

June 18, 2008

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 2008. All members were present and the minutes approved as submitted.

**Manager Kathleen Howley** reported the following:

- Three quotes were obtained for professional consulting with regard to a conservation easement and an open space management plan for Parker Preserve. NALT easement only was \$7500; Brandywine Conservancy was a total of \$8000 to draft both documents and Natural Lands Trust was \$16,321 for both documents. The Board voted to employ the Brandywine Conservancy to do the job. Mr. Fenton abstained from voting, Ms. Wood and Mr. Scottoline voted in favor of this.
- Adam Peterson has been retained to update our website and I have been meeting with him. If anyone has any suggestions for the website update, please let me know.
- Open Space Tax – the open space tax sunsets at the end of this year. There are 4 options: 1) Do nothing and let it sunset 2) Pass an ordinance to have it put on the Fall ballot for a referendum under Act 153. The last day we can get wording into voters registration for the ballot is August 26<sup>th</sup> 3) Put a question on the ballot asking voters if they would agree to extend this tax and it would come under our local enabling tax authority 4) Renew the tax and vote of the Board of Supervisors. There was a question as to whether or not we are allowed to ask the question on the ballot without coming under Act 153. Larry Wood will investigate this and report back at our July meeting. Karen Wood suggested that we have a meeting with our Berkheimer Assoc. representative to get a better understanding of what our alternatives are. This will be set up before the next meeting. She also suggested that instead of a referendum we might want to consider some type of survey. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.
- The supervisors approved the nomination H.G. Haskell III as a member of the Open Space Committee. All were in favor.
- Wrote a letter to PennDot requesting a study for a brake retarder sign on Rt. 1 near the entrance of Chadds Ford Knoll. Also included a request to a 4 way stop sign at the intersection of Brintons Bridge Road and Pocopson Road.
- Received a recycling grant from the state in the amount of \$6191 for 2006. This is for all the recycling the township does on site at the building.

**Roadmaster Dave Allen** reported the following:

- Mr. Houtman and I did an inspection/inventory of roads in the township. Will produce a report and schedule to help with future capital budgeting. In the Fall we will be looking at all the drainage in the township.
- Co-op met June 4<sup>th</sup> and awarded road work bid to Asphalt Industries who was the low bidder at \$1.84 sq.yd. They will do our road work in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July
- We continue to do road bank mowing.
- Ms. Wood reported she is getting an estimate to redo the windows in the Harris Room. This must be done first before the building can be painted.

Code Enforcement/Engineering Reports. Written reports were submitted and read by Ms. Howley.

- Code Enforcement Officer issued 8 zoning permits and 6 building permits for June. He also passed the state certification exam for residential electric.
- **Mr. Dewson** has requested a **90 day extension** for his subdivision plans which was granted by the Board by a vote. All were in favor.
- Knoll curb project – will finalize the design by July 23<sup>rd</sup> and advertise for bids thereafter. Have bid opening at the supervisor's meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup> and start work in September.
- **Hanover Hunt Basin** – the HOA is working on getting the basin repaired in the next week or two.
- **Parker/Hunting Hill reverse subdivision** – County and Township Planning Commission have recommended approval. Mr. Houtman did also. With no further discussion the Board voted to approve the plans and signed them.
- **Lyman Farm** – there continues to be runoff from the farm onto 3 & 5 McMullen Farm Lane. The Conservation District has listed the issues in a letter and sent this to DEP for enforcement. Mr. Houtman will follow up with them.
- **Mr. Kasowski** – was present to ask the Board about extending his horse riding rink and what he must do. Mr. Houtman advised in writing that there are waivers from the storm water ordinance that he could request from the township. The Board advised him to put his request in writing to them so they can review it. The Board stated they would like to encourage equestrian business in the township.

Karen Wood stated she is working on putting together the LEED committee with Joe Carbonell. Rusty Drumheller and Steve Woodward would also be on this committee.

Mr. Scottoline reported on the Regional Planning Commission meeting. The proposed traffic light for Rt. 52 & Hillendale Road will be approved shortly. There

is also a meeting with Historic Commissions in our region at Kennett Township this week.

Alma Forsyth gave a report on the Rt. 52 Byway Committee and their stand on the replacement of Creek Bridge.

The **Mendenhall** 6 lot Subdivision has been resubmitted. Because it was submitted and withdrawn last year, the Board voted to waive the application fee. However, they must pay the \$1500 escrow fee associated with the submission. Ms. Howley stated that the letter of credit for **Hawks Crest** has been received and the plans recorded.

Mike Washko gave a report on planning commission meeting activity for the past month.

A question came up on insurance coverage for our township with regard to legal fees for the defense of Mr. Fenton. Presently we are not being covered. Larry Wood stated we have hired a firm who will pursue getting the insurance company to pay these fees. Mr. DeVries asked for an update on the PVA legal challenges and Mr. Wood responded. MaryAnna Ralph asked what our legal fees to date are for this year. Ms. Howley will research this. Also, the website does not have the most recent amended budget appearing and this will also be looked into.

Karen Wood expressed her concern about being kept informed when meetings other than supervisor meetings take place. Mr. Fenton said he would do this. There was a meeting on 6/16 with Castle Valley and Mr. Scottoline that she was not informed of. Mr. Scottoline was getting an update on alternatives to stream discharge that Sunrise and CV were exploring. Mrs. Kurowski asked Mr. Scottoline for an update on this which was provided. She would also like the township to request a study be done on Rt. 1 to lower the speed limit from 55 to 45. Ms. Howley agreed to write this letter to PennDot and asked that other people write to the township to show support for this request.

Mr. McCarthy asked about having expanded notations in the minutes about the lawsuits. Larry Wood advised this is difficult to do and that the suits and other legal papers are on file at the township and can be viewed by the public upon request.

A bill list dated June 18, 2008 numbering 9688-9755 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

