

July 2, 2007

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Monday, July 2, 2007. All members were present and the minutes approved as submitted. Tom Oeste was present for John Spangler.

Karen Wood asked for a clarification from Mr. Fenton as to why he asked Mr. Spangler about possibly giving the Mill to the Historic Preservation group. Mr. Fenton stated he simply wanted to know all options for the property. Mrs. Ralph stated that we might want to consider deeding the Mill property as a public park.

A request was received from the 2020 Foundation to have a "community talk" in our township in the Fall. This program has been done in other township. The Board asked Ms. Howley to look into it and report back to them by the next meeting as to the cost, participation level etc.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. Orenshaw Planning Modules were received today and will be sent onto the Health Department for review. They have 90 days to respond.
2. Park Grant – the Board stated they would like to keep the money until the submission of the Filler plans this month which may have some impact on the park. We would like at least a couple more month and at the latest by year end let the county know about the disposition of park plans. Ms. Howley will check.

Roadmaster Dave Allen reported the following:

1. Replaced pipe on Chandler Road. Working on the truck replacement and getting quotes. Price of steel has gone up a lot. Hope to have the truck by early next year.
2. Will be cleaning out gutters and swales.
3. Got 4 quotes on post and rail fence for the park \$4.85/ft to \$12/ft. The Board asked that he explore alternate type fencing for price and report back to them.
4. Asphalt Industries has started road work in the township and should be done this week. Neal Belgam was present to again ask the Board to postpone paving Quail Run this year and explore alternatives for one year. The Board will not entertain letting their residents contract their own paving of their road. The Board agreed that Quail Run will not get done this year but will revisit this next year.

Township Engineer Matt Houtman reported the following:

1. Parker Preserve – 4 homes are being or have been built. The turn lanes have been engineered and submitted to PennDot. This should get started by September if it is to be done in '07.
2. Reviewing final plans for Hawks Crest and will have letter for the planning commission for the July 11th meeting.
3. Driveway ordinance – it was agreed that the property owner or their agent will pull the permit and “sealing the driveway” does not need a permit. This will be stated in the ordinance. A driveway should have at least 1½” layer of macadam. The cost of the permit will be set by resolution. The ordinance will be changed accordingly and advertised for adoption.

Code Enforcement Officer Rusty Drumheller reported things are slow and the only homes going up are in Parker Preserve. Karen Wood reported that there is an Eagle Scout project going on at the Mill. Mr. Houtman will determine if it needs a water obstruction permit.

Billboard Ordinance – was duly advertised and passed by the Board. However, it was recommended by our planning commission that the recommendations by the County be incorporated and this will be done in an amendment which will be drawn up by Mr. Spangler and advertised. The sign shall be one sided and external lighting be downward and minimize glare.

The township has received a letter from DEP requesting us to give them an update of our revision to our Act 537 Plan. We are waiting to see the plans for the Filler development. Castle Valley will be asked to respond to the letter and let them know we understand and we'll be in touch. DEP letters were also received regarding the submissions for Hawks Crest and Penns Village.

Ms. Howley reported that Mr. Sanford would like to convert part of his barn for office use for his non-profit organization. There would be 5-7 employees. The Board stated that this did not appear to fall under home occupation or special exception although he has the right to apply to the zoning hearing board. This type of use in this area could be problematic.

Mike Washko reported the Planning Commission commented on the driveway and billboard ordinances and also met with the County to continue the update of the zoning ordinance. He also commented that Carol Stauffer of Chester Co. PC stated our township has met its fair share for housing. Solicitor Tom Este stated that fair share does not take into consideration market value – only housing type and that is why Crosslands is counted in the calculation. . There will be no meeting in August with the County.

A bill list dated July 2, 2007 numbering 8924-8954 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Kathleen Howley, Township Manager

