

July 19, 2017

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 29, 2017. Supervisors McIntyre, Scottoline, Fenton (by phone), Solicitor Oeste and Manager Howley were present. The minutes of June 14, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. The Township partnered with Chester County and went to settlement on the Trammell-Sullivan easement. 41+ acres are being preserved with one house site designated. The property is located on Hillendale Road near Twin Turns Lane. The township appreciates the landowners desire to conserve their property and hope others along that stretch of road will consider the same. The preservation of this acreage is a direct benefit of the township open space tax.
2. Pennsbury Township was recently recognized by the Chester County Preservation Network group with their municipal award for open space preservation. The Township purchased approximately 23+ acres on Rt. 1 alongside the municipal campus from Toll Brothers in order to preserve this open space within the Brandywine Battlefield area, in lieu of a high density development. An easement held by the Brandywine Conservancy was also placed on the land to keep it open space in perpetuity. The township also received recognition from the state house and senate as well as Chester County Commissioners.
3. The historic bus tours scheduled for July 13th had to be canceled because of a heat advisory. The township partnered with Chester County on this event. The County has rescheduled it for September 7th.
4. Supervisor Fenton reported John Herdeg has advised the township that he can no longer sit on the Zoning Hearing Board because of personal reasons. The Board of Supervisors acknowledged Mr. Herdeg's long involvement with township government going back to the 1960's. The Board thanks Mr. Herdeg for all his fine work and a motion was made and passed to reluctantly accept Mr. Herdeg's resignation.
5. The Walkable Chadds Ford Plan will be on the August 16th Board agenda. The consultant, Mr. Simone, will be present to discuss the plan. At this time, Chadds Ford Township is looking for a letter of support from Pennsbury to include in their state grant application to be submitted in September.
6. Birmingham Township is sponsoring **Brandywine 2017** on September 16 and 17. The battle reenactment will be at Sandy Hollow on New St. & Birmingham Road. Birmingham Township is seeking sponsors for this event which can draw up to 8000 people over that weekend. The Board made a motion to be a sponsor at the level of \$1500. Motion was seconded and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Road Department Report by Dave Allen was read by Ms. Howley. The Knoll road work is being finished this week. The second road bank mowing was also completed this week. Road crew is cleaning up after a rain storm on July 14th. There was an electrical problem in the township garage. Township electrical contractor, DRB detected a grounding problem and PECO confirmed it. PECO ran a temporary ground wire. The salt shed concrete walls and wood framing are complete. The project should be done by month end. The upgrade of the Hickory Hill railroad crossing should be complete by month end.

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Code Enforcement Officer Rusty Drumheller reported that there is little activity in the way of permits. However, he has been answering neighbor complaints which is not unusual for this time of the year.

Matt Houtmann, Township Engineer, reported on Hawks Crest road paving which was recently done. Overall the job went well. There are a few issues that still need to be addressed and he is waiting to hear back from Tom Spano as to when he can meet and go over the remaining items on the development punch list.

Parker Preserve – Mr. Houtmann did talk to Mr. Dambro’s daughter regarding completion of the development and when the road can be finished. There are 4-5 lots that are not developed. All lots need to be finished before road dedication. There is also an outstanding issue regarding an easement between two lots on Penns Drive which would allow access to that road from a neighboring lot included in the subdivision. We will wait to hear back from Mr. Dambro.

A draft of the new FEMA regulations being incorporated in our zoning ordinance has been sent to Mr. Oeste for further review. Mr. Oeste will send a copy to the County for their review and this amendment will be advertised for adoption at the September 20, 2017 meeting.

Supervisor Scottoline reported on the draft ordinance to allow participation in an intergovernmental agreement for managing EMS and Fire services. There are six municipalities participating and an Administrator will be hired to manage requirements, standards of service, funding and communication between all entities involved. Pennsbury is still reviewing the agreement. Mr. Oeste will prepare the ordinance for adoption at a future date. In the meantime, in order to keep the process moving forward, it was moved and passed by the Board to appoint Mr. Scottoline as a member of the Commission and Aaron McIntyre as the alternate member from Pennsbury Township. All were in favor and the motion passed. Mr. McIntyre acknowledged the good work and service that is provided by all members of Longwood Fire Company.

Planning Commission Vice Chairman Bob Crandell reported members discussed potential development plans with the prospective buyer of the Pennsbury Inn, Mr. Zelek. They also were given a presentation on the Walkable Chadds Ford Plan by Chadds Ford Township consultant, Mr. Simone. Members will continue discussion on this subject at their August 14th meeting.

A bill list dated July 19, 2017 numbering 17406-17477, State Fund 378-383 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley, Manager

