

June 25, 2014

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 25, 2014. All members were present as well as Solicitor Oeste and Kathleen Howley. The minutes of May 21, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Springdale Farm (Mendenhall Farm) Carl Meister, listing agent for this property, was present to discuss with the Board an option for the sale of the property. He has a client who is considering the purchase of the farm. However, he has approximately 50+ "show" horses and the property according to our zoning regulations would support less than that. He pointed out that show horses do not graze and are kept inside; therefore, the pasture requirement would be a moot point. He also stated that surrounding townships do not have ordinances dealing with "show horses" so there is no reference point for comparison. He said, however, that Newlin Township just passed a variance to their zoning because of a similar situation in their township. The Board stated they would be interested in getting a copy of that variance and Mr. Meister said he would provide that and any other information that Pennsbury can study in order to form an informed opinion.

Uhrik Zoning Hearing Application – Rosemary Uhrik and her husband were present to review with the Board their recent application for a pool variance. They previously were granted a pool variance for the side yard. However, when they started to dig, they found the septic system in that space and had to change the location of the pool to the other side of their yard and consequently are now having to ask for a 25 ft side yard variance. Their hearing is scheduled for July 10, 2014. After some discussion the Board moved and passed to remain neutral and transmit their position to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Road Department Report – Dave Allen submitted a written report. The contracted road work was finished yesterday and the job was well done. The road crew will finish up road bank mowing next week and will continue with drainage projects this summer. The crew attended a flagger training session as well as a CPR and First Aid course.

Code Enforcement Officer Rusty Drumheller reported that he continues to work with Crosslands on their Wellness Center project. They hope to finish the job by year end but there have been many setbacks. Building permit work has picked up with the summer weather.

Longwood Fire Company monetary support request for a new rescue vehicle— Brad Bowman from the Fire Company was present. Supervisor Scottoline stated that he has done research and concludes that all cost-effective options for replacing or rehabbing the existing rescue vehicle have not sufficiently been explored and cannot make an informed decision at this time. Supervisors McIntyre and Fenton concur that there has not been adequate information presented to justify the purchase of a new vehicle and that not enough research was presented by Longwood for new versus used versus rehab existing vehicle and would need more information. The Board would like to meet again with the fire company to discuss all options. Mr. Fenton asked what happens to the Longwood Foundation grant money if all townships involved are not willing to fund the vehicle. Mr. Bowman stated they would have to figure out some other avenue for funding. The supervisors acknowledged the important role the fire company plays in our community and the valuable service they provide to residents but they could not make a decision at this time.

Mikkelson Subdivision – Solicitor Oeste stated a letter and accompanying documents regarding this proposed subdivision was received yesterday, June 24th from Mr. Mikkelson's attorney Sean O'Neill.

The Board has not had time to digest the information and Mr. O'Neill sent an email asking for a 30 days extension in order for a proper review of all information submitted. This will also give Mr. Houtman time to do a second review against our current zoning regulations. Mr. McIntyre moved to grant the extension and the motion was seconded. Motion carried. This will be on the July meeting agenda. Mr. Macie asked for and was given a copy of the O'Neill letter. The July Board meeting may be set over a week because of schedule conflicts and once a date is selected, it will be advertised.

Planning Commission – Dennis Smith stated the following was discussed by PC members at their last two meetings:

- Pool variance set back issues
- VC/VR – bulk regulations. Members went on a field trip to other historic districts for possible comparisons
- Accessory buildings – bulk regulations
- SALDO review with John Snook, consultant – continued.

Two bill lists dated 5/21 and 6/25 numbering 14683-14675, State Fund #313-315 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
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