

August 19, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. Present were Supervisors Scottoline, McIntyre, Solicitor Tom Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of July 15, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Manager Report – Kathleen Howley

1. The property that the township purchased last December has a historic house on it that was rented as an antique shop. Items were left in the house and the township will have a Tag Sale on Thursday, September 3rd from 9 to 6 p.m. Friday September 4th from 9-6 p.m. and Saturday, September 5th from 9-4 p.m. The township has contracted with a company to do the sale. The sale is also advertised on our website and there will be sale signs posted.
2. PennDot advised the township that its request for a speed study on Rt. 1 throughout the township has been completed and the speed limit will be reduced to 45 MPH in all areas on Rt. 1 within Pennsbury Township. A letter is forthcoming from PennDot and they are in the process of changing all signs.

Road Master Dave Allen reported the following:

1. Storm inlets were installed on Hillendale Road and Cossart Road. Tree trimming has begun and getting ready for school buses to run on Aug. 31st.
2. Road bank mowing will start next week.
3. Complaints have been received about a tree blocking sight distance coming out of Running Fox Trail. Dave Allen will be in contact with the homeowner to resolve the situation.

Rusty Drumheller reported he has responded to several complaints from residents in the neighborhood of Pennsbury Hills and Chadds Ford Knoll regarding a variety of nuisances. Supervisor McIntyre stated if there is any significant tree or shrub trimming, it would good if the township reached out to the homeowner first to avoid any potential conflicts. It was agreed that this would be done.

Ms. Howley reported Mr. Mikkelson is working on a landscape plan to revegetate the HOA-owned open space behind his home in Parker Preserve and this plan will be available for public comment and review at the September 16th supervisor's public meeting. Ann Walters is the landscape architect.

Matt Houtmann reported as built plans have been received from Tony Dambro for Parker Preserve. There are 3 lots left to be developed and the storm water basins must be addressed. There are a number of things to be done before consideration of the dedication of the roads in that development.

It was reported that a draft for the zoning amendments to the VC/VR/accessory structure sections of the Zoning Ordinance as submitted by the Planning Commission has been circulated by Tom Oeste to the Board. After their review and comment, it will be distributed to the Planning Commission for their comments. Ms. Howley reported the final draft of the SALDO will be sent from John Snook to the township by the end of August. Jeannine Spiers from the Chester County Planning Commission will also be reviewing it for the grant application requirements. This review will be in tandem with the Act 247 review. The plan will be advertised for adoption at the Board's last meeting in December.

Dennis Smith, Planning Commission chair reported the following:

1. On July 28th members met with Matt Houtmann regarding changes to the Windmill Hollow plan. They also discussed amending the open space design ordinance regarding impervious surface percentage. After much discussion it was agreed not to amend this ordinance and proceed to have the township enforce it. Ways to ensure that purchasers of new properties with large houses on relatively small lots explicitly acknowledge the impervious coverage constraints are being explored.
2. On August 11th Ann Hutchinson from NLT was present to go over a draft to our riparian buffer ordinance. She will revise the amendment based on discussion and come back to us in September for one last review.

Alma Forsyth pointed out to the Board the importance of not supporting the current County plan for development along the Route 1 Corridor. The Board agreed that some proposed development on that plan is not appropriate for our area and individual townships should be aware of this. Also, she asked that the storm water erosion issues on the Mendenhall Farm property be addressed with the new owners. Mr. Houtmann is aware of this and will contact the Conservation District to see what steps can be taken to address this.

A bill list dated August 19, 2015 numbering 15763-15836, State Fund #341 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager