

April 18, 2018

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. Present: Supervisors Fenton, Scottoline, McIntyre, Solicitor Oeste and Manager Howley. The minutes of March 22, 2018 were approved as submitted.

**Manager Kathleen Howley** reported the following:

1. State Trooper Winesburg was present and submitted a report of police activity in the township from March 1<sup>st</sup> until today. There are no big concerns and things are relatively quiet. He did explain why the increase in "domestic security checks". State police have stepped up patrols through school property especially when children are present, and this is a result of the recent nationwide school shootings. Mr. & Mrs. Horan were present and stated they have had trouble with their neighbors and have reported it to the police. They are trying to sell their house and are getting negative reviews from realtors because of the condition of their neighbor's property. The Board suggested they work with the state police and Township Code Enforcement Officer to find a solution to the problem.
2. Mr. Fenton nominated Bill Talman to be the alternate on the Zoning Hearing Board and Mr. Scottoline second the motion. The Board had interviewed Mr. Talman and stated he is a worthy candidate for the position. With no further discussion a vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed. Ms. Howley will let the attorney for the Zoning Hearing board, Ed Foley, know of this appointment.
3. Mr. McIntyre moved to set the capitalization spending threshold at \$35,000 and Mr. Scottoline seconded the motion. This amount was suggested by our elected auditors. With no further discussion a vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion carried. Ms. Howley will notify the appointed auditors, Barbacane Thornton of the \$35,000 threshold.
4. Township Clean Up day as well as the large item disposal for township residents will be held this weekend. The annual Yard Sale is scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> and the Free Shredding event will take place in the township parking lot on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 9-noon.

**Road Dept. Dave Allen Report** – Ms. Howley reported:

1. Brush chipping completed and tree trimming done. Storm water inlets are being repaired.
2. Prepping roads for summer work
3. Clean Up Day this weekend. Residents are getting bags, vests, gloves to help with this
4. Papco Inc – low bid for gasoline \$2.0589/gal as well as low sulfur diesel \$2.2388/gal. Asphalt Industries low bid for road work \$1.54/sy for oil & chip and .61/sq for fog seal.

Delaware Valley Finance has requested the township sign an amended "participant continuing disclosure agreement". Mr. Oeste reviewed the document and all is in order. Delaware Valley manages the loan taken out by the township for the purchase of open space. With no further discussion Mr. Scottoline moved to have the document executed by the Secretary, Ms. Howley as well as the chairman of the board, Mr. Fenton. The motion was seconded by Mr. McIntyre. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement Office Rusty Drumheller stated spring is always busy with issuance of building permits for accessory structure in yards. Township Engineer Matt Houtman said he is meeting with

Dave Allen this Friday to go over work to be done this summer. They will be talking about drainage work for Hickory Hill Road as well as contacting Chester Water Authority to move a water line in Chadds Ford Knoll at Concord Way and Constitution Drive. Mr. Houtman is also working on the storm water management agreements for Windmill Hollow. Mr. Oeste stated he sent the Pennsbury Land Trust the amended Pennsbury Park easement agreement for review. This amendment will include the two building parcels in the park that have not been covered by the easement. If approved, this amendment will now include them in the easement.

Dennis Smith, Planning Commission Chair, reported on their April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting:

1. The County is having public meetings for their Landscapes 3 draft. Members are concerned about the recent emphasis by the County on commercial development along the Rt. 1 corridor. They will be drafting a letter to the County Planning Commission on this issue. The supervisors expressed their concern also and will be sending their own letter regarding this. Members will be reviewing their draft of the letter at their next meeting and will share it with the Board.
2. Sign ordinance – members determined that the current ordinance is adequate and the signs along Rt. 1 that are not compliant are grandfathered in. It was suggested a letter be sent to the owners of these signs suggesting compliance.
3. Members are working on a zoning amendment covering event space in the township for non-profit as well as “for profit” events. The Longwood Gardens amendment covers nonprofit only and will be covered under a new zoning category. The Board agrees with the Planning Commission that this issue should be addressed. For profit event space should be in a specific zone and along a major highway.

Alma Forsyth gave a summary of her attendance at the Landscapes 3 public meeting.

A bill list dated April 18, 2018 numbering 18019-18086, State Fund #407 was submitted and approved for payment by the board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Howley  
Township Manager