

March 15, 2017

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. Members present were Wendell Fenton, Aaron McIntyre, Scotty Scottoline (by phone), Solicitor Tom Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of February 15, 2017 were accepted as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. The following announcements for upcoming events were made: Pennsbury Yard Sale will be held April 22, Free shredding Event for resident held on Saturday, April 29th, Branch pick up will be the week of April 10th, dumpsters will be here at the maintenance garage for large item disposal on April 27th, 28th and 29th, Clean Up Day is April 29th. All the information is contained in the next newsletter which will be out by the end of the month.
2. The Brezski Zoning Hearing Board meeting has been postponed and now will be held on March 22nd at 7 p.m.
3. The next Supervisor's meeting has been changed from April 19th to April 12th. This has been advertised and posted.
4. The Pennsbury Land Trust annual meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6th at 7 p.m. in the township building. There will be a presentation on native birds and the public is welcome.
5. The 2016 audit has been completed and there were no findings. The budget has been submitted to the State by the CPA firm of Barbacane Thornton.
6. The Board unanimously voted to appoint Judi Wilson to the Historic Commission.
7. Resolution 2017-03-15-1 was submitted for consideration. This resolution expresses support for the preservation of Crebilly Farm in Westtown Township and authorizes the Township Solicitor to request party status in the hearings. The Board unanimously voted to adopt this resolution.

Road Dept. Report – Dave Allen submitted the following: Repaired storm drains as well as skin patching roads when weather permits. Repaired gutters in Chadds Ford Knoll. Road crew worked around the clock during the snow/sleet storm on March 14th. Preparing to replace the 2004 dump truck with a 2017 Ford but will reuse the dump truck body.

Springdale Farm – Mr. & Mrs. Roldan were present to discuss their desire to purchase the 11.6 acre lot with structures and propose to renovate the barn for an event space. They showed drawings of what the barn would look like after renovation and using the same footprint. They propose to renovate the house first to live in and then start on the barn renovations. They would need to have this income producing barn in order to afford to live there and would like to know what the township thought of the idea before they would consider applying to the Zoning Hearing Board for a use variance. The barn would be used for weddings, meetings, workshops etc and parking was shown to be behind the barn so it would not be seen from the road. Lynn Luft, Historic Commission chairperson was present and expressed concern with the proposed commercial use and the impact on surrounding properties. The Board suggested Mr. Roldan make a presentation at the next supervisor's meeting on April 12th and the township will notify neighbors to attend the meeting and have a question/answer session. Mr. Roldan agreed.

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Township Engineer Matt Houtman reported the following:

1. Hawks Crest – Mr. Spano received the letter written by Mr. Oeste advising him that all road work and completion of items on Mr. Houtman’s July, 2016 letter must be done by April 28, 2017 or the township will access the escrow and complete the work. Mr. Houtman will be meeting with Mr. Spano and will report back to the Board. The remaining escrow is approximately \$109,000 which should be enough to finish the road.
2. Springdale Farm – the Health Department is scheduled to be there next week to observe perc tests. Once this is complete, the plan note will be added and the plan can get signed by the Board.
3. Windmill Hollow Plans – the legal documents need to be reviewed by Tom Oeste. The plans need some minor changes to the notes. The Board asked that this get completed by the April 12th Board meeting. This will be put on the next agenda for final approval with conditions.

Planning Commission Chair Dennis Smith was present and reported on their last meeting. Dave Yake and Marion Waggoner from Save Our Water was present and updated members on their work with New Garden Township and the permitting of Artisen Water Company to drill a well and export water. Corinne Murphy has reviewed other township ordinances addressing this issue and has submitted a draft for member discussion on the next meeting. Matt Houtman will be at the next meeting to review suggested minor changes to the Flood Plain Ordinance as a result of FEMA updating their flood maps.

A bill list dated March 15, 2017 numbering 17111-17168 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager