

# BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP

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## BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors Work Session Agenda July 31, 2019 6:00 p.m.

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6:00 p.m. Executive Session

6:45 p.m. Manager's Items  
- Park

7:15 p.m. McArdle Property, Church School Road  
TMP 6-4-73 and 6-4-74

**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Work Session**  
**Minutes**

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held July 31, 2019 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:	Jon Forest Maggie Rash Paul Calderaio Dana S. Cozza Daniel Gray Craig A. Smith, Esquire	Chairman Vice-Chairman Member Township Manager Township Engineer Township Solicitor
Not Present:	John Ives Tom Kelso	Bucks County Planning Commission Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

*The work session commenced at 6:00 p.m. with Executive Session to discuss police department related personnel matters and land easement acquisitions.*

**McArdle Property, Church School Road, TMP 6-4-73 and 6-4-74.**

Mr. McArdle was present to discuss a possible 2-lot subdivision of his preserved property along Church School Road. Mr. Smith said the conservation agreement is ambiguous but arguably allows the subdivision of the property, but the Board has concerns regarding the creation of a large lot that does not have a house associated with it. Mr. McArdle said his son owns the adjacent preserved parcel and is farming both properties, and he is basically interested in providing a family resource by subdividing the property. Mr. Smith suggested a 2-acre or more parcel be carved out along Church School Road, with the remaining farmland consolidated with the son's neighboring parcel. Mrs. Rash agreed as this would preserve viable farmland keeping it tied to a residence and not creating a vacant lot, while allowing Mr. McArdle his right to subdivide and have one additional house built on the property for his daughter.

Mr. Smith said an engineered plan would be required in order to process a Lot Line Change and to prepare a Deed of Consolidation to be filed with the Bucks County Recorder of Deeds. Mr. McArdle said he would meet with his family to discuss this concept.

**Holicong Park Expansion**

Mr. Gray provided an update on the Holicong Park Expansion project, stating that Phase 1 is nearing completion. He said the tennis courts are being completed, paving is almost done, the pavilion will be constructed soon, and the park should be ready to open in late September / early October. Mr. Gray said Phase 2 is out to bid, with a pre-bid meeting scheduled and bid opening on August 16, 2019. Mr. Gray said he hopes to have a recommendation for award during the Board's August business meeting. He said Phase 2

earthwork is planned for this fall, grass to be planted and ready for use after 2 growing seasons, either fall of 2020 or spring of 2021. Mr. Gray said Phase 3 and the inclusive park will follow soon thereafter.

Ms. Sheinmel, Grouse Circle, asked if there is a signboard or notice of what's going on at the park for people to see. Mrs. Rash said there is a sign along Route 202 indicating a park is being built. The plan was also highlighted in the townships' recent newsletter and information is available on the township's website.

*7:30 p.m. The work session adjourned.*

*8:45 p.m. The work session continued.*

### **Knox® Boxes**

Mrs. Cozza said that Chief Hager of Midway Volunteer Fire Company recently told her about a neighboring municipality adopting an ordinance requiring all commercial properties to install "Knox"® boxes. Mrs. Cozza said the purpose is when an alarm is sounded, the police would have a key to the Knox box which contains a key to get into the business without having to wait for a person to let them in to investigate the cause of the alarm. Mr. Smith suggested there may be legal issues regarding entering someone's property without a warrant. Mr. Forest said if it is a true emergency, the responding fire company would knock the door down to get in. Mr. Forest said he was not in favor of requiring Knox® boxes. Mr. Calderaio suggested it be voluntary and Mrs. Rash agreed.

### **Newsletter**

Mrs. Cozza asked the Board if and when they would like another newsletter published. Mr. Forest said he liked the newsletter and was happy with just one a year. Mrs. Rash and Mr. Calderaio said they had received many positive comments about the newsletter. The Board agreed to think about when they would like another newsletter.

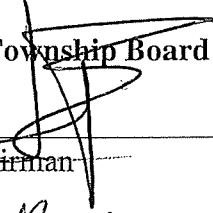
*9:05 p.m. The Board retired into Executive Session to continue their discussion on potential offers to be made on several potential agricultural conservation easements.*

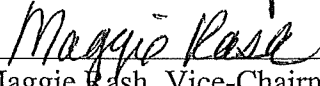
*10:00p.m. The Work Session adjourned.*

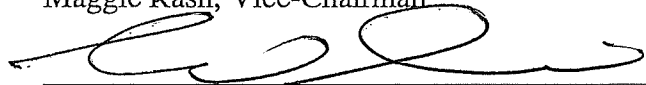
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Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.


**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors**

  
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Jon Forest, Chairman

  
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Maggie Rash, Vice-Chairman

  
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Paul Calderaio, Member

Attest:

  
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Dana S. Cozza, Secretary

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.*