

February 21, 2006

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2006. MaryAnna Ralph, Karen Wood, John Spangler and Kathleen Howley were present and the minutes approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

It was noted that all committee members and residents of the township wishing to use the township building for civic meetings must first contact the township manager for scheduling and approval. I will contact Lt. Sneed to schedule a breakfast meeting sometime in March to discuss police coverage and traffic problems in the township.

Ridge at Chadds Ford – legal documents have been sent to us from Mike Lyons office and John Spangler will review them for dedication of Joshua Way. A copy will be given to Matt Houtman for an escrow figure. and his review. Matt will also be asked about the storm water coming down that road and if it is working properly.

Cell Tower ZHB application – the hearing is scheduled for March 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the township building. The Board advised Mr. Spangler to be present to represent the township opposing this application. Mr. Spangler stated that he has been contacted by Ross Unruh's office who is representing the Conservancy who will be opposing this application.

There was a snow storm a couple of weeks ago and once again the township road crew has been praised for their excellent work.

A draft of the audit has been given to the supervisors for their review. Open Space EIT tax figures will change since I have checked with Berkheimer Assoc. and they have confirmed these figures with Tim Umbreit.

The tax anticipation note was signed by the township and the bank on February 16, 2006.

Yard Sale/Clean Up Day – will be May 6, 2006, rain date May 13th. Chipping of branches will take place the week of April 24th. The dumpster will be policed this year, not open to the public 24/7, and there will be a charge for tires and refrigerators/air conditioners. The details will be in the next newsletter which will go out by mid March.

A question came up about the main house in the Fern Hill subdivision and whether or not it could be further subdivided. Mr. Spangler said if the subdivision says "no further subdivision" than it cannot. If it refers to the deed restrictions, and if the restrictions mention further subdivision after a set number of years, then that would take precedence. This has to be researched to see exactly what was recorded. Matt Houtman said he would be sending a letter to the railroad regarding the proposed work in their right of way on Hillendale Road behind the Knoll.

The ordinance to adopt the new EIT tax rate was duly advertised for adoption at this meeting. The new EIT rate will be .5% of which .188% will continue to be for open space. With no further discussion the board signed the ordinance.

John Spangler gave the Board for review copies of the donation agreements for the Mendenhall property. It was noted that they wish to go to settlement next month.

Matt Houtman has sent a letter to the Army Corp of Engineers regarding the permitting of the Pennsbury Mill. The previous permit had expired. This will be for the dredging of the pond.

Scenic Byway ordinance – John Spangler was instructed to advertise the ordinance which will create the management group for the Rt. 52 Scenic Byway.

Karen Wood reported she attended a meeting on the Brandywine Battlefield Historic Landmark District at the Museum. The purpose of the meeting was to bring townships up to date on the task force committee work. 27% of our township is in the historic landmark district. The next meeting will be March 16th at 9:30 a.m. and Maryanna Ralph said she would attend.

Bill Holloway of the Planning Commission gave the board a briefing on the work of commission members. John Spangler gave board members copies of ordinance drafts that we have been working on. The supervisors will now review this and get back to the Planning Commission with a status report on these pending drafts. The Planning Commission will meet officially the second Tuesday of the month and the 4th Tuesday will be a workshop and held at the calling of the chairman. Supervisors would like to meet with members in March or April to review goals and objectives. Planning Commission members will rotate attending supervisor meetings throughout the year.

A bill list dated February 21, 2006 numbering 7820-7853 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager