

June 15, 2016

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. Members Scottoline, McIntyre, Fenton (by phone), Solicitor Oeste and Manager Howley were present and the minutes of May 18, 2016 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported that a resolution will be ready for the July 20, 2106 stating the township's support for County grant money for a conservation easement that will be placed on a lot next to the Trammell farm which is being purchased by them. Mr. Fenton gave an update on the township's effort to support this potential easement and working with the Brandywine Conservancy.

Road Report – Dave Allen – Ms. Howley read the report which stated the road crew continues to work on the roads to be oil and chipped as well as fog seal this summer. A drainage pipe will be replaced on Fairville Road between Cossart Rd and Rt. 52.

Supervisor McIntyre stated there are several vacancies on the Planning Commission as well as the Historic Commission. He nominated **Corinne Murphy to the Planning Commission** and gave a short summary of her qualifications. She is a township resident and works as a civil engineer which should be very useful on this commission. Dennis Smith, Chairman of the Planning Commission stated he did talk to Mrs. Murphy about the position. Supervisor Scottoline seconded the motion. With no further discussion a vote was taken and all three supervisors were in favor. Motion carried. Ms. Howley will notify Mrs. Murphy of her appointment.

Springdale Farm Maintenance issues – Mr. Oeste stated he had sent a letter to Mr. Smith of CFP Associates regarding the need to secure the structures on the property from the elements and vandalism. Mr. Smith did meet with Rusty Drumheller on site to go over what has to be done to clean it up. Mr. Smith has boarded up the two houses and cut the field. Mr. Smith also obtained an application for a demolition permit but has not submitted it yet. The process for demolition of an historic structure is very lengthy and we will have to wait to see if he files the application. John Herdeg who lives on Hillendale Road read to the Board a letter he sent to the National Historic Trust requesting the Springdale Farm be placed on the "endangered" list of homes that are subject to demolition by neglect. He and his wife are very concerned about the farm and lack of upkeep. A neighbor, Judy Zebley, also expressed concern about the condition of the farm and buildings collapsing. Mrs. Luft, Chairperson of the Historic Commission, also sent a letter from the Commission to the Board of Supervisors stating that demolition by neglect is happening and what can be done to stop this. The Board asked Ms. Howley to contact Mr. Drumheller requesting he make another site visit and document the condition of the historic structures to determine if anything can be saved. Mr. Oeste went over the options for restoration or demolition. Mr. Drumheller will follow up with the owners to further secure the property and if the township is not satisfied, then we can file a violation at district court.

Supervisor Scottoline stated the township recently met again with Pennsbury Land Trust and Teddy Price from the Brandywine Conservancy to continue discussion on the draft of an easement to be placed on the property bought from Toll Bros. in 2014. Teddy Price will revise the draft based on our meeting and get back to us by the end of July.

Planning Chair Dennis Smith report members had discussed the Springdale Farm subdivision at their 5/24 meeting as well as Longwood Gardens proposed zoning. Springdale Farm was pulled from the 6/14 agenda because of unresolved zoning issues. Members had met with the supervisors to review goals on objectives of 2016 before that meeting so the rest of the 6/14 meeting was spent on unresolved goals for 2016.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager