required all along Bethlehem Pike, with the exception of where the new access will be installed. The cartway/curb improvements have been staked out at the entrance, and the applicant also re-graded the ditch so that the stormsewer extension drains properly.

4. On May 10, 2000, the Board of Supervisors will be meeting with the chiefs and presidents of the seven fire companies who service Hilltown Township at the Dublin Fire Company located at the corner of Rt. 313 and Rickert Road at 7:30PM.

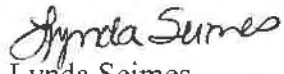
5. This past Saturday, Chairperson Bennington advised a Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony was held at the Township Building for former Supervisor Betty J. Kelly. A Bradford Pear was planted in Supervisor Kelly's honor along W. Creamery Road, near the sign announcing the location of the Township building. The tree was donated and planted by Dave Doughty Landscaping Service.

6. Chairperson Bennington commented PennDot has notified the Township that they will be repairing the Walnut Street Bridge in mid to late May, however the actual bridge replacement will not take place until the year 2004.

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

N. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Supervisor Parks, seconded by Supervisor Bender, and carried unanimously, the April 24, 2000 meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 9:18PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynda Seimes

Township Secretary

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