LEHIGH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 8, 2025

I. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>. The Lehigh Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Lehigh Township Municipal Building, 1069 Municipal Road, Walnutport, Pa. 18088. Chairman Mike Jones called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call

Present: Janet Sheats

Jerry Pritchard David Hess Mike Jones Alice Rehrig

Attorney David Backenstoe

John Henry Mike Muffley Frank Zamadics

Absent: Cindy Miller

Scott Fogel

The Chairman announced the Board held an Executive Meeting prior to the start of the meeting to discuss personnel.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A. <u>June 24, 2025</u>. Janet Sheats made a motion to approve these minutes. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

III. APPROVAL OF BILLS

- A. General Fund Checks 28822 to 28850. Janet Sheats made a motion to approve these bills. David Hess seconded the motion. Jerry Pritchard questioned if the bill to Boyko Petroleum was for the removal of the old tanks and if everything is now completely switched to the new system. Alice Rehrig confirmed it was the removal of the old system, and everything is going through the new system. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- B. <u>State Fund Check 1624</u>. David Hess made a motion to approve this check. Janet Sheats seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

IV. PLANNING RELATED ITEMS

A. Plan for Approval

1. <u>Melostone Estates Minor Subdivision</u>. Brad Rock and Sal Melo were present to represent this plan. This is a five lot minor subdivision on Riverview Drive. Brad

Rock commented he spoke with the Sewage Enforcement Officer and there was a minor drafting change needed on the plan which they completed, and they are now ready to submit to DEP.

There is a waiver of SALDO Section 147-9.A.5 regarding the requirement to submit a detailed wetland delineation plan. Mike Muffley noted when they reviewed the site, there were no signs of wetlands and did not feel a full study would be needed.

There are deferrals being requested for SALDO Sections 147.-9.A.18 and 21 and 147-9.A-24 and 147-9.14.D and 23 regarding stormwater management and soil erosion controls. The deferral would be until time of building permit submission.

Janet Sheats made a motion to grant the waiver of SALDO Section 147-9.A.5 and the deferrals of SALDO Section 147-9A.18 and 21 and 147-9.A.24 and 147-9.14.D. and 23 until a building permit is submitted. Jerry Pritchard seconded the motion. Linda Roman questioned how the wetlands would be handled. Mike Muffley commented he has reviewed the plan, mapping, soils, and walked the site to review existing conditions and there was no evidence of wetlands on the site and feels it would be unnecessary to require an extensive wetlands study which is why he has no objection to the waiver request. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Janet Sheats made a motion to grant this plan conditional approval conditioned upon the Planning Commission letter dated June 20, 2025, which incorporates all the comments of the Township Engineer letter dated June 5, 2025. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Brad Rock commented one of the reasons they were doing the deferral on a per lot basis was so that farming could continue on the farmable areas. In order to get an HOP, it will require breaking the guiderail and adding a certain amount of fill. They have demonstrated on the plan that they meet all the requirements from a safety perspective. How will this affect the recording of the plan? Mike Muffley commented PennDOT typically issues a permit without requiring any of the improvements to be completed. He suggested submitting the permits to PennDOT and see what their response is. Generally, if you are able to demonstrate that you can meet the site distance, they will not hold up issuing a permit because there is an improvement involved. Once the permit is issued, the plan can be recorded.

B. <u>Engineer's Report</u>. Mike Muffley noted the Planning Commission will not be meeting until next week. There are two plans on the agenda. Both are resubmissions.

He also met with the contractors from the Northwoods Development. They have some punch list items that need to be completed as part of Phase I. They have resolved most of the issues that were involving the public sewer system.

The construction continues with Top of the Mountain Estates. They are installing the roads, stormwater and detention basins.

Jerry Pritchard questioned what the status was of the Zoning and SALDO update with the Ad Hoc committee. Mike Muffley commented they met in June and went over all the different uses within the zoning districts. He still has some work to do with going through the details of the various sections. They are about 95% through everything. Jerry Pritchard commented the ordinances seem to be getting tied to other items and was wondering when they would be completed. Mike Muffley commented the goal is to have the final draft completed by the July 30th meeting. They are hoping at that point the Planning Commission will make the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they move forward with adopting the ordinance and then the hearing process would begin. It will be some time before it will be officially adopted.

Katherine Mack commented there is no major change to the zoning mapping. These areas have remained stable. What may have changed are the activities that are allowed in the different zoning districts. There are new uses that have come up over time such as microbreweries and glamping. The new uses and definitions needed to be added to the ordinance. Mike Muffley commented the vast majority of changes are adding the uses and definitions that were not previously included in the ordinance. They are also including items that were difficult to address in the past. Katherine Mack commented people have raised concerns about warehousing coming in. The Township already has a warehousing ordinance that is sound and there are no changes being made to that ordinance.

V. DEPARTMENTAL/ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

A. <u>Recreation Report</u>. Sandy Hopkins reported the Recreation Board felt it would be best to push Ag Day until sometime around August in 2026 to give enough time to organize the event.

They discussed the Danielsville tennis courts and felt it would be best to do it in stages. They are also hoping the Road Department can help with the demolition of the existing courts.

They also went through the list for the tree lighting as to what is needed to be done and they are pretty much underway, except for the Christmas trees.

The Dog Park shades were also discussed. David Hess is working on getting a price for them. Mike Jones commented he is also working on getting a price for the shades and enclosing the pavilions at Indiantrail Park.

The additional gates for the ballfields were discussed and Mike Jones was supposed to be marking where he wanted them. Mike Jones commented when he brought it up at the Rec meeting, Sandy Hopkins was going to meet with Frank Zamadics to determine the location. Frank Zamadics will go out and mark the areas for gates where he feels the best location is for getting equipment in and out of the fields.

The mats for the dog park were discussed and they are looking at different options. Monica Brown commented she received pamphlets and contacted the company that did her horse shed about the interlocking pads. He had told her that if it is going to be out in the sun, you may not want to use black mats because they will get extremely hot being in the sun. He suggested a plastic material that interlocks and then you would backfill them to keep them in place. She also questioned if concreting the area would be an option. She is looking for what is the best option for a long lasting solution to eliminate mud so the park doesn't need to be closed down in spring. It is only the large side that is a problem because there are people sitting on the bench and the dogs are large and congregating in the area. It's an area that is about 18' x 25'. Frank Zamadics commented the flow of traffic needs to be spread out. Adding concrete may just push the problem to another area. Jerry Pritchard also noted that concrete is not the best material for the pads on the dogs feet. David Hess commented he thinks the shades should be installed and see what effect that has on the traffic patterns. Linda Roman suggested adding turf in the area rather than concrete or mats.

Sandy Hopkins commented now that the Berlinsville field is completed, she would like to see the memorial bench installed in the area of the scoreboard. She is under the impression that David Hess will be installing the concrete. David Hess commented he has it on his list of projects. The 18 days of rain we had is delaying the progress.

1. <u>Christmas Trees</u>. Sandy Hopkins commented she knows Mike Jones is looking to do this, but the Rec Board really didn't discuss the Christmas trees because they felt it would be adding a lot of extra work to Frank Zamadics and the Road Crew. Mike Jones commented he has also asked the gentleman, Todd Merkle from Palmerton to come to the next Rec meeting to explain what they do and to answer any questions anyone may have. He is also willing to donate lights and decorate the main tree since he is the individual who does the lights at Becky's Drive-In. He is willing to help us any way he can. It was also his suggestion to limit the

number of trees for the first year to no more than 50. Jerry Pritchard commented he would like to set up a booth at National Night Out to let people know that the trees are available for sponsoring.

B. <u>Public Works Report</u>. Frank Zamadics reported he checked on the no truck signs for Cherryville Road. He needs to order additional signs for Old Post Road. He also suggested adding signs to Locust because trucks are also using that as a way to skirt around the signs.

The single axle truck that was ordered last year is expected to be delivered in the next week or so.

Mike Jones commented he received a complaint about the way Fir Drive is breaking up from the heavy equipment for the power lines. Frank Zamadics will check what kind of issues are involved with the road.

1. Awarding of Oil and Chip Bids. Only one bid was received for the project and the total was over the projected budget for the project. Frank Zamadics was suggesting eliminating Municipal Road, Cork Road, and Pear Road which would bring the project within the budget. Frank Zamadics commented the contractor may have a difficult time completing everything before the end of October depending upon the weather. Every time it rains, it puts them another day behind. Janet Sheats made a motion to award the oil and chip project to Asphalt Maintenance Supply with Municipal Road, Cork Road, and Pear Road eliminated. Jerry Pritchard seconded the motion. David Hess questioned if there would be an issue with the bids by removing the roads. Alice Rehrig commented when she bid the project, it was bid that we had the right to reduce the amount of work based upon budgetary constraints. Katherine Mack noted Timberline Road is also in need of repair. Mike Jones commented there are roughly 25 pipes that need to be replaced. It will be a large project. Alice Rehrig commented she applied for a CDBG grant and is waiting to hear on that. Katherine Mack also commented that in reviewing the budget, there are no road supplies scheduled to be coming from the general fund; they are all coming from the state fund. She believes some of her tax money should be going towards the roads, even if it means a tax increase. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Paul Nikisher commented the brush at Long Lane and Almond is making it hard to see at the stop sign. He also saw people driving over the center line near the golf course because of brush growing into the road. Mike Jones also noted that he received a call that it is difficult to see when pulling out at Route 946 and Butternut.

Frank Zamadics commented they just cut limbs today at Route 946 and Butternut. The crew will also be going to Route 946 and Cottonwood tomorrow and will have them take care of Long Lane and Almond.

C. Zoning Report. Alice Rehrig reported there were 22 new permit applications received, 16 permits issued, and 8 new complaints received in June. The special exception and variance request for an accessory apartment that was heard at the June Zoning Hearing Board was continued to the July meeting and there will also be an additional hearing for a special exception for a home occupation.

Katherine Mack questioned when the Board was going to be conducting interviews for a new zoning officer. Mike Jones commented the Board has conducted one interview so far. There were four applications received.

D. <u>Police Report</u>. Sergeant John Henry reported in June, there were 493 calls logged, 15 reportable crashes, 6 non-reportable crashes, 33 summary traffic citations, 15 equipment repair orders and warnings, 1 parking ticket and 6 criminals processed through the booking center in June. There was 1 arrest for burglary, criminal mischief, and trespass; 2 arrests for criminal trespass; 1 arrest for false pretenses; 1 arrest for simple assault, harassment, and criminal mischief, for a total of 5 arrests.

There is also a hiring advertisement for a new police officer. The Department will be accepting applications until July 25. This is to replace Officer Surjan who had resigned at the end of May.

The application for the COPS hiring grant was successfully submitted to the Department of Justice. He wanted to thank Officer Roth, Pam Herschman, and Alice Rehrig for their efforts in getting the grant completed and submitted.

The next step in the Sergeant promotional process with be the panel interview. This is scheduled to take place on July 29. When the results of this are received, he will forward them to the Manager.

Because of the popular demand for National Night Out, the Department will be holding the event on August 5 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Indiantrail Park.

Sergeant Henry also wanted to acknowledge Officer Joe Dougherty. He was on his way in to work when the Department received an EMS call for an allergic reaction to a bee sting. He carries an Epi-pen and is certified to administer it on other people. Sergeant Mirabile contacted him and asked him to respond directly to the call to administer the Epi-pen. He was able to do this in advance of the ambulance. Sgt. Henry believes the ambulance was a few minutes out before reaching the call.

Jerry Pritchard questioned what the next step would be in promoting a Sergeant. John Henry commented that once the panel interviews are completed, the results will be forwarded to the Manager. After that, the candidates would have an interview before the Board of Supervisors. At that point, the Board would be able to make the decision to promote a Sergeant.

E. <u>Fire Company Report</u>. Rick Hildebrand commented the fire on Cherryville Road is still burning. Right now, it is smoldering underground.

For the second quarter of the year, they had 97 calls. 25 of them were fire related, 35 were medical or accidents, 11 responses for hazardous conditions and good intent calls. 72 of the 97 calls were able to be handled solely by the Fire Company. They typically rely on other stations for the fire calls because of the manpower that is needed. They also provided 17 responsible to help other departments.

In October they will be holding their Octoberfest fundraiser.

Janet Sheats requested that the Board add soak downs in the extreme hot weather to the list of approved fire company activities. There is no easy way to get Board approval since there is limited notice when this type of weather will occur and there are enough personnel available to do it. Janet Sheats made a motion to include the soak downs as an approved fire company activity and the Fire Company would need to notify the Manager when the event is going to occur. David Hess seconded the motion. Mike Jones commented he has no objection to it but would like it to be stated that participation is at the individuals' own risk when the Fire Company puts the notice out. Attorney Backenstoe commented there shouldn't be an issue as long as the Fire Company is acting in a responsible manner. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Fire Company's new ladder truck is coming along. They are expecting delivery towards the end of the year. Jerry Pritchard questioned what is going to be done with the old ladder truck. Rick Hildebrand commented the Fire Company will be working with a broker for the sale of the truck. The money from the sale will go back into their equipment fund.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Open Space and Land Preservation. Janet Sheats commented she did not want to continue going back and forth with this and made a motion to have Attorney Backenstoe prepare the necessary paperwork to have this placed on the ballot next spring. Jerry Pritchard seconded the motion. Janet Sheats commented the Board is elected to be the voice of all the voters of the Township. The Board is elected to make the votes that the residents are unable to make. This item is a decision that the

residents can actually make. She is sure that it will be very clear on the ballot as to what the residents will be voting for. Attorney Backenstoe commented this is not an ordinance that can be drawn up or adopted quickly. It is a long, drawn out, complicated process. There are several things that will need to be discussed such as do you want the EIT money to be used. Will it be for Ag only, or agriculture and open space, or conservation districts? Every township can design a slightly different program. The other discussion will be what do you want the tax to be. Will it be .25%, .10%, .20%, or some other percentage? Mike Jones commented when he looked at the statute, he thought it could also be a millage rate. Attorney Backenstoe commented the most common way is through a percentage of the Earned Income Tax. It was his suggestion that he put together a comprehensive program that he thinks would fit the Township and then start tailoring it the way the Board wants it to be. The advertising is also different than what a standard ordinance would be. The first step will be adopting the resolution to authorize the drafting of the ordinance. Then an ordinance would be done authorizing the referendum. If the referendum is approved, you would then do the ordinance adopting the tax. The referendum is not a simple "do you want this, yes or no?" It details in three or four paragraphs what is being voted on. It is very descriptive. Jerry Pritchard commented this has been kicked around and heard at the Fire House. It gives both sides the opportunity to get the word out as to why they feel the way they do. Both sides can give people the facts about their position. This being placed on the ballot is not a bad thing. It is what this country is supposed to be doing with things. If it doesn't work out, it can go back on the ballot to be removed. David Hess questioned what changed since that last discussion where we were going to hold another meeting at the fire company. Janet Sheats commented there will still need to be more information put out. Jerry Pritchard commented just because this is going on the ballot, it doesn't mean any one Board member is for or against it. Only the ballot box will know that. Tom Szoke questioned if it is normal protocol to get this out to the residents before it appears on the ballot. Attorney Backenstoe commented it will certainly be discussed and vetted by the Board. Once it is sent to the election Board, there is no reason why someone couldn't have a copy of it. Mike Jones commented that is one of the reasons that they want to have something in the newsletter with a hard date as to when a massive town hall meeting will be held to provide information regarding this. If people want to be informed about it, they can show up at the meeting. The Board can't force people to want to be informed. Jerry Pritchard commented even with the information out there, there will be people asking questions on election day. Attorney Backenstoe commented ordinarily something like this is highly publicized. Marc Kercsmar commented the wording of the referendum will also be outlined in the resolution and the ordinance. That is something that people can also look at ahead of time. Mike Jones commented the information that will appear in the newsletter may also be able to be included in both the fall and spring editions. Paul Nikisher commented he agrees that the referendum is the way to go. The Board is representing the residents,

but this way, everyone has the opportunity to vote on it. He also believes that this was drug out long enough. Janet Sheats commented whatever the outcome is when the referendum is voted on, it is what the voters chose. Jerry Pritchard questioned if this passes, does the majority of the Board have the right to not approve the purchase of property or development rights? Attorney Backenstoe commented the Board always has the right to decide whether or not something will be purchased. David Hess questioned what happens to the money that is in the account if, in five years, it is voted to discontinue the program. Attorney Backenstoe commented the money that is in the account can only be used for the purpose it was intended for by the voters. It can only be used for the open space until such time as the money in the account is gone. Mike Jones commented it is his understanding that a portion of the money, 25 percent, can be used for maintaining open space. Attorney Backenstoe commented the law has changed quite a bit over time. Initially, you could only use the funds to retire debt associated with the acquisition of property or easement. The Townships were having to pay all the soft costs associated with the acquisitions. The law was changed so that the soft costs could be paid from the funds. Another change that was made was that you can use up to 25 percent per year of the funds generated for the maintenance of the open space that was acquired. The greatest change that came through was recently when they expanded the maintenance to include any open space area that a Township has. You still need to be careful with the use of the funds, but there is more flexibility. Sandy Hopkins commented it is her understanding that the Supervisors don't make the decision; it is made by a separate Board. Attorney Backenstoe commented an advisory board needs to be set up and there has to be rules and regulations on how the properties are reviewed, and they also make recommendations on how the money is spent. Ultimately, it is the Board of Supervisors who will make the final decision. The Board of Supervisors is the only one who is authorized to spend the money. Based on his experience, 75 to 80 percent of the acquisitions are done in partnership with another entity. It could be through the County program where the cost is divided between the County and Township. When this is done, the County typically underwrites all the soft costs and does the monitoring of the property. Most time, municipalities partner with the Nature Conservancy or the Wildlands Conservancy. They have programs that are already set up for the monitoring and inspecting of the properties. The Township would pay the cost of the acquisition, but these non-profits will handle the ongoing monitoring of the properties. Jerry Pritchard commented the Board has to set the tax rate. It doesn't necessarily have to be the .25 percent. Janet Sheats commented that is one of the reasons she made the motion. We need to move things forward, not just have them sitting in the past. John Knoblach questioned if the money could be returned to the tax payers if the program was ever discontinued. Attorney Backenstoe commented it could not be returned. There is no conceivable way to try to do that. Any money in

that fund must be used in accordance with the referendum approved by the voters. Mike Jones, Jerry Pritchard, and Janet Sheats voted aye. David Hess was opposed. Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. <u>County Repository Properties</u>. Mike Jones commented Cindy Miller had wanted to discuss this. If a property from the county repository comes before the Board, she doesn't want it to be automatically approved. She wants the neighbors to be notified so they have the opportunity to make an offer on the property.

John Knoblach questioned what the repository properties were. Attorney Backenstoe commented there can be a few reasons why a property ends up in the County Repository. It is a repository for unsold properties. Generally, there is a property which is not appealing for many reasons: it could be a detention basin, a property left over from a subdivision that was poorly designed, or an owner stopped paying taxes on it. When a property goes up for a tax sale, anyone can buy it for the unpaid taxes and any liens that may be against that property. If it is not purchased at a tax sale, the County will list it at a judicial sale. If someone has a lien on the property, they need to be there to bid on the property to protect their interests because someone could come in and buy it for \$1 plus costs. Often times, there are properties that are not purchased at the tax sale or the judicial sale. When this happened, the properties go into the County Repository which is a list of properties that is held by the County. Anyone can try to purchase a property from the County Repository. The properties in the repository are not advertised for sale. People interested in these properties can offer the County anything they want to for the property. The County then has an obligation to put both the School District and the Municipality on notice that there is an offer to purchase a property from the repository. The School District and the Municipality will put the sale of the property on their agenda for approval. 99 percent of the time, it is approved because as soon as someone purchases the property, it is in the hands of a taxpayer and there is tax money from the property. What Cindy Miller was saying is that the neighbors should be notified if there is a property up for sale from the repository. There is not obligation for the neighbors to be notified. The County will not expend funds to act as a real estate agent. Cindy Miller had offered to take it upon herself to do this rather than voting in favor of selling the property.

This will be on the next agenda so she can speak about it.

- B. Manager's Report. Alice Rehrig did not have anything specific to report.
- C. <u>Solicitor's Report</u>. Attorney Backenstoe reported he received a letter today regarding Poplar Drive Solar LLC. They filed an exclusionary zoning challenge before the

Zoning Hearing Board and were denied and subsequently filed an appeal in Northampton County Court. The letter he received today indicated they have now withdrawn that appeal.

Attorney Backenstoe also reported he received a call from Attorney Zator regarding the Lehigh Valley Resort and Spa. He indicated that things are going to start moving with that project and had a list of items for the Board to think about:

- Soil Borings. Soil borings need to be done in the area where the new treatment plant will be constructed. At this point, the property has not yet been transferred to the Authority so Township permission is needed. Alice Rehrig commented Nichole from Mr. Jaindl's office had reached out to her prior to the last meeting and there was no objection to the borings being done as long as a certificate of insurance was received naming the Township as additional insured. Attorney Backenstoe commented that would have been his recommendation as well.
- Conveyance of the 1.9 acres. The deed for this has been prepared, but the Township has been holding it for a while to see how things were going to play out. This property will need to be transferred sooner than later. Jerry Pritchard questioned if, when the property is transferred, will the Township receive the Recreation Fees? Attorney Backenstoe commented yes, the agreements are in place to guarantee the payments; the issue was the timeline as to when the fees would be paid. Once the property is transferred, there is no urgency on behalf of the developer.
- Security for the Land Development. The Municipal Authority has a Land Development plan that needs to be recorded. Typically, when a land development plan is recorded, security is required for any improvements. They questioned if the Township would consider waiving this requirement since it is the Township's Municipal Authority. This is not an unusual request when the improvements are by other municipal entities. In addition, Mr. Jaindl has a \$300,000 grant for the work at the plant, and he will be posting security with the Municipal Authority for the work he is doing.
- Temporary Construction Easement. There currently is an easement through the Township property for the existing pipes. Mike Muffley commented there is a permanent easement for the existing pipes, but the land records are not accurate. If things need to be recreated for a legal description, they will not accurately represent what is in the ground. They have been looking at

realigning the pipeline through the park to the treatment plant and creating a new easement that is accurate and up to date. They would do temporary and permanent easements at the same time.

- Baseball Field. Attorney Zator wanted to make sure everyone was aware that the baseball field will be out of commission for spring and summer of 2026.
- Recreation Fee Obligations. The Rec fee obligations are generally associated with the residential side of the development, but they would like to start talking about them. It is believed that the Township will be forming a Recreation Committee for this and study where the funds would be used. Mr. Jaindl would like this to happen and come and talk and explore how and where the funds would be used. There was also a concept of Mr. Jaindl designing some of these items because it would be cheaper, but they have so many irons in the fire, they would rather just give us the money and have us do what we want with it.

Mike Jones questioned if the fees that are being referred to are for the resort portion of the development or the residential portion. He thought the committee came in when the residential portion was developed and the committee would consist of a Rec Board member, a Supervisor, and someone from Mr. Jaindl's team. He thought the first portion of the fees that were owed were at the Township's discretion as to how they wanted to use it. Attorney Backenstoe commented the committee may not necessarily be needed for the first phase, but it wouldn't hurt to form the committee so that everything is consistent throughout the project.

Janet Sheats questioned who decides who is on the Rec Committee. Attorney Backenstoe commented it is up to the Supervisors to determine who is going to be on the Rec Committee for the Jaindl Development.

Attorney Backenstoe commented no decisions are needed at this time, but the Board does need to start thinking about it.

VIII. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>. Tom Szoke commented he was not present at the Ad Hoc meeting, but wanted to make the Board aware that Zach Szoke wrote a letter back to Kristin Soldridge regarding comments she made at the meeting pertaining to his family. It is one thing to make comments when you are out in public, but when you are sitting on a committee representing the Township it is different.

Tom Szoke questioned the changes with LTAA. When he was an officer in 1996, the Township maintained the park by cutting the grass. It is his understanding that this has

changed and is wondering why. Mike Jones commented the lease with LTAA indicates that they are responsible for the maintenance. When they were looking at the lease and realized the \$1 per year was never paid and the maintenance was supposed to be done, the Board agreed that they should be mowing the grass. The two Boards agreed that they would begin mowing the grass.

Tom Szoke also provided the Board with photos of runoff that is coming from the Top of the Mountain Estates. The water is not being detained on their property, but the silt and water are crossing over the road and running into his property. The water is not getting into the north basin. The south basin has about two feet of water and they seem to be pumping the water from the basin. Mike Muffley will check the site.

Katherine Mack commented she appreciates the Board moving ahead with having the open space being placed as a referendum. It is a good decision to allow all the residents to make the decision as to whether or not they are in agreement with the program.

Paul Nikisher commented he is glad to see that National Night Out is going to be held again. He is hoping to see it advertised. Janet Sheats commented it will be on Facebook and banners have been ordered.

IX. <u>ADJOURN</u>. Janet Sheats made a motion to adjourn. David Hess seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.