

August 6, 2007

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Monday, August 6, 2007. Mr. Fenton, Ms. Wood, Mr. Spangler and Kathy Howley were present and the minutes approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

2020 Community Seminar – talked to two townships that did this seminar. One would not do it again and the other had favorable comments. The cost would be approximately \$3000 and expected attendance would be 100-150 people. Mr. Fenton and Ms. Wood are not inclined to consider this at this time but have agreed to wait until Mrs. Ralph returns to discuss it further.

It was noted that Walter Grono was appointed to the Scenic Byway Commission by the Board at the June 4, 2007 meeting. This did not get into the minutes and thus noted for the minutes tonight. A letter will be sent to the Scenic Byway Commission advising them of this appointment.

Craig Kologie of Castle Valley did send a letter to DEP responding to their letter regarding the timeline for our Act 537 update. Will check with Penn's Village (Jack Becker) regarding their planning module submission and where they are at in the process.

The next newsletter will be out in September. If anyone has anything to contribute please get it to me this week.

Dave Allen was not present but Ms. Howley reported for him that the new truck has been ordered through the state contract and should be delivered early '08. Cost of truck is \$69,858, as savings of \$13,399 by going through the state contract. Fencing for the park was also discussed. A cattle fence was a little cheaper and the Board decided this type of fence would be acceptable. Cost of split rail was around \$7600 while the cattle fence was \$6600.

Rusty Drumheller, Code Enforcement Officer reported that McFadden Road property is being cleaned up and proceeding slowly. Passed another plumbing test working towards continued education goals.

Matt Houtman was not present but Ms. Howley reported the following:

Twin Turns – will visit the property this week. It is his understanding that the owners have come up with a plan to fix the basin and will be confirming this with them.

Pennsbury Mill – Ben Holloway will continue with his Eagle Scout project for the bridge which will be located in the flood plain. Ben will be getting his projected approved shortly by his council. The lumber and beams are being donated for the bridge. Matt will meet with Jim Sears to get all pertinent information for the filing of a water obstruction permit.

Mendenhall Subdivision – a letter was received by the township requesting an extension for the review of the plans to November 13, 2007. This is the second request for an extension and no activity on a revised plan has been submitted since the original submission in March. It is Mr. Houtman's understanding per the developer that the plans have substantially been changed in which case; it is Mr. Houtman's recommendation, that the plans be withdrawn and resubmitted at a later date. Mr. Spangler and the Board agreed that Mr. Spangler will send a letter to them asking them to withdraw the plans by August 13, 2007 or they would be turned down. If they resubmit new plans at a later date, they would waive the application fee. The township received complaints of a road being constructed in the wetlands south of the railroad tracks off of Hickory Hill Road. A site visit was done with the Chester County Conservation District and the contractor was told not to do any more work south of the railroad tracks because of a possible violation and no permits were obtained. The Conservation District has notified DEP and they are waiting for their response on this.

Driveway Ordinance – was duly advertised for adoption. After discussion the Board moved and passed the ordinance. This is a stand alone ordinance. Dave Allen and Matt Houtman will work on a permit form and the fee schedule must be changed to incorporate the fee for the driveway permit.

Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Updegave was present and asked the Board permission to follow through with the coordination of getting Chadds Ford Township and Concordville Fire Co. on our repeater to improve radio communication between our township and their organization. The Board agreed and Bob will work with John Spangler to draft an intermunicipal cooperation agreement. There would be no cost to the township for the set up. Mr. Updegrave also reported on the continued training he, Chuck Ditzel and Reese Reynolds attend for emergency management. Mr. Updegrave does not recommend joining the MIRT group at this time.

John Spangler reported that there was a workshop with the supervisors and Planning Commission members on July 30th regarding the Pennsbury Village submission, current stipulation and other court proceedings. A memo has been sent to the Planning Commission recapping this meeting. A letter will be sent by Mr. Spangler advising Pennsbury Village Assoc. that the time clock for their submission will start July 11, 2007 and the submission is a preliminary plan. It was noted the application fees and escrows have been received by the township and a request sent to the developer to send a complete set of plans to our landscape architect for review.

The Planning Commission has sent a letter to member, Bob Crandell, asking him to recuse himself from the review of the Pennsbury Village plans because of his involvement in a lawsuit affecting the property. Mr. Spangler has also sent a letter to him requesting this. Mr. Crandell stated he would have an answer to this request by the August 14th planning commission meeting. Barbara Kurowski reported that at their last meeting they continued the review of the zoning update with Chester County Planning Commission and the topic was open space design ordinance.

A bill list dated August 6, 2007 numbering 8997-9035 and State Fund #224 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager