

July 20, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Present were Supervisors McIntyre, Fenton, Boyle (by phone), Solicitor Oeste and Manager Howley. The minutes of June 22, 2022 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley - The Board unanimously voted to accept the Brandywine Battlefield Historic Interpretative Plan. Ms. Howley will send a letter of acceptance to the Chester County Planning Commission as requested. Supervisor McIntyre stated that in light of the rising cost of living and the CPI increasing monthly, the Board is reviewing wages for township employees and will be making adjustments accordingly.

Road Department – Dave Allen submitted the following: Oil and chipping road work has been completed and went well. A dead tree in the township parking lot will be taken down. The second road bank mowing has started and road crew painted the railroad crossing marking on Hillendale Road. Dave met with Township Engineer Matt Houtmann regarding proposed road work in Chadds Ford Knoll as well as on Hillendale Road.

Zoning Hearing Board application “Ratmansky Pool” – Mr. & Mrs. Ratmansky as well as the owner of California Pools, Andrew McFarlane, were present to explain their application for a variance to install an inground pool at 5 Colonial Drive in Parkers Preserve. They are requesting a variance for impervious surface as well as a side yard setback. The Township Planning Commission did not recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors because of the high percentage of impervious surface. The Ratmansky’s did reduce the amount of impervious surface on their plan and their hearing is scheduled for Monday, July 25th at 7 p.m. in the township building. With no further discussion the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to stay neutral on this application before the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed.

Zoning Ordinance Solar Amendment - Mr. Oeste reported the amendment had some minor changes and readvertised for adoption at tonight’s meeting. The Board of Supervisors commended the Planning Commission for all their hard work on this Zoning Ordinance change. With no further discussion the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to adopt this amendment. Motion passed.

Atkins Subdivision Extension Request – a letter was received from Mr. Atkins requesting a 90 days extension for his minor subdivision. The 90 days will be up July 26th and the new date would be October 26, 2022. With no further discussion the Board moved to grant the extension. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Code Enforcement Officer Russell Drumheller reported he is working with the Historic and Planning Commission starting discussion on a possible amendment to the Historic Adaptive Reuse ordinance. Neglect of historic resources is prompting concern for demolition. The township is exploring ways to make it more attractive for potential buyers of historic properties to invest in the property and reuse it rather than demo it.

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Township Engineer Matt Houtmann reported he is working on the update of the Storm Water Management Ordinance and will be at the Planning Commission meeting next week to start this process. The County as requested this update be completed by the end of September. The **Chadds Ford Elementary School** is looking to update their sewage treatment plant. The Township is working with their consultant, Stantec and the School District to come up with a plan and get it approved by DEP.

Dennis Smith, Chairman of the Planning Commission reported at their last meeting they did meet with Mr. DeMarco who presented a sketch plan for the Geewax property off Old Baltimore Pike. Mr. DeMarco stated he would proceed to finalize his plans and be back to the township. Members will meet July 26th to discuss storm water management with Matt Houtmann, as well as review of Attanasio Zoning Hearing Board application and if time permits, discuss protection of trees and riparian buffers.

A bill list dated July 20, 2022 numbering 1310-1340, State Fund #495, ARPA Fund #1001, Road Reserve #102, 103 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board.

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

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager