

MINUTES TO THE MEETING OF TRAPPE BOROUGH COUNCIL

October 6, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of Trappe Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Fred Schuetz.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Peck.

Announcement of Executive Session: President Schuetz announced an Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation was held prior to this evening's meeting.

Roll Call by the Borough Secretary: Those present were President Fred Schuetz, Lew DiPrete, Paul Edwards, Catherine Johnson, Steve Kurcik, Nevin Scholl and Mayor Peck. Vice President Matt Watson arrived at 7:07 pm. Also in attendance were Solicitor Dave Onorato, Engineer John Sartor, Treasurer Joe Lowe and Manager Tommy Ryan.

Minutes of the Meetings of September 1, 2009 and September 21, 2009: All received a copy of the minutes for the September 1, 2009 and September 21, 2009 meetings.

P. Edwards noted the following revision to the September 1, 2009 minutes:

- page 5, line 37: "*co-chairwoman*".

N. Scholl motioned to accept the September 1, 2009 and September 21, 2009 meeting minutes, with the above-noted revision, second by P. Edwards, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Open to the Public for Non-Agenda Items:

- Stu Strauss commented on Trappe Community Day; he thanked the many volunteers who worked to make this year's event a success.
- Sue Leighton recommended Council provide Auxiliary Police coverage at the polling place (Borough Hall) for the General Election on November 3.

Financial Reports: Treasurer Lowe noted the PLGIT certificates of deposit had matured, netting the Borough approximately \$24,000.

All received a copy of Accounts Payable for check 1700, checks 1733 to 1792, and noted electronic transfers.

There were no additional payables.

N. Scholl motioned to approve payment of the bills and the electronic transfers as presented, second by C. Johnson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Manager's Report: Mr. Ryan presented the below-noted matters:

Perkiomen Valley School District – referendum Q&A – Jim Weaver, Finance Director for the Perkiomen Valley School District, provided an overview of a referendum to eliminate the occupational assessment tax in lieu of an increase of four-tenths of one percent (0.4%) in the earned income tax. The referendum is on the 2009 General Election ballot.

If the referendum is approved by the voters, the earned income tax rate for Trappe residents would increase from one percent (1.0%) to one and four-tenths percent (1.4%), with nine-tenths of one percent (0.9%) and one-half of one percent (0.5%) being received by the School District and Borough, respectively.

Mr. Weaver discussed problems pertaining to the collection of the occupational assessment tax.

If the referendum is approved by the voters, Mr. Weaver stated the School District could not increase the earned income tax rate without the certain approvals being granted by the state legislature.

N. Scholl inquired as to projected tax receipts should the referendum be approved. Mr. Weaver stated the “shift” in taxes would likely net increased receipts for the School District throughout the upcoming years.

Mr. Ryan confirmed Act 32 does not affect existing or proposed earned income tax rates.

Rambo Park link options – Mr. Ryan noted sidewalk and trail options had been distributed to affected property owners and homeowner associations. Mr. Ryan stated he recently met with two property owners, Mr. Lownes and Mr. Kalmbach, and that both owners had requested the Borough consider construction of an on-road trail, in lieu of a sidewalk, at their property frontage to West Fifth Avenue. A report as to this option, with comments pertaining to the construction of a sidewalk, as prepared by Mr. Lownes and Mr. Kalmbach, was presented to the Members.

Mr. Lownes provided a summary of the report. Mr. Lownes noted his first preference was for the Borough to install neither a sidewalk nor an on-road trail at this location, citing a lack of pedestrian traffic in this area. But should the Borough opt to so improve this frontage, Mr. Lownes stated that both he and Mr. Kalmbach favored the installation of an on-road trail.

President Schuetz noted the Property, Streets, Traffic & Safety Committee was now conducting a Borough-wide assessment of potential sidewalk and trail locations, and confirmed that no action would be taken as to a sidewalk or trail at West Fifth Avenue until such time as said assessment

was complete. Mr. Ryan will contact affected property owners before any course of action is decided.

LD 2009.1 – 115 West Main Street (Malikkal)– Mr. Ryan provided a brief overview of an application to construct an approximate 5,600 sf medical use and professional office use building at 115 West Main Street. Mr. Ryan noted the Applicant had received conditional use approval to raze the existing structure, and to establish a professional office use at the property. Mr. Ryan likewise noted the Applicant had received a variance to allow a five-foot building to property line setback, as shown on the plan set.

Mr. Ryan noted the Planning Commission recommended Council grant preliminary/final plan approval, with waivers, and subject to conditions. Stephen Porter, counsel for the Applicant, provided an overview of the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Council opted to separately consider and motion upon each waiver request. Council asked Mr. Porter to review each waiver request, as follows:

- SALDO §303.D.B, requiring 1-1/2" wearing, 2" binder, and 8" base course for driveway and parking space paving. Mr. Porter stated he believes the specifications excessive for a private driveway and parking area. Engineer Sartor does not oppose this waiver request.

P. Edwards motioned to approve a waiver of SALDO §303.D.B to allow parking area construction specifications as shown on the plan set, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

- SALDO §305.D.1, requiring a stopping area twenty feet behind the right-of-way line to not to exceed a 4% grade. Mr. Porter noted a 5% grade was proposed, and this would match the maximum slope of the balance of driveway. Engineer Sartor confirmed this would not impact stormwater management. Engineer Sartor does not oppose this waiver request.

S. Kurcik motioned to approve a waiver of SALDO §305.D.1 so to allow a 5% grade at a location on the driveway twenty feet behind the right-of-way line, second by P. Edwards, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

- SALDO §305.D.5, requiring a 24' minimum paving width and 15' minimum curb radius for two-way commercial drives. Mr. Porter stated he believes the specification excessive for such a narrow lot, and for the anticipated volume of traffic. Engineer Sartor noted this width and radius frequently presents problems for narrow lots. Engineer Sartor noted the future driveway, to be shared with the property to the east, will be 24' wide. Engineer Sartor does not oppose this waiver request.

S. Kurcik motioned to approve a waiver of SALDO §305.D.5 to allow the driveway as shown on the plan set, second by P. Edwards, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

- SALDO §305.D.10, requiring driveways along Main Street to conform to Alternative No.1. Mr. Porter noted this relates to the above-noted waiver request as to SALDO §305.D.5. Engineer Sartor does not oppose this waiver request.

P. Edwards motioned to approve a waiver of SALDO §305.D.10 to allow the driveway as shown on the plan set, second by L. DiPrete, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

- SALDO §305.E.11, requiring 25' minimum parking lot aisle width. Mr. Porter noted the Applicant is providing a 24' wide parking lot aisle width, and believes same is sufficient for this site and use. Engineer Sartor does not oppose this waiver request.

S. Kurcik motioned to approve a waiver of SALDO §305.E.11 so to allow a 24' wide parking lot aisle width, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

- SALDO §309.B, requiring top or bottom edge of slopes to be minimum 3' from property or right-of-way lines. Mr. Porter noted that, due to the proximity of the parking areas and proposed landscape buffers relative to the property line, a 3' setback is not practical. Engineer Sartor does not oppose this waiver request.

S. Kurcik motioned to approve a waiver of SALDO §309.B so to allow grading as shown on the plan set, second by L. DiPrete, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

- SALDO §319.1.B, requiring tree protection to be minimum 1' outside the drip line of trees to remain. Engineer Sartor noted this is an issue at many smaller properties; he does not oppose this waiver request.

P. Edwards motioned to approve a waiver of SALDO §319.1.B to allow tree protection limits as shown on the plan set, second by C. Johnson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

- SALDO §320.E.2.d(1), requiring a Landscape Plan to be signed and sealed by a registered landscape architect. Engineer Sartor noted a registered landscape architect at Gilmore & Associates had reviewed the landscape plan. Engineer Sartor does not oppose this waiver request.

S. Kurcik motioned to approve a waiver of SALDO §320.E.2.d(1) to accept a landscape plan sans the signature and seal of a registered landscape architect, second by L. DiPrete, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

- SALDO §402.C.1 & SALDO 402.E.1, requiring existing and proposed features within 400' of the property be surveyed and shown on the plan set. Mr. Porter noted the Applicant has incorporated an aerial on the plan set in lieu of surveying these features. Engineer Sartor does not oppose this waiver request.

P. Edwards motioned to approve a waiver of SALDO §402.C.1 & SALDO 402.E.1 to accept the aerial as shown on the plan set in lieu of features within 400' of the property

being surveyed and shown on the plan set, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Discussion was had regarding the replacement of trees to be removed. The consensus of Council was to require the Applicant to provide a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fee in lieu of tree replacement.

M. Watson motioned to require the Applicant to pay a one thousand dollar (\$1,000.00) fee in lieu of tree replacement, second by P. Edwards, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Discussion was had regarding the required fee to inspect the subject property's stormwater management system during the next ten years. The consensus of Council was to require the Applicant to provide a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) fee for said inspections.

P. Edwards motioned to require the Applicant to pay a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) fee for future inspections of the stormwater management system, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Council considered acceptance of right-of-way at this property's frontage. The consensus of Council was to accept dedication of said property.

Mr. Ryan offered the following as a motion to grant preliminary/final land development approval:

And Now, on this 6th day of October, 2009, the Council of the Borough of Trappe desires to grant a Resolution of Preliminary-Final Land Development Approval as to an application filed by Jacob Malikkal, Providence Property Holdings LLC, (the "Applicant"), for a land development situate 115 West Main Street in the Borough of Trappe, being further identified as Tax Map Parcel No. 23-00-00838-00-3 (the "Property"), in accordance with the following plans, as prepared by Conner and Smith Engineering, Inc.:

1. Sheet 1 of 7, titled "Land Development Plan", dated August 14, 2009 and last revised September 18, 2009;
2. Sheet 2 of 7, titled "Existing Conditions/Demolition Plan", dated August 14, 2009 and last revised September 18, 2009;
3. Sheet 3 of 7, titled "Erosion and Sediment Control Plan", dated August 14, 2009 and last revised September 18, 2009;
4. Sheet 4 of 7, titled "Landscaping Plan", dated August 14, 2009 and last revised September 18, 2009;
5. Sheet 5 of 7, titled "Lighting Plan", dated August 14, 2009 and last revised September 18, 2009;
6. Sheet 6 of 7, titled "Detail Sheet", dated August 14, 2009 and last revised September 18, 2009; and,
7. Sheet 7 of 7, titled "Post Construction Stormwater Management Plan", dated August 14, 2009 and last revised September 18, 2009.

The above-noted plans collectively and hereinafter referred to as the “Plan Set”.

In Accordance with this Preliminary-Final Land Development Approval the Applicant shall revise the Plan Set:

1. so to comply with all items noted in the Gilmore & Associates review letter dated September 28, 2009, absent items hereby and below waived; and,
2. so to comply with all items noted in the Collegeville-Trappe Joint Public Works Department review letter dated September 2, 2009.

In Accordance with this Preliminary-Final Land Development Approval the Borough hereby grants the following waivers:

1. §303.D.B, as to driveway and parking space paving, to allow that construction specification noted on the Plan Set;
2. §305.D.1, as to a 4% grade at a stopping area 20’ behind right-of-way line, so to allow a 5% grade at said location, and as noted on the Plan Set;
3. §305.D.5, as to a 24’ minimum paving width and 15’ minimum curb radius for two-way commercial drives, so to permit that configuration as noted on the Plan Set;
4. §305.D.10, as to driveway conformance with Borough-accepted Alternatives, so to permit that configuration as noted on the Plan Set;
5. §305.E.11, as to a 25’ minimum parking lot aisle width, so to permit a 24’ parking lot aisle width;
6. §309.B, as to the top or bottom edge of slopes to be minimum 3’ from property or right-of-way lines, so to permit limits of grading as noted on the Plan Set;
7. §319.1.B, as to require tree protection to be minimum 1’ outside the drip line of trees, so to permit that shown on the Plan Set;
8. §320.E.2.d(1), so as to not require the Landscape Plan to be signed and sealed by a registered landscape architect; and,
9. §402.C.1 & §402.E.1, as to require existing and proposed features within 400’ of the property to be surveyed and noted on the plan, so to permit in lieu thereof an aerial photograph as included in the plan set.

In Accordance with this Preliminary-Final Land Development Approval the Applicant shall:

1. comply with all conditions of the Conditional Use Order dated September 1, 2009;
2. obtain all approvals from, and to pay all required fees to, the Collegeville Trappe Municipal Authority so to furnish public sanitary sewer service to the proposed improvements, prior to the Borough signing and releasing the Record Plan for recordation;
3. obtain all approvals from, and pay all required fees to, the Collegeville Trappe Joint Public Works Department so to furnish public water service to the proposed improvements, prior to the Borough signing and releasing the Record Plan for recordation;

4. obtain all approvals from, and pay all required fees to, the Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority, so to furnish public sewer service to the proposed improvements, prior to the Borough signing and releasing the Record Plan for recordation;
5. enter into a Subdivision and Land Development agreement with the Borough, in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, which shall include escrows and financial securities pursuant to the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code prior to the Borough signing and releasing the Record Plan for recordation;
6. obtain all required approvals from other government entities, agencies and/or authorities, including but not limited to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the Collegeville Trappe Joint Pubic Works Department, the Collegeville Trappe Municipal Authority, the Lower Perkiomen Valley Regional Sewer Authority and the Montgomery County Conservation District prior to the Borough signing and releasing the Record Plan for recordation;
7. prepare an easement agreement for the future shared access easement in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor, and to have same recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Montgomery County, prior to the Borough signing and releasing the Record Plan for recordation;
8. replenish the escrow presently posted with the Borough, to the amount of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), so to reimburse the Borough for all engineering, legal and other expenses to be incurred in assuring compliance to this Preliminary-Final Land Development Approval; said escrow shall be replenished within thirty (30) days of the date of the Applicant's acceptance of this Resolution. In addition, the Applicant shall be required to replenish said escrow to the amount of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) within fifteen (15) days receipt of written notice from the Borough and in the event the escrow balance falls below fifteen-hundred dollars (\$1,500.00);
9. pay a fee-in-lieu of tree replacement, in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), to Borough, and prior to the Borough signing and releasing the Record Plan for recordation;
10. pay a fee for future Borough inspections of the stormwater system, in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), to Borough, and prior to the Borough signing and releasing the Record Plan for recordation;
11. make offer to dedicate to the Borough that right-of-way as shown on the Plan Set; and,
12. furnish to the Borough two (2) mylar copies and two (2) paper copies of the Record Plan, for recordation at the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Montgomery County.

S. Kurcik motioned to grant preliminary/final land development as enumerated by Mr. Ryan, second, second by C. Johnson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Conditional Use Order: CUA 2009-2, Olock – Mr. Ryan presented a Conditional Use Order to establish a music school use at 389 West Main Street, pursuant to a hearing conducted, and in accordance to Council's decision, at the September 1 meeting.

S. Kurcik motioned to execute the Conditional Use Order as presented, second by P. Edwards, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Conditional Use Order: CUA 2009-3, Stearly Amendment – Mr. Ryan presented a Conditional Use Order to confirm the responsibility to install and design a traffic signal at the intersection of West Main Street and First Avenue, pursuant to a hearing conducted at the September 1 meeting.

Mr. Ryan confirmed the five-year period for warrants expires in March, 2012.

N. Scholl stated his opposition to shifting this responsibility to the developer of the non-residential property only. Joseph McGrory, attorney for the prospective homebuilder, noted that as the non-residential property had not received land development approval, the Borough could require security for a traffic signal to be posted at the time of this approval.

Mr. Ryan confirmed the prospective homebuilder is required to construct a sidewalk from the residential parcel to Water Works Park.

L. DiPrete motioned to execute the Conditional Use Order as presented, second by M. Watson:

President Schuetz	YES	N. Scholl	NO
Vice President Watson	YES		
L. DiPrete	YES		
P. Edwards	YES		
C. Johnson	YES		
S. Kurcik	YES		

The motion carried, 6 ayes to 1 nay.

L. DiPrete motioned to grant amended final plan approval for the Stearly Tract, Residential Portion, so to (1) approve a change in the street name to “Marielle Way”, subject to the approval of the United States Postal Service and the Montgomery County 911 Dispatch Center, and (2) revise Record Plan General Note #18 to reflect the Conditional Use Order approved at this evening’s meeting, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

proposed Knox Box Ordinance – Mr. Ryan presented a draft ordinance to require developers of non-residential and certain multi-family residential properties to install a key lock box system at said properties. Mr. Ryan provided an overview of this system, noting the lock boxes contain the keys required to access various areas of the property, in the event of an emergency. Keys to the lock box would be held by the Fire Marshal and the Trappe Volunteer Fire Department only.

Fire Marshal Mike Italia spoke in favor of the proposed Ordinance. Fire Marshal Italia noted the key lock box system he proposes costs approximately \$250. Fire Marshal Italia stated he will encourage business owners to purchase and install this system at existing non-residential structures.

N. Scholl recommended the Borough install a key lock box system at Borough Hall. Noting the number of existing non-residential properties far exceeds the number of new developments subject to the proposed ordinance, N. Scholl recommended officials first attempt to have systems installed at both existing and proposed developments on a voluntary basis.

Fire Chief Brian Long spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance.

N. Scholl recommended amending the proposed ordinance to require owners alert the Fire Marshal within 48 hours of any change in the keys to be contained in the lock box.

P. Edwards motioned to authorize the advertisement of an ordinance to require developers of non-residential and certain multi-family residential properties to install a key lock box system at said properties, second by C. Johnson:

President Schuetz	YES	N. Scholl	NO
Vice President Watson	YES		
L. DiPrete	YES		
P. Edwards	YES		
C. Johnson	YES		
S. Kurcik	YES		

The motion carried, 6 ayes to 1 nay.

Ordinance 413: Adopting the Codified Code of the Borough – Mr. Ryan presented an ordinance to adopt the newly-codified Code of the Borough of Trappe, as required by law.

L. DiPrete motioned to adopt Ordinance 413, so to adopt the newly-codified Code of the Borough of Trappe, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

MS4 announcement – As part of the Borough’s ongoing efforts to protect and preserve our community’s watershed, Mr. Ryan noted methods to promote the health of lawns and gardens during the fall and winter months, so to reduce the need for chemical treatments at these areas in the spring.

Laurel Drive HOA agreement – Mr. Ryan presented Council with proposed terms of an agreement between the Laurel Drive Homeowners Association and the Borough, so to set forth the repayment obligation of that portion of the Laurel Drive and Lilac Circle reclamation project due to the Borough. Mr. Ryan stated that, pending the resolution of a change order, the HOA owes the Borough approximately \$40,000.

Council was in agreement with the terms presented. Member consensus was to assess a three percent (3%) interest rate on the “Second Payment” amount due, as defined by the standing cost-sharing agreement.

N. Scholl asked the agreement specify the order in which the “Second Payment” amount and “Change Order” amount are retired.

Carolyn Manion, Treasurer for the HOA, did not object to the proposed terms as discussed.

P. Edwards motioned to direct Mr. Ryan to draft an agreement pursuant to the terms and conditions discussed, for Members’ review at the November 4 meeting, second by S. Kurcik, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Rambo Park landscape bid award – Mr. Ryan noted bids for landscape improvements at Rambo Park were opened on October 2, and stated a low and qualified bid was received from Corey’s Country Landscaping, in the amount of \$5,250.00. Mr. Ryan noted he contacted two public sector references provided by this contractor, and there were no issues of concern on this front.

N. Scholl motioned to award a contract for landscape improvements at Rambo Park to Corey’s County Landscaping, in the amount of \$5,250.00, second by C. Johnson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

2010 – 2015 Budget draft – Mr. Ryan presented a proposed template for a five-year operating and capital municipal budget. Mr. Ryan noted the benefits of multi-year budgeting, specifically citing how multi-year budgets can assist the Borough in the long-range planning required to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Mr. Ryan noted that, absent the balance of open space funds, all budget “numbers” would be assessed by the Members throughout the upcoming two months. Mr. Ryan stated that both state law and the Borough Code required a specific accounting for open space dollars. At this time, Mr. Ryan was recommending Council adopt the five-year budget method and template as presented as the budget method and template for Trappe Borough.

M. Watson motioned to adopt the five-year budget method and template as presented as the budget method and template for Trappe Borough, second by C. Johnson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Mayor’s Report: Mayor Peck thanked the many Trappe Community Day volunteers who worked to make this year’s event a success.

Mayor Peck noted Auxiliary Police coverage, and the use of the parking lot at Borough Hall, had been requested for Dr. Hans’ annual Halloween event, scheduled for October 31 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, with a rain date of November 2, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

M. Watson motioned to permit the use of the parking lot at Borough Hall, conditioned upon the requestor providing the Borough with a hold harmless agreement, and to provide Auxiliary Police coverage for the above-noted dates and times, with the requestor to pay for said service, second by N. Scholl, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Mayor Peck requested Auxiliary Police coverage for General Election Day, November 3. Mr. Ryan recommended coverage from 6:45 am to 9:45 am, and from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

L. DiPrete motioned to provide Auxiliary Police coverage for the above-noted date and times, with the Borough to pay for said service, second by P. Edwards, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Mayor Peck commented on a recent volunteer clean-up project at Rambo Park.

President Schuetz spoke to an incident at Trappe Community Day in which candidates for Judge to the Court of Common Pleas were asked to cease campaign activities at the event. Solicitor Onorato stated the Borough could not prohibit political campaigning in this park, but recommended the Borough develop a policy that restricts this activity to certain areas of the park.

Stu Strauss noted the Trappe Community Day Committee aims to provide a non-political event, but stated the Committee would follow the lead of Council as to a policy in this regard.

S. Kurcik stated he favors the distribution of community-service literature at this event, but not political literature. S. Kurcik stated he has a greater concern with elected officials who do not participate in the event after they have been elected to office.

Engineer's Report: All received a copy of the Engineer's Report.

Stu Strauss inquired as to the status of the DeMutis land development. Engineer Sartor provided an update as to this project, in specific revisions made to the traffic study.

Engineer Sartor confirmed the concrete pad installed at the pavilion at Rambo Park exceeded minimum design standards.

Solicitor's Report: There was no Solicitor's Report.

N. Scholl motioned to approve the Manager's Report, Mayor's Report, Engineer's Report and Solicitor's Report, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Open to the Public for Non-Agenda Items:

- A resident requested service to street lights on West Fifth Avenue and Borough Line Road. Mr. Ryan will address this matter.

Committee Reports:

Finance (N. Scholl) – There was no report.

Public Works & Recycling (M. Watson) – Stu Strauss recommended an upgrade to the electrical system at Water Works Park. M. Watson will contact Joe Hastings as to this matter.

Collegeville-Trappe Municipal Authority (N. Scholl) – There was no report.

Property, Streets, Traffic & Safety (P. Edwards) – P. Edwards noted monthly reports as issued by the Pennsylvania State Police, Trappe Volunteer Fire Company and the Trappe Ambulance Corps. P. Edwards likewise provided an update on Committee activities.

P. Edwards thanked C. Johnson for her efforts to create the Trappe Borough PACE Car Program.

Mr. Ryan will install the Speed Sentry monitoring device at Betcher Road, East Seventh Avenue and North Borough Line Road in the coming weeks, so to gauge impact of the lane markings recently installed at these roadways.

As to House Bill 1500, P. Edwards recommends Council establish a special committee to address this legislation.

Planning, Zoning & Open Space (President Schuetz) – President Schuetz commented on a recent volunteer clean-up project at Rambo Park. President Schuetz likewise noted installation of the tot lot at Rambo Park would commence in approximately two weeks.

Personnel, Appointments & Ordinances (L. DiPrete) – L. DiPrete noted Council had interviewed two candidates for the post of Borough Auditor at a Special Meeting on September 21. The candidates, Neal Collier and Sandra Chang, were duly appointed to fill a six-year term and a four-year term, respectively. Both terms expire on December 31, 2009, and it was noted both individuals will seek election to said positions at the General Election, via write-in campaign.

L. DiPrete noted Mr. Ryan is preparing a performance review for the Administrative Assistant, in advance of this employee's employment anniversary date.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business:

- S. Kurcik noted the initial meeting of the Montgomery County Tax Collection Committee was scheduled for October 28, 2009. Mr. Ryan will request a list of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Committee.

At 9:50 p.m., there being no additional business, a motion to adjourn was made by S. Kurcik, second by M. Watson, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Ryan
Borough Manager / Borough Secretary