

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a rescheduled meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2006. All members were present.

The minutes of the meeting of July 17, 2006, as revised to reflect the fact that three roads were closed in the Township due to the heavy rains from June 24 to June 28, were approved as so revised.

In the absence of the Township Manager, Supervisor Wood summarized Mrs. Howley's written report, which dealt with the following issues:

The request of Jed Gunn to place a cache in Pennsbury Township Park in connection with "Geo Caching" was considered. Mr. Spangler advised that Chester County had regulations in connection with this activity.

Parker Preserve. The open issue here was whether there can be left-hand turn lanes constructed on Route 926 or by-pass lanes. This depends, in part, on the position of the Brandywine Conservancy. Kathy Howley was asked to diligently pursue a resolution of this issue.

Ag Security District. The County has approved the addition of the Fenton and Luft properties in the Ag Security District.

The Supervisors approved a letter of thanks to Art Bielby for his hard work on the recent survey sent out by Emergency Management for the special needs analysis.

The Pennsbury Land Trust has scheduled an event in the Township Park on August 26, which will include an outdoor movie and other entertainments. The public is urged to attend for a modest fee.

The purchase of the Mendenhall development rights should close by the end of August.

The Pennsbury Planning Commission recommended approval of the two lot subdivision for the Township Park.

In the absence of Dave Allen, the Road Master, Supervisor Wood summarized his written report:

Knoll Civic Association. Flashers have been ordered for stop signs and stop bars will be painted on the road.

The bridge near Rt. 1 in the Knoll on Constitution Drive appears to be structurally sound.

Mowing of the road banks will be completed by next week and that the Township lawnmower was repaired and the Township property will be ship shape soon.

Matt Houtman, the Township Engineer was also absent and Supervisor Wood summarized his report:

Twin Turn Basin. The recommendation was that the issue is one between the homeowner, who proposed the issue of whether the Township should be involved, and the homeowner's association. Mr. Houtman concluded that the leak in the basin posed no threat to the stream channel or downstream property owners.

Matt had reviewed the flood plain ordinance and was concerned about the fact that it contained different definitions than appeared elsewhere in the Township Code. The resolution was to provide in the flood plain ordinance that the definitions therein were only applicable to that particular ordinance.

Matt reported that he would file the required MS-4 report next week.

On Brinton's Bridge Road, he reported that he was trying to schedule a site meeting in connection with the stone caps

on the abutments.

Kissell subdivision. As far as Matt is concerned, this is okay and the revised plans address the issues with which he was concerned.

Supervisor Wood gave an update on the status of the Pennsbury Mill and the proposal to have the Pennsbury Mill Historic Society borrow from the Township the necessary funds to complete the dredging and restoration of the mill. A Memorandum of Understanding relating thereto was presented. After discussion, the memorandum was approved, with the understanding that when the Township does advance the funds to the Pennsbury Historic Preservation Inc. to enable it to complete the project, that such borrowing by the group will be duly evidenced by a loan agreement in customary form.

After discussion, Mr. Spangler was authorized to advertise the pending flood plain ordinance, the second dwelling ordinance, the riparian buffer provisions, which amend both the zoning and subdivision ordinance, the heliport ordinance and the ordinance putting a disclaimer on plans, which would amend the subdivision ordinance. The proposed billboard ordinance was referred back to the Planning Commission with a request that they consider an overlay, which would identify the areas along the Route 1 corridor where billboards might be appropriate.

Steve Bucci gave the report of the Planning Commission, reporting that the ordinances, which were to be advertised, had been reviewed by the Planning Commission and their views communicated to the Supervisors. He advised of an issue that has arisen in connection with the line house, a property on Route 52, which lies partially in Delaware and partially in Pennsylvania (Pennsbury Township). A three lot subdivision has been requested, which implicates both Delaware and Pennsylvania zoning issues.

Chairman Ralph reported that the Supervisors had held two executive sessions: one after the July 17 meeting and one prior to this evening's meeting. The Supervisors were considering the litigation issues posed by the various suits filed in connection with the Pennsbury Village proposal. Mr. Spangler advised that he would prepare a draft answer to the complaint in an action where Pennsbury Township is a named party. He recommended the intervention by the Township in the developer's action against the County in connection with the County's refusal of permission to use the park land in connection with the proposed Pennsbury Village.

After discussion of several issues brought up by the public, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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