

## PENNBURY PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Crandell. Present were Bob Crandell, Michael Lane, Margo Leach, Barbara Kurowski, Jim Ware and Lynn Luft.

The minutes of 8/10/10 were approved.

### **Presentation by Sheila Fleming – The Brandywine-Struble Greenway**

The Brandywine-Struble Greenway is an initiative conceived by the Brandywine Conservancy to form a grass roots coalition of municipalities to support an interconnected network of open space along the Brandywine Creek. The Conservancy received a grant of \$44,000 to form support within a 2-year time frame. It is envisioned as a 30 mile long landscape corridor of varying width, stretching from the Delaware State Line to the Pennsylvania Highlands Greenway in northern Chester County. The Greenway falls within 16 municipalities along the Brandywine Creek and consists of public-, private-, and non-profit-owned lands. The State and County define the Brandywine Creek as a corridor but there is no local, overall effort to preserve it. This initiative hopes to form an organization that will coordinate the protection of the corridor within the 16 municipalities. Further local greenway information – York Heritage Rail Trail at [pagreenways.org](http://pagreenways.org) and the Pennypack Creek Greenway at [pennypackgreenway.org](http://pennypackgreenway.org).

Questions from the Planning Commission included –

- Is the Brandywine River owned by the State or United States? An issue to be looked into further.
- How will they advertise the Greenway to individual land owners? Through papers, email and on Townships website. The feasibility study that the Martin Foundation grant sponsored laid groundwork with land owners along the Brandywine north of Rt. 1. Most of the land along the Brandywine south of Rt.1 is protected.
- What is in it for the Townships? The Conservancy can help with assistance through grant opportunities.
- What does the Conservancy hope to get by the end of the grant? A resolution of support from each Township. She would like the Planning Commission to endorse the initiative and discuss it with the Board of Supervisors.
- Is land along the West Branch of Brandywine Creek protected? Maybe through other County initiatives.
- How does it connect to other trails locally and in Delaware? Most other Townships have trail plans and in Delaware it connects to informal trails that connect to Woodlawn Trustee property and to State park land along the Brandywine Creek.

Sheila asked if they could nominate a liaison with the Conservancy. The Commission nominated Michael Lane and he accepted.

**Route 1 Corridor Overlay District**

As a follow up to the revisions to the Zoning Ordinances, a new plan of the Route 1 Corridor Overlay District was presented. The Board of Supervisors asked Bob Crandell to develop a new plan. Bob asked Margot Leach to work with the Brandywine Conservancy to develop a plan showing the new district. The old district was a line of varying widths on both sides of Route 1. The new district is based on tax parcels touching Route 1. Some tax parcels are not touching Route 1 and are included in the district. This difference is because the lots were touching the older, narrow district line even though it is not shown on the plan. After much discussion, the issue was not resolved as there was another plan with a new district on it that was presented by Margo but not discussed at length. It combined the Brandywine Battlefield Historic Area with the tax parcels to show a district based on Historic Resources. This new plan needs to be discussed further.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Michael E. Lane, Secretary, Planning Commission