

May 15, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Present: Supervisors McIntyre, Fenton, Boyle, Solicitor Oeste, Manager Howley. The minutes of April 17, 2024 were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. The township received a letter from PEMA acknowledging Michael Pisano as our EM Coordinator and the township is waiting on the approval letter from Governor Shapiro which is forthcoming.
2. Historical Commission Report – Judi Wilson was present and stated the report from the Commission on the request of a demolition of the Carrie Haskell house on Hill Girt Farm was sent to the Board for their review. She noted the house is in the flood plain and has not been inhabited since Tropical Storm Ida. It is not a contributing resource to Twin Bridges Historic District. It is a Class 2 resource and PHMC as well as the Conservancy was contacted for comment with no feedback from them. Their commission recommended that the demolition permit could be issued. The vote was 4 yes and 1 abstention. With no further discussion the Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to authorize the Zoning Officer to issue a demolition permit for the structure. Mrs. Wilson also reported she is working with the County to draft additional work on the Historic Resource ordinance under the VPP grant program. She is working out the details with County Planner Jeanne Speirs and will proceed with the application for grant monies to be submitted by September 1, 2024.

Road Master Dave Allen submitted a written report. The following was noted:

1. The Spring cleanup went well
2. The new backhoe has been delivered and the JCB backhouse as well as a dump truck will be put on Municibid.
3. Cleaned up a down tree and starting road bank mowing.
4. Co-op bid for materials and oil chip/paving received May 14th and awarded to lowest bidders.

Engineering/Codes

A letter was received from Tim Stephens requesting a waiver from riparian buffer zones for the installation of his driveway on a lot he purchased off Hickory Hill Road and included in the Springdale Farm Subdivision 2008. Mr. Houtmann explained to the Board why this waiver request was made. The placement of the driveway will minimize the encroachment in the riparian buffer zone as well as keeping it away from the proposed septic system area to the left of the driveway. The ordinance does permit the Supervisors to grant this waiver. Mr. Fenton moved to grant the waiver request and Mr. Boyle seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed.

1301 Brintons Bridge Road CU Application – Solicitor Tom Oeste reported the Board's decision and conditions listed were not accepted by the applicant and therefore the township is to proceed with a formal denial. The applicant failed to comply with the criteria listed in our zoning for the requested Bed

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and Breakfast. With no further discussion Supervisor Dan Boyle moved to deny the CU application and Supervisor Fenton seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all were in favor. Motion passed. Mr. Oeste will mail the documents to the applicant and their attorney.

Ms. Howley reported the Zoning Hearing Board decisions for the Staples/Law pool(Ponds Edge Drive) and Paulsen's garage (Parkersville Road) were both granted with conditions.

Planning Commission Chair Dennis Smith reported there was no meeting on May 8th because of no agenda. Their next meeting will be June 12, 2024. Members did meet with the Brandywine Conservancy (consultant on the project) on May 14th to start the project that will update our ordinances regarding riparian buffers, specimen trees and medical marijuana. The project will take up to a year and half or less. The next meeting is scheduled for June 27th at 1 p.m. Mr. Smith also commented he had reached out to Steve Kopp, potential buyer of the Chadds Peak property. He stated he is proceeding with the purchase of the property.

A bill list dated May 15, 2024 numbering 2018-2052, Capital Reserve #170, 171, Open Space #132 was submitted and approved for payment by the Board. The Board also reviewed the April bank reconciliation for the General Fund. With no further business the meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathleen Howley
Township Manager