

May 15, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Present were Supervisors McIntyre, Fenton, Scottoline, Solicitor Tom Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of April 17, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. The Smith conditional use hearing for solar panels scheduled for tonight was postponed and will be rescheduled.
2. Longwood Gardens overpass on Rt. 1 will be rehabilitated this summer. Work is scheduled to start after school lets out and go through August. There will be lane restrictions and work will be limited to the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
3. The Peony Festival will start this Friday, May 17th and go through May 28th 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The fields are located on Cossart Road just west of S. Creek Road. Purchase of tickets on line is required.
4. Pennsbury Mill is conducting school tours at the mill today and tomorrow.
5. **Appointment of Planning Commission member** – the Board moved to appoint “Mike” Clements III to the Planning Commission for a 4 year term. The motion was seconded and a vote taken. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Board thanked Mike for stepping up to volunteer for this position.

Road Master Report – Dave Allen submitted the following: 1) New brush chipper arrived and men are mow brush cutting along roads getting ready for the first road bank mowing 2) Co-op bid opened 5/2/19, lowest bid for oil and chip with fog seal went to Asphalt Industries - \$2.84 sq.yd \$113,600 and paving of Chandler Road, lowest bid went to AMS \$209,175.

Schaller ZHB Request – attorney representing the Schaller’s was present as well as their engineer, John Mullin. They are requesting a variance for impervious coverage to install a pool in their back yard. The plans showed 19.7% coverage and our ordinance max is 15%. When they bought the house, coverage was at 16%. They reduced the planned size of the pool/decking to bring it down to 19%. They pointed out the placement of the house is far back which gives them a long driveway and that added to impervious coverage. Mr. Houtmann stated the proposed dry well for storm water will be effective to handle the increase in runoff so that the impervious coverage from the proposed pool will not exceed the current load. Dennis Smith advised the Board that the Planning Commission voted to advise remaining neutral, however the PC did not have the benefit of the added data presented at the Board meeting tonight. The hearing will take place May 16th at 7 p.m. in the township building. Supervisor McIntyre moved to stay neutral and not support the request for relief claiming it shows no hardship from the environmental ordinance, and is already over the impervious coverage limits. There was no second and motion failed. Supervisor Fenton moved to support the application and Supervisor Scottoline seconded it. There was no further discussion, and a vote was taken, 2 to 1, motion carried. Mr. McIntyre voted no. The recommendation of the Board be relayed to Zoning Hearing Board attorney Ed Foley.

Mr. Houtmann reported he has sent letters out to the Hillspring Road residents regarding their storm water issues as well as Mr. Neilson regarding the same and has not heard back from anyone. He did meet with Mr. Cilini regarding the storm water issue at 2 West Pennsbury Way. He will allow the township to go on his property to fix the problem but will not grant an easement. Tom Oeste said he

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will draft a memorandum of understanding between the Township and Mr. Cilini allowing the Township to maintain the swale on his property

Dennis Smith reported the Planning Commission met on April 23rd and discussed the goals and objectives set forth in our planning seminar and identified which goals the members will be working on during 2019. Corinne Murphy agreed to start research on the Open Space Option ordinance and report back to members. At the May 14th meeting members looked at a sketch plan for the O'Hair property and offered suggestions. Hillcrest Assoc. will be submitting the preliminary/final plan in the next couple of weeks. A proposal to install a solar array for 17 Fair Hill Drive was also discussed. It was determined that the applicant and contractor was not ready for the advertised conditional use hearing on 5/15/19. They agreed to postpone that hearing and schedule it later.

Vince Moro was present and stated his plans submitted with the ZHB application had changed and he would like to swap out a page. Ms. Howley said the township was waiting for Ed Foley to schedule that hearing and then he would know when to come before the Planning Commission and supervisors to discuss it.

A bill list dated May 15, 2019 numbering 18882-18948, State Fund 437 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Manager