

June 17, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Supervisors Fenton, McIntyre, Boyle, Solicitor Tom Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley were present. The minutes of May 20, 2020 and June 11, 2020 were approved as submitted.

**Manager Kathleen Howley Report:**

- 1. GRANT DECOSTA, BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY** – was present to report on the Bennett Run Watershed Study project. They are partnering with Kendal Crosslands Community and will be reaching out to the community in the watershed area for input as well as the municipalities involved of which Pennsbury has the largest amount of land in this area. Kennett Township and East Marlborough Township are also included. The headwaters of Bennett's Run start in Longwood Gardens and travels through Pennsbury into the Brandywine Creek. The project will be looking at the history of the watershed, shed features, soils, cultural historic resources etc. It is a 15-month project and completion scheduled for June, 2021. The Conservancy will be sending a letter/survey out in mid-July to watershed landowners. The project is partially funded by the Kendal/Crosslands Community and the Conservancy maybe asking for a monetary contribution from townships. There will be 6 meetings total and Mr. DeCosta will keep the township informed of their progress. The Board thanked him for the information and will look forward to updates.
- 2.** Ms. Howley reported the township building's generator has failed and we are in the process of looking for a replacement. The new generator will take care of the entire building and be separate from the one that covers the maintenance area. The purchase will be from a Costars company and we will look into seeing if it can accommodate temporary coverage for the maintenance area in case their main generator fails. The cost of the new generator \$39,0752.
- 3.** The Pennsbury Historic House next to the township building is in need of some repairs to the roof and windows. This work will be minor and only cover what we need to do to close up the house so it does not continue to deteriorate.
- 4.** The County has contacted the township to report the Woodward Farm is now on their list for preservation. The township has agreed to participate monetarily and more information will be forthcoming closer to the settlement date. 50.73 acres will be preserved. The property is located on Brintons Bridge Road and Pocopson Road.

**Road Master Dave Allen's** report was read by Ms. Howley. There were numerous trees and wires down because of several storms over the last 3 weeks. Co-op bids for road maintenance and gas/fuel were opened and accepted. Drain pipes along Cossart and Hickory Hill Roads have been replaced. Working with PennDot and their contractor on the new traffic signal software installed on Rt. 1 signals in our township. The lean-to construction for the storage building will be completed by June 18<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Allen's report is attached to the minutes.

**Janet Zebley Zoning Hearing Board** application was reviewed by the supervisors. She is requesting a variance to erect a detached garage in her front side yard and the hearing is scheduled for June 29, 2020. There is no other place to put the garage because of steep slope and septic. The property is located at 1349 Hillendale Road. It was noted that the Planning Commission recommended support of the application. Ms. Zebley was present and answered questions about storm water as well as landscaping. With no further discussion Supervisor McIntyre moved to stay neutral on the application

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and Supervisor Boyle seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

The Board of Supervisors moved to extend the Parker Preserve One Lot Subdivision another 90 days. Expiration is July 8<sup>th</sup> and the new date will be October 8, 2020. Mr. Oeste will contact Mr. Tupitza, attorney for Mr. Dambro to get an update as to where this subdivision stands in the review process. Mr. Houtman reported that he has sent Mr. Dambro a letter outlining issues that need to be addressed in Parkers Preserve before the township will take over the roads. Mr. Oeste will also talk to Mr. Tupitza regarding the legal documents for the roads. Mr. Houtman stated there is one more house, lot #28, that is being built now. That should be completed before the roads are taken over. The Board will wait on that before considering the road takeover.

Corinne Murphy, Vice Chairperson for the Planning Commission, was present and gave an update on Commission work since the last supervisor's meeting. They review the Zebley hearing application as well as the solar application for Mortavazi and are still working on possible amendment to the solar regulations.

A bill listed date June 17, 2020 numbering 19785-19844 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley  
Township Manager