

November 20, 2019

A Conditional Use hearing for the installation of solar panels at 1 ½ Constitution Drive was duly advertised for 6 p.m. The hearing started at 6 p.m. and a court reporter was present and took minutes. The hearing concluded at 6:45 p.m. The Board had no objection to the installation of solar panels and approved the proposed use.

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Present: Supervisors Scottoline, McIntyre, Solicitor Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of October 16, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Ms. Howley reported the proposed 2020 budget was advertised and posted on November 6, 2019 and will be considered for adoption at the December 11, 2019 supervisor's meeting at 4:30 p.m. The meeting time changed to accommodate Mr. Oeste's schedule and this will be advertised and posted on our website. Ms. Howley noted an additional expense of \$6500 was added to the budget for a Brandywine Battlefield project that the township is participating in. The township will be reimbursed through a County Vision Partnership grant approximately \$4300 at the end of 2020. Supervisor Scottoline noted the General Fund PLGIT account has excess reserves in that account and he suggested transferring one half million dollars from that account to the Road Reserve account. The Board moved to have the transfer done. All were in favor and motion passed.

Road Dept. Report – Ms. Howley reported the road crew has completed the chipping of branches and bagged leaf disposal will end this month. They continue to trim tree branches along roads and will setup equipment with salt spreaders getting ready for winter.

Linton Zoning Hearing Board request and comments. Jim Fritsch from Register Assoc. as well as the Lintons and their attorney Michael Lyons were present to ask the Board for support of their application for variance, special exception and plan waivers for the development of a lot on Mill Pond Lane. The variances and special exceptions deal with building in prohibitive steep slopes and well as the riparian buffer zones. Mr. Fritsch went over the building plan and noted the lot was approved in 1959 and needs this relief if anything can be built there. The Board requested he consider another spot that is already disturbed for the stockpile noted on the plan. He will talk to Mr. Houtmann about this. The Board also asked that consideration be given to capturing or diverting the storm water off the driveway before it reaches the public road. The Board moved and unanimously passed a motion to stay neutral in the zoning hearing board matter but adding the comments that the ZHB members consider the township's request that stockpiling be placed in another area and storm water off driveway be managed. Ms. Howley will pass this information along to Mr. Foley, attorney for the Zoning Hearing Board.

Historic Commission Historic Survey Update – Hall property as well as three other properties are being considered as additions to the survey. Mrs. Luft submitted a written request from the Historic Commission that the Board consider adding not only the Hall property as presented in previous public meetings but also 600, 649 and 1000 Hickory Hill Road. Mr. & Mrs. Hall as well as their attorney Max O'Keefe were present. Mr. O'Keefe requested a court reporter take minutes for this part of the public meeting which was granted. Mr. Haggerty, court reporter was present and took minutes. Mr. O'Keefe stated that his client objects to being added to the Historic Survey and reasons were stated, however, no historical expert input was provided to support their objection. Mr. O'Keefe state that if the Board moves to add the Hall property his client may appeal it in court. Mr. Hall stated he would not object to adding his property to the Historical Survey update after his subdivision plan is finalized and that he

would agree to that in writing. Mr. Hall made reference to interactions with Supervisor Fenton on past occasions, therefore the Board deferred further action until the December 11th meeting when Mr. Fenton could be present.

The board acknowledged the Historic Commission request to add the 3 additional properties to the survey and the proposed updated documents will be considered at the December 11th meeting.

An ordinance establishing criteria for special events as well as an ordinance for a special event permit was duly advertised for consideration and adoption. A motion was made to adopt **Ordinance 2019-11-20-1 establishing criteria for special events**. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. A resident on Cossart Road had a concern with the noise level at an event recently held on the Haskell Farm. He said this was unusual and would talk to H.G. Haskell about it but had no overall objection to the ordinances. It was pointed out by the Township Solicitor that control over noise level would be more effective with an ordinance and permitting in place. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion passed. A motion to adopt **Ordinance 2019-11-20-2, Special Event Permitting**, was made and seconded. There was no discussion and a vote was taken. All were in favor and motion passed.

Dennis Smith stated there was no further report from the Planning Commission since the meeting covered most of what was discussed at the previous commission meetings. A bill list dated November 20, 2019 numbering 19276-19341, Capital Reserve #130, State Fund #452 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager