

October 21, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. Members present: Supervisors Scottoline, McIntyre, Fenton (by phone), Solicitor Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of the September 16th meeting were approved as submitted.

Township Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

- The 2016 proposed budget will be advertised for posting on November 4, 2015 and considered for adoption at the supervisor's December 16, 2015 meeting. The draft will also be posted on the township website.
- An ordinance was advertised for adoption to establish a 4 Way stop intersection for Cossart Road at Fairville Road. Mr. Fenton stated that cars come off Rt. 52 at a high rate of speed and fly through this intersection. This will be beneficial to the traveling public. With no further discussion Mr. Fenton moved to adopt the ordinance and Mr. Scottoline seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Road Master Dave Allen – Ms. Howley read his report. The road crew is patching low spots in roads and the road bank mowing has been finished for the year. They are servicing equipment for winter and has painted stop bars at railroad crossings. The Co-op awarded the salt contract to Oceanport at \$72.80/ton. PennDot's salt contract is with Morton Salt at \$66.72/ton. Last year's salt price was \$58.78/ton. The township will purchase the initial increment of salt via the Penndot contract and the remainder, if necessary, via the Co-op contract. Members of the board expressed concern about PennDot's delay in replacing road markings on Parkersville and Pocopson state roads. Ms. Howley was asked to contact PennDot and Stephen Barrar's office about this. The fall road inspection will take place on Oct. 27th at 8 a.m.

Mendenhall Farm – There has been several reports of vandalism at the old farmhouse which is vacant. CFP Associates owns the property and previously has been asked to board up the historic structures to prevent this and also demolition by neglect which is prohibited by Township ordinance for historical structures. There are also property maintenance ordinance requirements to be met. Rusty Drumheller recently made an inspection and talked to Tom Oeste about this. Mr. Oeste reported that Rusty said the house windows are all broken and nothing is boarded up anymore. The house is in worse shape than before. Mr. Oeste will confer with Rusty to draft a letter to the owners regarding the lack of property maintenance and ATV vehicles reported on the property. Ms. Howley was also asked to alert the state police and ask that they check the property as they patrol in Pennsbury. Mr. Houtman reported that he did walk the property with Mr. Smith (one of the owners) about a month ago to inspect the storm water issues previously reported. Mr. Houtman stated he did not see any storm water issues that were impacting Craig's Mill stream on the backside of the property.

Ms. Howley reported the Brandywine Conservancy has notified the property owners that the easement will be transferred from the Township to the Brandywine Conservancy as of the November 18th supervisor's meeting. A resolution and assignment of easement will be signed at that meeting. It was noted that easement work with the Brandywine Conservancy for the land recently purchased by the township will continue together with representatives of the Pennsbury Land Trust.

Mr. Facciolo was present to discuss his request for a zoning variance for an accessory structure size limitation. He wants to erect a 30 x 40 structure (1200 sf) to house his equestrian property maintenance

equipment. He recently purchased a 10+ acre lot with a house and stable on it. He stated he will be housing only his equipment that will be used to maintain this property. He has put up additional fencing creating several paddocks and will need additional equipment to do his maintenance. No construction equipment will be stored there. Mr. McIntyre explored his concern that 600 sf should be enough to house maintenance equipment for the property and moved to take “no position” to the Zoning Hearing Board which is scheduled for October 28th at 7 p.m. in the township building. Mr. Fenton seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried. Mr. Foley, solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board will be notified.

Planning Commission Chair Dennis Smith reported members did discuss the Facciolo hearing request and could not come to a consensus to make a recommendation to the Board to support or oppose the request. He also reported that at their September 22nd meeting Ann Hutchinson discussed minor changes members suggested to the riparian buffer ordinance amendment. Mrs. Hutchinson was to make the changes and get a clean draft copy to the township. Members agreed that the township would benefit from this proposed amendment. The Board asked that Mr. Houtman review this document and make a recommendation to the Board. Ms. Howley will follow up with Mrs. Hutchinson. Mr. Smith also reported that Lynn Luft is still working on the response to Tom Oeste’s input to the proposed amendment for the VC/VR ordinance. Margo Leach has contacted Mr. Oeste on accessory structures portion of the amendment. Members will be adding a meeting to their schedule on November 5th in order to get caught up on issues that have been outstanding on their agenda. They will also be reviewing the proposed Longwood Garden zoning change as well as the Zoning Hearing Board request for the Schnabel pool in Parker Preserve. That hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24th at 7 p.m. in the township building.

A bill list dated October 21st numbering 15891-15976, State Funds 345-348 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager