

April 15, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. All members were present along with Solicitor Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. The Thompson zoning hearing board meeting was held last night and the variance requested was granted with conditions. The written decision is forthcoming.
2. In the April newsletter information on the Yard Sale (April 25th), dumpsters for large item disposal, Clean Up Day May 2nd as well as a shredding event on that day is included. Also, branch pick up by road crew is this week.
3. Boy Scout Bradley Heacock was present and provided a presentation on his proposed Eagle Scout project. He proposes to clean up and repair an existing foot bridge in the Pennsbury Park as well as clearing and cleaning up the foot path near the pond. He will fund the project through donations and fundraisers and plans to start in July. He has talked to Road Master Dave Allen for his input and will be in contact with him when he starts the project. The Board congratulates Bradley on his excellent presentation and the township looks forward to the finished product.
4. State Rep. Barrar will hold a Town Hall meeting in the Harris Room on Wednesday, April 29th 6:30 p.m. .
5. Emergency Management Coordinator Michael Hochhaus brought the Board up to date on the classes that he has attended to keep his certifications in place. He also updated the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and asked that a resolution be passed acknowledging this 2 yrs update. With no further discussion the Board moved and voted to adopt Resolution 150415. He will have copies made of the EOP and get them to Ms. Howley. Mr. Hochhaus also stated that he is investigating a new on line tool called Everbridge which would replace the Reverse 911 system. The County is looking into this and when he gets more information, he will arrange for a demonstration for the Board.

Road Master Dave Allen Report – Ms. Howley reported the road crew is prepping roads for summer work as well as trimming trees. The Co-op opened bids for stone, fuel, line painting and road oil. The following lowest bids were accepted: (1) Stone, Martin Limestone (2) Oil, Superior Plus Energy \$2.5062/gal, (3) Line painting, Alpha Space Control, and (4) road oil-AMS \$3.89/gal and \$2.50/gal with hose man. The new storage building is being completed. Dave Allen met with Matt Houtman to update the road schedule for this year.

Prince ZHB Application – Mr. Prince and Mr. Fineberg representing Teds Pools were present to explain to the Board why they are requesting a variance for impervious coverage. Mr. Prince lives in Parker Preserve and wants to have a pool and deck installed. The Planning Commission recommended supporting the application to the ZHB. Mr. Fineberg showed a plan of the lot and where the proposed deck and pool would be. There is open HOA land behind the lot so there is extra storm water drainage area for his lot to make up for the extra impervious area in the pool and decking plan. With no further discussion the Board voted to stay neutral on this application and let the zoning hearing board decide.

Carl Meister, realtor representing the owners of the Mendenhall Farm (Springdale) wrote a letter to the Board and was present to discuss if the Board would be amenable to allowing 50 horses on the property and permitting 12 horse shows per year. There is a potential buyer who has show horses and he wants

to know if the township would be favorable to granting a variance for this. Mr. Oeste stated the Board of Supervisors does not grant variances and there is a question as to whether horse shows would be considered a commercial use. He would have to apply to the Zoning Hearing Board for any variances. Kurt Shievert was present representing the buyer. He stated his client would not want to go through the Zoning Hearing Board process if he could not have horse shows and the number of horses on the property. The current zoning would permit up to 39 horses on the property; the prior version of the zoning ordinance would not permit as many. After much discussion the Board stated they did not have enough definitive information to render an opinion. They did state that the support of the neighbors would be important. Supervisors Scottoline and McIntyre expressed a preference to do some additional research on the matter before stating an opinion.

Supervisor McIntyre noted the vacancy on the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway Commission which needs to be filled. He moved to appoint Joe Carbonell stating that Mr. Carbonell is a retired architect, has lived in the township for many years and has served on the Planning Commission, the Zoning Hearing Board and the Pennsbury Land Trust. He seems well suited for this position. Mr. Scottoline seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Dennis Smith, Planning Commission chair, reported that members have continued their review of the VR regulations, continued SALDO review with John Snook and Matt Houtman and heard a presentation by Ann Hutchinson, NLT, on riparian buffer ordinance. The Planning Commission recommended to the supervisors that NLT along with the Conservancy submit a draft language to strengthen our ordinances. There would be no cost to the township for this work. Mr. Smith also reported they reviewed the Prince ZHB application and commented on the proposed "Walkable Chadds Ford" plan which Chadds Ford Township has drafted.

Mary Short from Parker Preserve was present to report that Mr. Dambro has cleared land in the HOA open space behind lot 17 and into the Township's Preserve area in violation of the HOA agreement and potentially the agreement with Pennsbury Township. Ms. Howley reported that she has talked to Matt Houtman, township engineer, and he is sending out an inspector to take picture and talk to Mr. Dambro about this alleged violation.

A bill list dated 4/15/15 numbering 15460-15549 and State Fund 335, 336 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