

February 25, 2009

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. Messrs. Fenton, Scottoline, Oeste were present and minutes were approved as amended. A resident submitted comments on the 1/28/09 minutes and they are on file at the township building.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. The Brandywine Conservancy replied that they would monitor the Mendenhall Easement on an annual basis for approximately \$260. I will proceed to get the paper work to secure their services.
2. The zoning hearing board has rendered their decision for the Haldeman application granting him extra parking spaces. The appeal timeframe is 30 days from the date of the decision.
3. Taylor Garage – Dave Taylor applied for a building permit for an addition to his garage and was turned down by Mr. Drumheller. He is seeking zoning relief with the township and has applied for a zoning hearing board meeting. A date has not been set yet.
4. The caretaker house at Parker Preserve had been rented to 3 state troopers starting April 1st. They have agreed to monitor and do some maintenance in our preserve. Dave Allen has reported that the township will be putting up signature posts during the spring around the perimeter of the woods to delineate township open space vs. HOA open space.
5. Berkheimer Assoc. will mail tax bills next week to township residents.
6. Bids were opened February 17th for the LED traffic light change at New Garden Township. Signal Service appeared to be the low bidder. Our township has partnered with New Garden and Avondale Borough for this work and received a state grant for it. New Garden's township engineer is coordinating the process. There are some issues with the bid pricing and will get back to us when it is worked out.
7. The audit draft has been disseminated among board members and elected auditors. The board would like a meeting with Tim Umbriet to go over the audit. The township has secured Mr. Umbriet's services for next year at a cost of \$2850.
8. The Board moved to accept the extension of reviews for Windmill Hollow – new date is May 12, 2009 and Pennsbury Village Final Plan review – new date April 30, 2009.

Roadmaster Dave Allen – written report read by Ms. Howley. The spring road inspection date will be Monday, March 30th at 8 a.m.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman reported the bid package for the Knoll curb project Phase IV is complete and will be advertised for bid opening March 18, 2009.

Kathy Do representing the Chadds Ford Elementary School PTO was present along with Sharon Parker, School Superintendent to discuss a sign on Rt. 1 for the school announcing the awarding of a "blue ribbon school". The PTO had put up a 4' x 8' sign and had to take it down because they did not get a permit and a sign of that size is not permitted in that zoning district. They also found out they must seek relief from the zoning hearing board which they intend to do. They are very proud of this accomplishment and asked the supervisors to support their request to the zoning hearing board. They would like to leave the sign up for one year. The board congratulated them and will take this into consideration.

Bob Crandell reported on the last two planning commission meetings. The 2/10 meeting was with the County Planning Commission going over the zoning update and their 2/24 meeting dealt with the final plan review for Pennsbury Village, LeFevre two lot sketch plan and Sheila Fleming from the Conservancy spoke on trails program especially along the Brandywine Creek.

Litigation – Mr. Oeste reported nothing has changed from the last meeting. Briefs are pending in most cases and the breach of contract case is on hold because of a similar case being considered by the state supreme court. The township did receive a letter from Gary Rosen outlining his costs to be considered by the board in representing the township in the appeal of Judge Gavin's decision. He proposes to cap his services at \$30,000 and offers a reduced rate for his services and his paralegal. Mr. Fenton moved to secure his services for the appeal case and Mr. Scottoline seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Under public comment Mr. Ralph stated the township should support the school for their request to put up the sign. There were various concerns expressed regarding legal expenses vs the budget for same, and also there was discussion regarding defending the township on various legal matters. Appropriations for legal expenses will be adjusted in April along with any other adjustments deemed needed by the Board. Mr. Orenshaw stated he has had to apply for a land disturbance permit for moving dirt on his Hillendale Road property and wants to make sure everyone follows the same rules for permitting. A bill list dated Feb. 25 numbering 10242-10304, State Funds 233-235 were submitted and approved by the board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathleen Howley
Township Manager