

October 16, 2013

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. Supervisors Scottoline, Fenton, McIntyre, Solicitor Oeste and Kathleen Howley were present and the minutes of September 18, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. The township has received variance requests for Wedgwood Drive for a driveway in a wetland margin and from Mr. & Mrs. Short for a swimming pool on their lot in Parker Preserve. These hearing requests have been sent to the Zoning Hearing Board and no hearing date has been set yet.
2. Qualls ZHB hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 7th at 7 p.m. in the township building.
3. Uhrik ZHB hearing is scheduled for November 14th at 7 p.m. Jim Fritsch from Register Assoc. as well as Mrs. Uhrik were present to explain to the Board their three variance requests in order for the Uhrik to have an in ground swimming pool in their backyard. They live at 42 Constitution Drive in Chadds Ford Knoll. Mr. Fritsch explained the reason for the variance requests. It was also noted that our Planning Commission recommended supporting the requests with the condition that a valid secondary septic area be noted on the plan. Mrs. Uhrik stated that the septic company will be doing the testing for this at the end of October so she will have that information for the November 14th hearing. They have public water so a secondard site in the front yard is feasible. The Board unanimously agreed to stay neutral with this request conditioned upon a favorable result for locating the secondary septic system location testing on the property.
4. A resolution acknowledging the service of Patricia Morrison as the secretary of CCATO (Chester Co. Assn. of Township Officials) for 26 years was approved and signed by the Board. This will be sent to CCATO and acknowledged at their upcoming dinner on November 7th.
5. Pennsbury Historical Commission is sponsoring an Underground Railroad tour this Sunday, October 20th. The tour is given by the Kennett Underground Railroad group.
6. Election Day is November 5th and the township building offices will be closed. Remember to vote. Polls will be open 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.
7. The supervisor's December meeting will be Tuesday, December 10th at 7 p.m. There will also be a 2014 budget workshop on Monday, October 21st at 8:45 a.m. This has been advertised.

Road Department – Ms. Howley reported for Dave Allen the following:

1. The last road bank mowing of the year will be done this week.
2. Township trucks are being readied for winter and roads are being skin patched and sealed
3. Leaf pick up will start next week and branch chipping done the week of November 11th.
4. Fall road inspection with supervisors will be October 23rd.

Engineer Matt Houtman reported that he met with the planning commission to go over the draft of the storm water ordinance. He will meet with them one more time to finalize the document. The riparian buffer ordinance will be incorporated into this document. Mr. Houtman stated that any new projects with storm water facilities will have to set aside money in escrow for the continued maintenance of these facilities.

Parker Preserve lot line change – Jim Fritsch from Register Assoc. as well as owner Tony Dambro were present to discuss a proposed lot line change for lot #17 in Parker Preserve. The prospective buyer wants to add 0.6 acres to the lot. The additional acreage would come from the HOA open space. Jim Fritsch stated there is HOA open space in excess of the township ordinance requirements – approximately 5 acres that was set aside when the subdivision was approved. Mr. Oeste stated that before the subdivision can be done the Declaration of Restrictions must be amended and the township must consent to the amendment. Mr. Fritsch also noted that a note will be placed on the plan that the changing of lot lines will not happen again – no further subdivision of these lots. The supervisors do not have an objection to this proposal as long as the record establishing this subdivision does not present any argument against it. The Board does not want to set precedence for this type of thing. The Board will review the records and will advise Mr. Dambro by the end of next week of its views.

Supervisor McIntyre stated that the Hillendale School tree planting project was a huge success last Saturday. The Brandywine Conservancy, Pennsbury Land Trust and BVA participated as well as many parents and children. 600 trees were planted as well as some additional trees at the Pennsbury Mill and Russomango property by Pennsbury Land Trust. Mr. Houtman did a final inspection of the storm water facility installed. Alma Forsyth also noted that the trees were originally to be planted on the Mill site. In order to help defray the cost of the school project, the trees were planted there and the Land Trust will be looking for additional trees for the Mill.

Planning Commission – Mr. Smith stated members had reviewed the Uhrik ZHB request as well as the Parker Preserve issue at their last meeting. They will continue with the review of the storm water ordinance draft with Mr. Houtman and their next meeting.

Emergency Management Coordinator Lloyd Roach stated the County is having problems with their new radios. It appears that the signals cannot go through building walls. This maybe a problem for townships with tall office buildings in which case some type of device maybe necessary inside the building to solve this problem.

A bill list dated October 16, 2013 numbering 14210-14270, State Fund 297, 298, was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager