South Hanover Township
Public Safety Advisory Board
111 West Third Street
Hershey, PA 17033
Thursday, May 7, 2015

Members Present: Kevin Stoehr, SHTPSAB Chairman; Jay Robertson, EMA Coordinator; Doug Edmondson, SHT Fire Marshal; John Reed, SHT Asst. Fire Marshal; Nate Eshenour, Union Deposit Volunteer Fire Company Chief and Rick Gilbert, MHS Safety & Security.

Staff Present: Dana Youtz, Administrative Secretary
Public Present: John Connelly

Call to Order:

The May 7, 2015 meeting of the South Hanover Township Public Safety Advisory Board was held at the Township building and called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Kevin Stoehr.

Chairman’s Report:
Approval of Minutes
Motion: A motion was made by Jay Robertson and seconded by Rick Gilbert to approve the January 8, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. A 5-0 vote was taken.

MHS Report:
Rick Gilbert noted the rezoning of Milton Hershey North Campus was approved by the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Gilbert also stated Milton Hershey School (MHS) was involved in the TMI Drill and everything went well. He noted MHS wants to be more involved with the Township on these drills due to the increase of more student homes in the future.

Fire Company Report:
Nate Eshenour stated the Fire Company and the Township have a meeting set up for next week with the Architect to discuss the final plans for the New Municipal Complex and Fire Station.

Mr. Eshenour also noted at the end of March 2015 the Fire Company had their first major structure fire in over a year on Pleasantview Road. The Fire Company had multiple assists from other companies. Doug Edmondson mentioned the cause was ruled accidental and was unsure if the property owners were going to try to restore or demolish the structure.

Fire Marshal Report:
Doug Edmondson noted the Fire Marshal’s Office was focusing on educating the public on open burning regulations with much success resulting in less uncontrolled burns this year. He stated they were including a fact sheet with the issued burn permits and they were seeing more burn barrels in replace of open burns. Mr. Edmondson further mentioned they encourage residents to recycle their yard waste at the Township Office instead of burning. Mr. Edmondson stated the Township follows Dauphin County’s guidelines regarding burn advisories and bans. When residents call into Dauphin County to report the start of their burn, the County
would inform them if there was a burn advisory or ban in effect. Residents should also look on Township
website or media outlets for updates.

Doug Edmondson informed the Board on the good response they are having on the voluntary inspections on
commercial structures. He stated that some commercial establishments requested to be inspected. Mr.
Edmondson was hoping to do at least one inspection a month, totaling 12 in a year; however so far this year,
40 inspections have been done including the Milton Hershey Campus. Discussion ensued regarding
communication between the Fire Company and Fire Marshal’s on automatic alarms and follow-up
procedures. It was noted to inform all parties involved (Fire Department, Fire Marshal & Code Enforcement)
when automatic alarms and malfunctions happen due to inspections and codes that need to be met within a
timely fashion.

EMAs Report:
Jay Robertson mentioned to the Board that he would like to see more topics on the agendas to discuss
including evacuations, floods, tornados, special needs, etc. Mr. Robertson informed the Board with the most
recent tornado watch/warning a few weeks ago, residents went to the Fire Company to shelter in place.

Jay Robertson stated the TMI Drill in April 2015 went well. The Township was evaluated by 2 FEMA
representatives. The FEMA representatives were impressed with the Township Staff and how efficiently the
drills are done.

Other Business from Board Members:
Discussion ensued regarding the 8 call boxes located within the Township and apparatus arriving without
being dispatched. Nate Eshenour stated the boxes were last updated in 2012. Other items that were noted
include the number of qualified drivers and training requirements.

John Connelly stated the Board of Supervisors have a tentative ground breaking date for the New Municipal
Complex for August 2015 and the project should take approximately 10 months to complete.

Nate Eshenour and Doug Edmondson noted the new speed radar sign on North Hanover Street is working and
residents have noticed a lower speed from vehicles traveling on this road. John Connelly stated that PA
American Water will be installing new water pipes down North Hanover Street and will be repaving that
section of the road this year. Mr. Connelly further stated the Board of Supervisors are looking into putting in
speed tables during the construction of the road. Mr. Edmondson requested for the Township to notify the
State Police to patrol Main Street. He noticed people not stopping at the stop sign and speeding.

Kevin Stoehr mentioned about the intersection of Union Deposit and Grandview Rd. Mr. Stoehr noted the
intersection is getting worse with more volume of traffic and speeding. John Connelly stated a traffic study
could take up to 2 years to complete and does not know if any solution could be met to fix the intersection.
Mr. Connelly further noted the remainder of Grandview Rd from Jeff Lane to Union Deposit Rd will be
repaved this year; however, it still will not change the intersection problems.

John Reed mentioned the recent Milton Hershey School (MHS) sprinkler system situation was a reactive
occurrence. He noted that the state law requires the sprinkler systems to be inspected semi-annually and
requested for MHS to submit a copy their inspection reports to the Township Fire Marshal’s Office. Rick
Gilbert stated MHS has a third party company to inspect their sprinklers.
Adjournment:
Motion: A motion was made by Doug Edmondson and seconded by John Reed adjourn this meeting at 8:23 p.m. A 5-0 vote was taken.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Dana Youtz, Administrative Secretary
South Hanover Township

Meeting Dates for 2015

July 9, 2015
September 3, 2015
November 5, 2015