

October 19, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Township Building. Present were Supervisors Fenton, McIntyre, and Solicitor Tom Oeste and Manager Kathleen Howley. The minutes of September 21, 2022 were approved as submitted.

MANAGER HOWLEY reported the following:

1. The budget workshop was held on October 5th. The budget numbers will be finalized by the end of the month and posted for review by the public on November 9th. It will be considered for adoption by the Board at its December 14, 2022 public meeting.

Roadmaster Dave Allen submitted a written report which was read by Ms. Howley. The road crew are finishing up work on Hickory Hill Road and the last road bank mowing will be done next week. They are also clearing trails in Parker Preserve. A Fall Road Inspection was held on October 13th at 8 a.m. The supervisors looked at equipment that is scheduled to be replaced, met road crew employees and viewed roads in the township that have had work done or are scheduled for work in 2023.

519 Baltimore Pike application for Zoning Hearing Board – Mr. Shiring attorney for the applicant and Kevin O'Donnell were present along with architect Mr. Anderson to review with the Board their application for variance with regard to the use of the property as well as signage. The property is in the Brandywine Battlefield overlay district and will also require a conditional use hearing for the proposed changes. Mr. Anderson went over a site plan and proposed renovation of the structure adding a second floor for an apartment and offices/showroom for the roofing business on the first floor. A discussion followed:

1. A couple of trucks will be parked in the back of the building
2. Requesting mixed use for the building
3. No outside storage
4. 2-3 employees
5. Owner is willing to consider changes to the proposed signage. There will also be a flat business sign on the front of the building similar to what is proposed for pole sign. The pole sign will be internally lit and on a timer.

The Supervisors suggested the applicant should pursue the Zoning Hearing first and go back to the Planning Commission to get a more definitive ruling on the application.

A 90 days extension request for **Parker Preserve and Atkins subdivisions** was received by the township. With no further discussion the Board moved to grant the extension on both plans. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed. The Board also moved to waive the application fee for the Parker Preserve Plan but the applicant must submit an escrow fee for the review of the plan. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Russell Drumheller, Code Enforcement commented that as more people know he has office hours at the building, the more he is getting involved in zoning and building issues.

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Matt Houtmann reported on the “selective demo” that was done last week at the Hope House. There were some issues with framing and the chimney noted in the Milner Report that the Pennsbury Land Trust submitted to the township. Matt will issue a report to the Board next week. It appears nothing is holding up some parts of the building. Mr. Houtmann asked the Board what type of usage will the building get and their response was “light usage”. At this time there is no plan for use of the building.

Dennis Smith reported on the last Planning Commission meeting which dealt with the 519 Baltimore Pike as well as other minor subdivisions. They will be meeting on October 25th continuing reviews on Cheryl Lane lot line change, Atkins minor subdivision and a sketch plan for the Geewax property.

A bill list dated October 19, 2022 numbering 1412-1442, ARP #1002, Road Reserve #104, State Fund 496, 497 was submitted and approved by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager