

January 7, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in the township building. Supervisors Fenton, McIntyre, Scottoline (by phone) as well as Solicitor Oeste, Matt Houtman and Manager Howley were present and the minutes of December 12, 2018 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported that the township 2018 audit would be conducted by Barbacane Thornton and start the week of February 4, 2019. The Board planning seminar would be on January 22, 2019 at 4 p.m.

It was noted that the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution and agreement for securities account authorizing BB&T Bank as broker-dealer to change the Pennsbury Open Space Account to a Treasury Only Money Market Account with authorized signatures of Supervisors Fenton, McIntyre and Manager Howley.

Road Master Dave Allen submitted a written report which was read by Ms. Howley. Tree trimming and ditching of roads continue to try and channel spring water off roads. No Parking signs are up on West Pennsbury Way.

Brent Schweitzer was present to explain to the Board why he is **requesting a variance** for his property at 101 Wedgewood Drive to erect a detached garage along his driveway (in front yard) to store antique cars. He has a corner lot of which fronts on Wedgewood Drive as well as Route 52. He will also be at the Planning Commission meeting on January 8th to get their input. The hearing has not been scheduled yet by the Zoning Hearing Board. Mr. Schweitzer stated he would be amendable to having the hearing scheduled after 2/20 which is the next township supervisor's meeting date. This will allow the Planning Commission to submit their comments to the supervisors and be considered at the 2/20 public meeting.

Mr. Houtman, Township Engineer, distributed a drainage plan for West Pennsbury Way. The swale is on 2 West Pennsbury Way and there is no township easement for maintenance. It is Mr. Houtman's opinion in order to remedy the ponding that is occurring on the road, the swale which runs along the property line from West Pennsbury Way back to Chandler Road needs to be cleaned out. The Board agreed with Mr. Houtman's assessment. He will contact Mr. Cellini regarding an easement which is needed before the township can enter and work on his property. On a side note, Supervisor McIntyre noted the accounting firm sign at the front of this property along Route 1 was knocked down in an accident. Mr. Drumheller should approve the sign and lighting if it goes up again.

Mr. Houtman stated a subdivision amendment was submitted by Tony Dambro for Parker Preserve. Mr. Dambro wants to allow a lot he intends to build on situated next to Parker Preserve to use an access driveway through Parker Preserve onto Penn Drive as opposed to exiting onto Rt. 926. Parker Preserve homeowners will be notified. Mr. Houtman is reviewing the plans and it is tentatively on the 1/22/19 Planning Commission meeting agenda.

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Mr. Houtman stated he has had contact with several homeowners on Hillspring Road regarding the discharge of sump pump water onto the roads which is not allowed. Because it has been such a wet season, water table is up and springs are appearing out of the ground. This may subside if we get a dry spell and water table goes down. Matt stated the homeowners may want to contribute to materials for a drainage project for this road and the township road crew do the work. The Board asked Mr. Houtman to cost out such a project and report back to it.

Planning Commission Chair Dennis Smith reported their commission will meet January 8th to organize and will review the Schweitzer Zoning Hearing Board request. On January 22nd they will be reviewing the plans for the Anderson property as well as Parker Preserve.

Lynn Luft asked the board to write a letter to Mr. Qualls regarding demolition by neglect for property he owns at the corner of Rt. 52 and Fairville Road. The house roof appears to be collapsing and he has received letters from the township regarding demolition by neglect. Mr. Oeste asked Mrs. Luft to send him information on the property and he will follow up with Mr. Qualls.

Supervisor Fenton noted that long time resident Alma Forsyth passed away last week. She had been a long-time resident and friend of conservation and devoted her life to land protection. She will be missed by many in the township.

A bill list dated January 7, 2019 numbering 18598-18655 was submitted for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager