

June 20, 2018

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsburg Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 20, 2018. Supervisors Scottoline and Fenton (by phone), Solicitor Oeste and Kathleen Howley were present and the minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting were approved as submitted.

Township Manager Kathleen Howley reported there is a vacancy on the Historic Commission and Brenda Mendenhall's name is submitted for consideration by the Board. Lynn Luft was present and stated she has interviewed Ms. Mendenhall and recommends that she be appointed to the Historic Commission. Ms. Mendenhall was present and stated she has been a resident of the township for 17 years, lives on what was part of the Mendenhall Farm and is a niece of Frank Mendenhall. She also is a realtor with Patterson Schwartz. Mrs. Loft said this would be very helpful to have Ms. Mendenhall able to check historic listings in the township. Supervisor Scottoline moved to nominate Ms. Mendenhall to the Historic Commission and Supervisor Fenton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Oeste reported the Zoning Hearing Board had granted Dr. Lewis his request for a variance and special exception. There are two buildings on the property Dr. Lewis hopes to purchase, one of which will be the vet clinic and the Victorian House will be used for his personal residence. Several residents were in attendance and had no objection to this use of the property.

Water Protection Zoning Amendment – Mr. Oeste stated this amendment was duly advertised for adoption tonight. It is an amendment addressing water processing which will be in the HC district. With no further comments Mr. Scottoline moved to adopt the amendment and Mr. Fenton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Oeste stated the proposed Cultural Conservation District, which was advertised for discussion and adoption tonight, has been postponed at the request of Longwood Gardens. They would like more time to address some concerns they have. The township will wait to hear from them and will re-advertise at a later date.

Mr. Fenton gave an update on the recent meeting he attended regarding the replacement of Twin Bridges by PennDOT. He stated the favorable design of the bridge is option #6, although PennDOT preferred option #4. Township comments on this should be addressed to PennDOT. A motion was made by Mr. Fenton to write a letter to PennDOT with our comments on the design of the bridge. Mr. Scottoline seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. The motion passed.

Code Enforcement Office Rusty Drumheller noted that he had received some complaints about loud music from Chadds Ford Winery events, which he is following up on.

Township Engineer Matt Houtmann reported on a problem with storm water management in Fern Hill on Apple Row. It appears that a storm water inlet has been filled in and blocking water flow off the road. The township has an easement between two properties to address maintenance issues. There are also three (3) Evergreen trees that were planted in the easement area and in the right of way which have to come out in order to address the problem. The Board advised Mr. Houtmann to identify a solution and make sure the homeowners are included in the process. According to the recorded plan, the homeowners are responsible for the maintenance of the storm water management system on their properties, including a catch basin.

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Mr. Houtmann also reported that a drainage pipe will be installed on Hickory Hill Road alongside an existing pipe to alleviate the drainage problem near the railroad tracks.

Windmill Hollow is scheduled to be on the Board's August agenda for final approval of the outstanding actions. Mr. Oeste is finalizing the legal documents and Mr. Houtmann will send a letter to the Board finalizing his review.

Chairman of the Planning Commission, Dennis Smith, reported on the 5/24 and 6/12 meetings. The 5/24 meeting dealt with Dr. Lewis's ZHB application. Members discussed the June 12th meeting the reply from the County on the letter sent regarding Landscapes 3 review. Brian O'Leary, director of the CCPC thanked them for their comments, will send additional information and offered to meet with members as well as the Board of Supervisors explaining the County's position on open space. Mr. Smith also stated that members are working on language for event space regulations.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager