

## **Pennsbury Township Board of Supervisor Minutes**

**April 16, 2025**

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Present were Supervisors Aaron McIntyre, Wendell Fenton, Kay Ellsworth, Solicitor Tom Oeste, Engineer Matt Houtmann, Planning Commission Chair Dennis Smith, Historical Commission Chair Judi Wilson, Road Master Patrick Yerkes, and Township Manager Dan Boyle. The minutes of March 19, 2025 were approved as submitted.

### **Recognition of the Regional Fire Department**

The Board recognized the regional fire department for their heroic rescue of a 15-year-old trapped in a burning house. Fire Chief A.J. McCarthy recounted the details of the rescue, emphasizing the quick response time and the support from regional fire departments which allowed them to rescue the teenager within 10 minutes of arriving on the scene.

The Township unanimously adopted Resolution 2025-4-16-1, commending the Kenneth Regional Fire Department, Longwood Fire Company, Kenneth Fire Company Number One, and individual officers and firefighters for their heroic actions.

### **Appointment of Zoning Hearing Board Alternate Member**

The Board moved to adopt Resolution 2025-04-16-2 to appoint Liam McCauley as a Zoning Hearing Board alternate member, noting Mr. McCauley's association (his father Greg McCauley) with the family serving on the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion to appoint Mr. McCauley was seconded, and the resolution was approved with no discussion.

### **Amendment to Herdeg Property Subdivision Plan**

A motion was made by Mr. Fenton to amend a previously passed motion from August 28, 2024 which approved the final minor subdivision plan for Andrew and Margaret Herdeg for the property located at 901 Hillendale Road. The conditions of the previous approval restricted the lot to one dwelling and a conservation easement. The motion to rescind the condition was seconded, and the resolution was approved with no discussion.

### **Review of Zoning Hearing Board Application for 19 Raintree**

Joseph Willis, the applicant, presents the plan for a single-family home, emphasizing compliance with zoning ordinances and stormwater management. Mr. Willis provided a rendering of the house and addressed the neighbor's concerns about square footage and riparian buffer encroachment.

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Three neighbors (David Baldwin, Diane and Mark Mateson) appeared to comment on the application.

All three expressed concerns about the square footage, retaining walls, and stormwater management. Mr. Willis explained the design changes to meet zoning ordinances and the use of a basement to avoid retaining walls and noted use of the existing pond to address concerns about stormwater management.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended supporting the application, citing the lot's lawful status and the applicant's efforts to minimize environmental impact. The Commission noted the similarity of the current plan to a previously approved plan and the applicant's compliance with zoning ordinances. The Commission's recommendation was based on the applicant's thoughtful consideration of environmental concerns and the need for variances to build on the lot.

A motion was made to support the application and the which was seconded, and the motion was approved with no further discussion.

### **Professional Reports**

Patrick, the Road Master, provided an update on road maintenance, including tree trimming, cleaning inlet basins, and working with the Unionville Mountain Bike Team.

Matt, the Township Engineer, reported on the completion of the Constitution Drive bridge project and the cost savings achieved. Matt noted an increase in applications for home additions and swimming pools.

Dennis Smith, the Chair of the Planning Commission, provided a brief update on the Commission's activities and upcoming meetings. The Commission has scheduled a joint planning session with the Board for May 15 to discuss agenda items and other matters.

A bill listed dated March 18, 2025 numbering 2350 - 2370 was submitted and approved by the Board. The Board also reviewed the March bank reconciliation for the General Fund. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Dan Boyle, Township Manager