

August 16, 2017

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 16, 2017. Supervisors Scottoline, McIntyre, Solicitor Oeste and Manager Howley were present and the minutes of July 19, 2017 were approved as submitted.

**Walkable Chadds Ford Plan Presentation** - Peter Simone, consultant, was present to discuss this plan which Chadds Ford Township, partnering with the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum, will be submitting a TAP grant for Phase I. Chadds Ford Township would like Pennsbury Township to submit a letter of support for the grant application which will be submitted in September to the state. There is no matching money for the TAP grant. The grant amount has not been approved by Chadds Ford Township supervisors but it will be between 1.8 and 2.2 million for Phase I. Virginia Logan, Director of the Brandywine River Museum was also present to explain their support of the project. This started out as an economic development plan for the Museum as well as the existing businesses along Route 1 in the area. The following was noted by Mr. Simone:

1. The plan will foster economic development in the area. It was introduced in 2014 and Chadds Ford Township is ready to apply for grants for funding the project.
2. They want to encourage people who visit the museum to stay in the area to dine and purchase goods.
3. Easier access to other businesses for visitors
4. Brandywine Conservancy is allowing the public trails on their property. They hope to attract families and bicyclists to use the trail system to explore the area. Chadds Ford is also designated as a "hub" in the Brandywine Greenway plan developed by the Conservancy.
5. Mr. Simone pointed out that the Museum has done the design for a foot bridge over the Brandywine Creek using the old trestle bridge. They are working to get an easement from Septa to use the abandoned rail line. The "high bridge" is not a part of the application but wanted the township board to know about it.
6. Overall project is approximately 3 million. Phase I will not be done without having assurances that Phase II would also be funded and completed.
7. Planters in median on Rt. 1 in Pennsbury and Chadds Ford Townships are designed for traffic calming and maintenance will be funded by Chadds Ford Township. Phase I includes the planters and a redesign of the traffic light intersection at Fairville Road and Chadds Ford Elementary School.
8. The Rt. 1 bridge over the Brandywine Creek is scheduled for redecking by PennDot 8-10 years out. The project is designed to promote more foot traffic. When asked how many people would use these trails, Mr. Simone said it is hard to calculate.

Mr. Simone gave a time line for the proposed project and thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the project.

**Township Manager Kathleen Howley** reported the Historic Bus Tour sponsored by the Township and Chester County was cancelled because of a weather alert on July 13, 2017. It has been rescheduled for September 7, 2017 and the pick -up point will be the Brandywine Battlefield visitor center.

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**The Brandywine Conservancy** submitted a proposal for an **open space management plan** for the 3 parcels purchased by the Township in 2014 from Toll Brothers in the amount of \$4000. Aaron McIntyre moved to accept this proposal not to exceed \$4000 and Mr. Scottoline seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion carried.

The Road Department report from Dave Allen was read by Ms. Howley. The fog seal of roads done earlier in Chadds Ford Knoll went well. There were 5 complaints out of 141 households and all complaints were addressed. There was a major flash flood in the township on July 23, 2017. Many roads were compromised and the road crew will spend the rest of the summer shoring up erosion of road edges. Major damage was done on Brintons Bridge Road as well as Cossart Road. The planned pipe replacement for this summer will be postponed because of this. There will also be additional pipe put in on Hickory Hill Road near the railroad tracks. Township Engineer, Matt Houtmann came out to assess flood damage and make recommendations. The salt shed construction is complete and the job has gone well.

**Township Engineer Matt Houtmann** recommended approval for Escrow Release #15 for Hawks Crest in the amount of \$10, 575. Supervisor McIntyre moved to approve release of this amount and Supervisor Scottoline seconded the motion. Motion passed. There is approximately \$30,000 left in escrow. The Board advised Mr. Houtmann there should be no more releases until the project punch list is complete and all costs are covered.

Planning Commission Chair Dennis Smith reported on their July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup> meetings. Jan Bowers, Director of Chester County Water Resource Authority was present at their 8/14 meeting to discuss a proposed zoning draft to address the issue of water exportation which members have been working on. Members will make a recommendation to the supervisors as to how they might move forward on this issue.

Reese Reynolds commented on the damage the recent flood had on Brintons Bridge Road. Bob Orenshaw was present to discuss the recent land disturbance on his property on Hillendale Road and obtaining a permit after the work was done.

A bill list dated August 16, 2017 numbering 17470-17534, State Fund #384-388 was submitted and approved for payment. With no further business the meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley  
Township Manager