

August 20, 2008

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 20, 2008. All members were present and the minutes approved as corrected.

Manager Report – Kathleen Howley reported the following:

- Parker Preserve – there will be a meeting with the Conservancy on August 25th at 8 a.m. The Board voted 2-1 for obtaining (Ms. Wood – no) title insurance for the 36+ acres that the township owns.
- PennDot has issued letters advising us that there will be NO reduction in speed on US Rt. 1 but will erect additional speed limit signs. The “break retarder” sign was denied for the hill on Rt. 1 near Chadds Ford Knoll because of the steep grade. There will be stop signs erected on Pocopson Road at Brintons Bridge Road. This is a temporary measure. The Board asked that there be some type of warning signs alerting the public of this new 4 way stop and also watch downhill speed on Rt. 1 near the Knoll. Mr. Scottoline also suggested a sign on Rt. 1 near the Knoll entrance alerting drivers to slow down. PennDot will be contacted about this.
- The web site continues to be updated by Adam Peterson
- There will be a compost seminar on 9/16 at 7 p.m. at the township building. Free composting bins will be distributed to attendees. Call the township office to register.
- Plan submissions – Windmill Hollow preliminary plans (Sanford), Sunrise Assisted Living land development plan and the Sunrise Planning Modules submitted and advertised on 8/4 (30 day review by public).
- Mr. & Mrs. McKenna were present and requested a waiver in order to keep their cesspool and have an additional bedroom added to their home. The board asked them to submit in writing that their cesspool can handle this additional bedroom. The township must research whether or not we have the authority to waive this since the Health Department regs do not permit cesspools.
- Mr. Orenshaw was present requesting approval of his subdivision plans. The plans are being reviewed by Mr. Houtman for a final check since it's been 2 years since we last reviewed them. Once approved, 6 copies should be sent to the township for approval and signing.

Roadmaster Dave Allen was not present. Ms. Howley reported that the line painting is complete, they continue to work on sign replacement, tree trimming. Will erect speed boards next week when school starts. The Fall road inspection will be at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 17th.

Codes Enforcement Officer Rusty Drumheller stated that he did not think the township should get into the regulating of iterant vendors. Presently fireworks are sold during holidays in the LI district which is not allowed according to Larry Wood. Mr. Drumheller will advise the seller of this. Non profits will still be able to sell Christmas trees, etc. He also reported that he has completed all of his state certifications except for 2 and will meet the state deadline of 4/09

Engineer Matt Houtman reported the following:

- Knoll curb project – received a review by Register Assoc. Design plan has been confirmed by them. Matt will make changes, review dates for completion and get the bid package together. The Board reminded him that we would like to get this project done this year.
- Kasowski riding rink extension – recommend that a small storm water management system be included. Will be in contact with Mr. Kasowski. He needs to fill out a building permit and will proceed from there. There is no special board approval for this.
- Hanover Hunt basin has been repaired by the HOA and inspected.
- Hickory Hill Road (Faville property) – Went over with the Board previous correspondence in past years addressing the storm water problems in this area. The main problem lies with the piping under the railroad tracks near the Faville property and the pond at Mendenhall Inn in Kennett Township. The township will be addressing pipe replacement under Hickory Hill Road as we go through the review of Springdale Farm (Mendenhall) subdivision.
- Dewson 3 lot preliminary subdivision review – revised plans were just received. Mr. Dewson has requested another 90 day extension which the Board approved. The new deadline is 12/11/08.

Karen Wood reported she is in the process of getting a **LEED committee** meeting together. She also reported that **Pennsbury Mill** will be holding an open house on October 5th from 1-5 p.m. Participants are Excelon, Chester Water Authority and Williamson Trade School. A footbridge has been completed by Ben Holloway as an eagle scout project and awaiting approvals to erect it. An invitation to all residents is forthcoming. The Historic Commission will have an on site visit of the McCoy property. Mr. Dewson, owner, plans to raze the house only. The Commission must review his demolition plans and will work with him on this. Mrs. Luft expressed her concern with the demolition of this “historic” structure and she would like to see it preserved. Our regulations permit demolition. The Board asked that our historic ordinance be tightened up to prevent demolition where appropriate.

The Board signed an agreement to hire Mr. Christian of the firm Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll LLP to pursue our insurance company, Selective, in coverage for a recent lawsuit against the township and Mr. Fenton. Selective has refused to cover the township. Mrs. Ralph questioned whether Mr. Fenton should vote on this and solicitor Oeste responded yes, he could.

The township open space tax expires at the end of this year. It is too late to get a Fall referendum. The Board agrees that the open space tax will be extended for at least one year and work to get a referendum on the ballot for next year. The tax will stay the same through '09 and if the referendum passes next year, it would be effective in 2010. An ordinance will be drafted to continue the EIT open space tax before year end. Karen Travers from Pennsbury Land Trust stated that they look forward to supporting and working with the supervisors on this issue.

HC-Assisted Living ordinance amendment was duly advertised for adoption. Comments from our planning commission and the county planning commission were received. After discussion the Board voted to approved the amendment and signed the ordinance.

Mr. Scottoline gave an update on the sewage plans for Sunrise.

Mr. Oeste stated there was nothing to report on litigation update.

Chuck Ditzel reported the emergency management operations plan was updated by Jim Sears and is more aligned with the FEMA model. A resolution was approved and signed by the Board.

A bill list dated 8/20 numbering 9829-9892 was submitted and approved by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager