

May 21, 2014

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Present: Aaron McIntyre, Charles Scottoline, Solicitor Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of the April 16, 2014 were approved as submitted.

John Snook of the Brandywine Conservancy gave a presentation on the work being done by the Brandywine Valley Rt. 52 Byway Commission. Also present were Michael Lane and Alma Forsyth who represent Pennsbury Township on this commission. Mr. Snook went over the highlights of the corridor management plan that is being proposed. A critical issue addressed is the management of pedestrian, bikes and cars along this corridor. The Rt. 52 corridor connects at the Delaware state line with the Delaware Valley Byway and a bike path is presently being constructed along 52 through Kennett Township. Included in the plan are historic and scenic resource maps. The Commission also hopes to piggyback with the Brandywine Creek Greenway Plan. The plan is available online at BrandywineValleyByway.org for viewing. A public hearing will be held at the Brandywine River Museum on Monday, June 9th at 6:30 p.m. to accept public comment.

Township Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. The annual Pennsbury Park Yard Sale was a success. Weather was perfect for buying and selling. This is the 13th year for the yard sale. Also Clean Up Day was held May 3rd and dumpsters were here for resident large item disposal. One dumpster is still here if anyone has something to dispose of.
2. State Rep. Steven Barrar was here for a resident awareness program on April 24th. He talked about what was happening in Harrisburg as well as what services his office provides for residents. By the end of this year, Pennsbury Township will be included in his district, the 160th state district.
3. PennDot held a public meeting on the proposed replacement of the Rt. 926 Bridge over the Brandywine Creek. PennDot hopes to let the job sometime within the next year. It is an 18 month project. The presentation has been uploaded on our website under Planning Commission Projects.
4. The Conservancy planted approximately 400 trees on the Pennsbury Mill site on May 3rd. The cost of the project was covered under a grant.

Dave Allen Road Department Report - Despite heavy rains on April 30th, there was little flood damage. Water is still running alongside roads. The crew is skin patching and trimming trees along roads that will be oiled & chipped this summer. Asphalt Industries was awarded the low bid for road work. Price for precoated oil & chip came in at \$1.46/sq.yd. Road bank mowing will start in June.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman reported the following:

1. Recommends approval of the escrow release for Hawks Crest in the amount of \$14,908.24. The Board moved and passed unanimously to approve the escrow release.
2. Sent a letter to the Lyman's (Maui Meadows) regarding runoff from their property onto McMullan Farm Lane. Overall the storm water management practices put into place about five years ago are working. All operations are working as they should. The basin does need to be cleaned out of accumulated silt because of all the heavy rains. Talked to Mr. Lyman today and he said he would get this done within the next two (2) weeks.

3. DelCollo Trees – Mrs. DelCollo was present and asked that their property be exempt from the planting of the trees that are included on the landscaping plan for the Kissell Subdivision. She contends that the back of their house is not that noticeable and trees would hinder their view of the surrounding property. The Board said they would make a site visit and get back to her. She gave them permission to walk the property anytime that is convenient for them.
4. Tom Oeste reported Mr. Dambo's counsel, Sean O'Neil called to ask for an extension to the Mikkelson request for land transfer from the HOA open space to their lot. Mr. Dambro could not attend tonight's meeting. The Board moved and unanimously to approve the extension to June 30th and said there would be no further extensions. They would address this at their June meeting.
5. The June Board meeting is tentatively being moved to June 25, 2014 at 7 p.m. because of schedule conflicts. Ms. Howley will notify all property owners in Parker Preserve of that date when confirmed with Mr. Fenton.

Dennis Smith reported the Planning Commission met on April 22nd to continue the review of the SALDO update with John Snook and Matt Houtman. At their May 13th meeting they discussed the Village Residential (VR) and Village Commercial (VC) bulk regulations. They will study other historic areas in the county and how other townships handle bulk regulations. On June 9th there will be a field trip to Unionville and Marshalltown historic districts to gather information on this subject matter.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager