Members Present: Kevin Stoehr, SHTPSAB Chairman; Doug Edmondson, SHT Fire Marshal; Cpl. Scott Fidler, PA State Police; Tom Brumbaugh, Union Deposit Volunteer Fire Company Asst. Chief; Rick Gilbert, Milton Hershey School Security & Safety and Jay Robertson, SHT EMA Coordinator.

Staff Present: Dana Youtz, Administrative Secretary; Susan Eitneir, Parks & Recreation Coordinator.

Public Present: Stephen Cordaro, Board of Supervisor.

Call to Order:

The November 3, 2016 meeting of the South Hanover Township Public Safety Advisory Board was held at the Township building and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Kevin Stoehr.

Chairman’s Report:

Approval of Minutes
Motion: A motion was made by Jay Robertson and seconded by Doug Edmondson to approve the July 14, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. A 6-0 vote was taken.

2017 Meeting Dates
Chairman Kevin Stoehr presented the Board with a list of meeting dates for 2017. Mr. Jay Robertson noted the meetings for 2017 will be held at the new Municipal Complex at 161 Patriot Way, Hershey PA.

- January 5th
- March 2nd
- May 4th
- July 6th
- September 7th
- November 2nd

Motion: A motion was made by Doug Edmondson and seconded by Tom Brumbaugh to approve the 2017 meeting dates. A 6-0 vote was taken.

Other Business from Chairman
Chairman Kevin Stoehr mentioned the suicide that occurred within the Township. He said that it happened early morning on a walking path between Hanshue Rd & Meadowlark Lane. Cpl. Scott Fidler stated the individual was not from this area and little detail was released on the situation.
PA State Police Report:

Cpl. Scott Fidler stated that South Hanover Township has little activity that involves the PA State Police with only minor neighbor disputes and thefts. He noted that the speed humps on Hanover Street seem to really help with slowing the traffic down. Cpl. Fidler also said that traffic is getting heavier on Rt. 39 as the Township is growing substantially.

Ms. Susan Eitnier asked if the PA State Police could patrol the Township Parks more in the evenings as it will be getting darker earlier with the time change.

Board of Supervisors Report:

Mr. Stephen Cordaro mentioned there was another injury accident this morning at the intersection of Rt. 39 and Canal Street. He said that the Township will be contacting PennDOT and inquiring on possibly moving the traffic signal from Hanover Street to Canal Street and closing Hanover Street, making it a cul de sac. Mr. Cordaro stated that he will need injury accident reports for these intersections.

Mr. Cordaro further noted his concerns with Orchard Road and Rt. 39 with site distance problems and the fact that Orchard Road only has one access in and out which is at Rt. 39. He would like to see a pedestrian bridge restored back to connect Orchard Road and Sand Beach Road again. There was discussion regarding the Right-of-Way and safety access.

Mr. Jay Robertson expressed his concerns to Stephen Cordaro regarding office supplies that will be left for Public Works, EMA and the Fire Marshal. He noted that most of the office supplies (e.i. copier, fax machine, etc.) will be moved up to the New Municipal Complex and they will need to purchase new ones for their offices. Mr. Cordaro invited them to attend the meeting scheduled with Rettew on November 11th to review the current facility and future planning.

Fire Department Report:

Mr. Tom Brumbaugh commented on the accident that morning at Rt. 39 & Canal Street. The accident had put a fire hydrant out of service and they were waiting on PA American Water to repair the damage. Mr. Brumbaugh also noted that speed was a factor in the accident and that both vehicles involved were off the roadway due to the force of the impact.

Mr. Brumbaugh stated there was a structure fire on Red Top Road. The fire started in the kitchen and was accidental.

Mr. Brumbaugh updated the Board that the Fire Department will be moving into the new Fire Station on Friday, November 4th and will have an active status at this location on Saturday, November 5th.

Fire Marshal’s Report:

Mr. Doug Edmondson stated the Fire Marshal’s were still ongoing with their inspections on the commercial properties within the Township, especially the hotels. He mentioned that while some hotels were very good with inspections and fixing any problems that they may find, other hotels were having a lot of problems not
cooperating and were not staying in compliance. Mr. Edmondson further noted that the Fire Marshal’s are working with Glenn Snavely, Township Code Enforcement Officer, and will be compiling a review list and also an enforcement plan for the Board of Supervisors to approve.

Mr. Doug Edmondson noted he will keep an eye on the drought condition we currently have and if necessary temporarily stop open burning within the Township until further notice.

Discussion ensued regarding several properties that had issues with open burning. One property had a neighbor dispute on Red Top Road and they were directed to stop burning. Another problem was on Shetland Drive when a resident was caught burning tires, carpet, rubber, etc.

EMA’s Report:

Mr. Jay Robertson updated the Board that once the Township Office personnel move up to the new Municipal Complex, the current offices will be set up for a full time Emergency Operation Center, EMA’s Office and also Fire Marshal’s Office.

Mr. Robertson also reminded the Board that TMI Drill will be held again in April 2017 and he is currently working on the EOP to be submitted for approval in January 2017.

Mr. Robertson had a request from a resident asking if PA State Police could monitor the stop sign at Margate Drive and Grandview Road. The resident mentioned that she observed many vehicles not stopping at the stop sign.

Mr. Jay Robertson also stated that he received an email from Nate Eshenour, UDVF Chief, regarding PennDOT’s assessment of the intersection at Rt. 39 and Hanshue Road and the inquiry of a guard rail. (See attached referenced email) Mr. Robertson noted that the email from PennDOT states this intersection does meet sight distances in both directions. The email also states if the Township would like to make any changes to the intersection, it would be at the cost of the Township and a Highway Occupancy Permit would be required.

MHS’s Report:

Mr. Rick Gilbert mentioned that the MHS Campus had their accountability drill this past week. He noted that MHS notifies the first responders of the area that the drill will be occurring in case they receive any phone calls from concerned residents that may have heard the drill announcements. Mr. Gilbert questioned if the Township would also like to be notified of these drills now that there will be more student homes in the future. Discussion followed and it was decided to have MHS call the Township Office with the drill information.

Mr. Gilbert also noted that MHS has installed temporary gates at the Venice Drive entrances along Canal Street. These gates will be removed closer to completion of the student homes at Venice North Expansion, as to which will be replaced with gates on an auto transponder system. He further stated the main entrance to the Venice Campus will be at the traffic signal on Rt. 39.
**Other Business:**

Chairman Kevin Stoehr noted that Presidential Candidate, Donald Trump, will be visiting the Hershey Area at the Giant Center on Friday, November 4th. Cpl. Scott Fidler stated that the PA State Police will be assisting the Secret Service and help escort Mr. Donald Trump to and from the Harrisburg International Airport for the rally. Chairman Stoehr also said that the Antique Auto Museum was hosting their “Autos and Ale” event the same night along with Lower Dauphin and Hershey High School football game that was being held at the arena. Discussion ensued regarding the traffic concerns in this area.

Ms. Susan Eitnier stated she is coming to the Board for direction as far as safety concerns with crowd control, parking and overall safety with future events that will be held at the new Municipal Complex. Ms. Eitnier noted she was working with South Hanover Historical Society because the Township will be hosting their 175th Anniversary in the year 2017 and they have started to plan a Community Day for this event. It was mentioned by Mr. Tom Brumbaugh that the UDVFD will also be having their 100th anniversary in the year 2017 and possibly have a combine celebration. Ms. Eitnier is also looking at future events such as the July 4th holiday and a Food Truck Festival. Discussion followed regarding future ideas, safety concerns, events and building use.

**Adjournment:**

Chairman Stoehr noted the next meeting will be January 5, 2017 and will be held at the new Municipal Complex, 161 Patriot Way.  
**Motion:** A motion was made by Doug Edmondson and seconded by Rick Gilbert to adjourn this meeting at 7:36 p.m. A 6-0 vote was taken.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Dana Youtz, Administrative Secretary  
South Hanover Township

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