

April 17, 2013

The Board of Supervisors of Pennsbury Township held a regular meeting on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the township building. Present were Supervisors McIntyre, Scottoline, Solicitor Tom Oeste and Kathleen Howley. The minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

Manager Kathleen Howley reported the following:

1. Thomas Hoehle and Kenneth Schreffler of the Kennett Senior Center gave a presentation on the benefits of belonging to the Senior Center and all the good work they do in the community through a program called Neighbors in Action. Their funding comes from various sources including United Way and various corporate sponsors in the region. They requested that their website link be placed on our website and possibly a note in the Township Newsletter and hope to get the word out to as many people as possible about their organization.
2. Fred DeVries, SECCRA township representative, introduced Bill Stulken from SECCRA who gave a presentation on the landfill located in London Grove Township. Pennsbury Township has been a member since it was founded in 1968. Mr. Stulken went over the financials of the organization and the increased expansion and use of the landfill. Pennsbury Township has recycling bins at the township building which has produced much needed grant money for the township from DEP. Even though Pennsbury is not a mandatory community for recycling, many of our residents do recycle and take advantage of the bins at the building. It was noted by Supervisor Scottoline that the income for the township was down in 2012 from 2011, possibly from people stuffing uncrushed boxes into the bins which take up a lot of space but do not contribute a proportional amount to the weight, which is what payments are based upon, which was corroborated by Mr. DeVries.
3. Ms. Howley reported that the annual Yard Sale in the park will take place on Saturday, April 27th 9-2 p.m. There will also be a shredding event in the township parking lot from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. where residents can have their important papers shredded that should not be recycled. Dumpsters for large item disposal will be here at the township building starting Thursday, May 2nd through Clean Up Day on May 4th. Anyone wishing to participate in roadside clean up can call the township building for bags, vests and gloves.
4. The June Supervisor's meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11th at 7 p.m. in the township building. The date was changed because of a conflict in schedules.
5. Lloyd Roach, Emergency Management Coordinator, reviewed with the board the importance of the Chester County ARES/RACES which is the amateur radio operator's organization. Martin Odom, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator explained to the Board how the radio system works and stated the township building is equipped to operate in this mode if necessary. The radio system is available when other forms of communication are down, e.g., the cell system.

Road Department Report – Dave Allen wrote that there was a Spring road inspection attended by the supervisors; Matt Houtman met with him regarding Chandler Road and drainage issues at Concord Way and Constitution Drive; they continue to skin patch roads and ditch road gutters, chipping of branches finished today and the road work bid went to the lowest bidder, Asphalt Industries - \$1.36 per sq yd for precoat and \$1.18 per sq yd for regular oil and chip. There was a question of the cost effectiveness of oil & chipping versus new 1 ½" blacktop coating. The Township Engineer, Matt Houtman, indicated that currently blacktop costs four times more than oil & chip, but has only a 2 ½ times longer lifetime, therefore oil & chip, where the roadbed is suitable for such, is more cost effective.

Ms. Howley reported that Anne Walters, landscape architect, submitted a sketch plan as requested for the eastern parcel of land next to the township building showing the potential of additional ball fields that could be added to the master park plan if this property would ever become available for sale to the township.

Supervisor McIntyre reported that the Chadds Ford Unionville School District has approved and awarded the bid for the storm water management project for the Hillendale School that the Township has been working on in conjunction with BVA and the Brandywine Conservancy. This has been a long process and everyone worked hard to make it happen. He especially wanted to note the excellent cooperation from Dr. Sanville, School Superintendent, Steve Dissinger, Hillendale School Principal and Rick Hostetler, school district grounds maintenance manager. The Township Engineer, Matt Houtman came up with the design of the project and the school district will fund it as well as making it a part of the curriculum for students to learn. Completion of this project should greatly help resolve decades-old issues with storm water flows in that area.

John Rosencrans was present to ask approval of a shared parking plan and reduced size of off street loading area for his commercial property that fronts Old Baltimore Pike and Route 1. He wants to renovate the barn and the tenant would have a wine tasting business which would operate in the evening and on weekends. He proposes to have shared parking with Steger Gowie commercial property next door. The number of spaces that he wants of Steger Gowie is a large percentage of the total available. He gave a copy of an agreement signed by Steger Gowie for this purpose. The Board thanked him for the information and would like some time to digest it and get back to him. He may need a land development plan instead of just a permit but the information needs to be studied and discussed. The tenant, Chris Dion, explained the proposed operation of the sale and tasting of wine. He needs to be open by the Fall season and would like direction from the township as soon as possible. Mr. Scottoline stated he may want the PC to review this proposal in light of the new Zoning Ordinance regarding the Rt. 1 & Brandywine Battlefield Overlay District and the Historical Resources Overlay District. A question came up about the overall sewage management system on site and this will be addressed at the building permit stage as well as other issues that are triggered by the building permit or land development process.

The Historic Commission Membership Ordinance was duly advertised for adoption. This is a stand alone ordinance that outlines membership requirements. This will not affect the present membership of the Commission. With no further discussion it was moved to adopt the ordinance and all were in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Oeste stated that there was a motion to dismiss the bankruptcy case for PVA. The property may be listed by June 2013 for sheriff sale.

Matt Houtman reported that he did meet with Dave Allen regarding Chandler Road and it was agreed that they will take a more incremental approach to the drainage problems rather than a global approach. They also discussed the drainage at Concord Way and Constitution Drive. The public water line is in the way and they will have to address this. Rusty Drumheller reported that things are slow as far as permits are concerned. He continues to make inspections at Crosslands and they are about 10 weeks behind schedule.

Dennis Smith reported the PC did review Mr. Rosencrans request for shared parking but only that aspect and not with regard to the other Articles of the Zoning Ordinance. They continue to discuss how to incorporate the 4 step design process into the SALDO and they will discuss the upcoming work to be done on the SALDO in general at their next meeting.

A bill list dated April 17, 2013 numbering 13818-13888 and State Funds #290, 291 were submitted and approved for payment by the Board. With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Kathleen Howley
Manager