

August 18, 2010

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 18, 2010. Messrs, Fenton, Scottoline, McIntyre, Oeste and Ms. Howley were present and the minutes approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

- Brandywine Battle Path – Michael Lane updated the Board on his work with the task force to secure support for additional research and funding for a proposed trail linking Sandy Hollow historic area to the Brandywine Battlefield visitor's center in Chadds Ford Township. Birmingham, Chadds Ford, Pocopson and Pennsbury Townships would be involved in these efforts. He would like the township to pass a resolution supporting their efforts for this study. The support letter and resolution examples can be altered. The Board will review the materials and get back to him with an answer.
- Alma Forsyth gave a brief update on the grant application submitted last March by the Rt. 52 Byway Committee for funding a bike path along Rt. 52 through our township. It does not look like there is funding for this but the County Transportation Department offered its assistance in designing minor improvement in lieu of a major project.
- **State Police Lt. Brown and Trooper Winesburger** were present to bring the Board up to date on police activity in the Avondale Barracks service area and encourage residents to keep vigilant for potential robberies and any suspicious activities. Call the police to report incidents. Lock car doors at all times and do not keep valuables in cars. Identity theft is on the rise and be careful with your personal information. Richard Schwartzman asked Lt. Brown how his news service can get timely police reports for publication. Lt. Brown said he would be happy to assist him in getting reports to him. Lt. Brown stated he would be attending all township meetings in his area at least twice a year and encourages troopers to stop and talk to residents while patrolling. Supervisor Fenton congratulated the State Police on their efforts to control non-resident activities on Cossart Road. The State Police have a new radio system that they are sorting out which should be of help.
- **Park Committee – proposed Bark Park** – The Board is in favor of supporting the Bark Park but the supervisors offered an alternate proposal for the Bark Park which the Park Committee will consider. The Board moved to authorize the Park Committee to move forward with this project based on the alternate proposal. All were in favor and the motion passed. Dave Allen will schedule the fencing in the park and work with the Park Committee.
- **Conner McShane** – presented a picture to the Board of his proposed mosaic for the outside of the township building. This would be his Eagle Scout project. The Board had some concern with the size, and Supervisor

Scottoline said he would work with Conner to come up with a picture for resizing. Members also asked Conner to research the symbol he is suggesting to see if it has meaning besides being on our sign on Rt. 1.

- Tom Oeste was asked to draft an ordinance for advertising and consideration at the 9/22 Board meeting pertaining to Act 32 tax collection and the appointing of a new EIT tax collector.
- An amendment to the **Comp Plan** has been sent onto the supervisors from the planning commission. The supervisors will review it and comment at the next meeting. A **Historic ordinance amendment** dealing with the renovation and rehabilitation of historic structures was reviewed by the supervisors. The Board authorized Mr. Oeste to advertise this ordinance amendment for the 9/22 Board meeting, and a copy will be sent to the County Planning Commission for its comments.
- The Pension Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2011 is \$12543. This number will be in the budget for next year.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman stated he has been inspecting storm water management work on the Springdale Farm site. Hawks Crest public improvements have been completed but homes are not being sold.

Ms. Howley read the Road Department report. Jim Decker has retired, and Dave Allen is looking for his replacement. The oil and chipping of roads for this year has been completed, and the road crew continues to clear drainage swales along township roads.

Bob Crandell reported the Planning Commission met with Wayne Megill and answered questions on the Geewax property (former Chadds Peak ski area) which he is considering for development. Margot Taylor, landscape architect, made a presentation to members of the Planning Commission on sustainable development. She is using her residence as an example of how this would work and welcomes tours. A bill list dated 8/18/10 numbering 11563-11622, state fund #250 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Howley, Township Manager