

March 20, 2013

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Present were Supervisors Scottoline, Fenton, McIntyre, Solicitor Oeste and Kathleen Howley. The minutes of 2/27/13 were approved as amended by Supervisor McIntyre.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER Kathleen Howley** reported the following:

- The Vision Partnership Program grant application for the update of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance was filed with Chester County on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The township should know by May if the grant was awarded. The township will cover 35% of the cost, 5% by Brandywine Conservancy and 60% by the County grant program. The grant request is \$27,750. The Brandywine Conservancy will be the consultant on this project. Ms. Howley will check to see if the township Planning Commission can start with this project before the grant is awarded and received credit for the effort against the Township's contribution.
- Wedgwood Drive Bid was received at the last meeting in the amount of \$67,000. The Board members would like to see \$100,000 bid. The Board members voted unanimously to reject the bid and hope to receive a bid for this property much closer to \$100,000.
- Russomagno Zoning Hearing Board application – this hearing is set for April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the township building. The Board members voted unanimously to take a neutral position on this application for a variance to put a swimming pool in the front yard. If the size of the pool needs a variance the Board also be stay neutral on that point. This will be conveyed to Mr. Foley, solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board. It was noted that Matt Houtman is in the process of reviewing a land disturbance permit application for the building of the house. Several concerns with regard to the storm water management and flood district were raised by residents as well as discussion on this issue at the last Planning Commission meeting. Alma Forsyth representing the Pennsbury Land Trust was also present and had the same concerns since a portion of the lot is under easement with the Land Trust. Mr. Houtman will attend the hearing on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Road Department** by David Allen was read by Ms. Howley. It was noted that there has been at least 9 storm water inlets stolen from township roads. This has been reported to the state police. The road crew has marked in yellow paint the corners of the inlets throughout the township for easy identification. Kennett Township Police officer McCarthy located a scrap metal company in Delaware where some of the inlets were taken and sold. The township has had 6 inlets returned. Bids for road work this year will be opened on Thursday by the Co-op.

Mr. Fenton reported that Anne Walters, landscape architect, is working on a sketch plan to potentially amend our park plan by adding the eastern PVA parcel to the park in case the opportunity to purchase that lot comes up in the near future. This would be an ideal addition to our park for playing fields.

Mr. McIntyre reported that bids for the Hillendale School storm water erosion project should be received and opened by the School District on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Windmill Hollow – a letter was received by the township from the applicant requesting a 90 day extension for the review of this subdivision. The Board moved and unanimously agreed to this extension. Mr. Houtman reported the plans are in good shape and he will meet with Tom Oeste next week to go over the HOA document as it pertains to the plans. The Brandywine Conservancy is

mentioned in the HOA document and they should also have reviewed it. Ms. Howley will check with the applicant on this. The applicant has requested to be on the April 17<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting agenda for final approval.

Rusty Drumheller, Code Enforcement Officer, reported he met with the Yin's who own Reyburns Tavern and they are slowly cleaning up the property and hope to sell vegetables this summer. The interior was vandalized and copper taken. This type of theft is happening throughout our area. He also stated the Crosslands project is behind schedule but now starting to catch up.

Dennis Smith reported the Planning Commission, at their last meeting, reviewed the ZHB applications for Russomagno pool and Walker fencing. Members recommended support of the Russomagno application and Mr. Walker said he would return at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting with more information on his application.

Mr. Fenton reported on the CCATO meeting that he and Mr. McIntyre attended. Subject matters discussed at the conference were: prevailing wage legislation, bridge maintenance with Penndot, advertising on the web, what to do with spent mushroom soil, and PECO outages.

Mr. McIntyre stated he attended the KARPC meeting last night and there was a discussion on the historic homes along Rt. 1 in Kennett Township that Longwood Gardens owns and they would like to demolish them. It was also noted that there is a Regional Comprehensive Plan passed in 2000 that our township signed onto and is on file in the township office. The Township Comprehensive Plan was updated in 2006 and took into account compatibility with surrounding municipality planning.

A bill list dated March 20, 2013 numbering 13746-13829; State Fund #289 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley  
Township Manager