

**Tredyffrin Township
Board of Supervisors' Meeting
Minutes – August 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of August was held on the above date at the Township Building. Board members present included Robert Lamina, Chairman; Paul Olson, Vice Chairman; John DiBuonaventuro; Michael Heaberg; Philip Donahue; and Evelyn Richter. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Andrew Chambers, Police Superintendent; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; Tom Scott, Assistant Township Manager; Tim Klarich, Finance Director; and Patricia Hoffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

Mr. Lamina called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Announcements

- A. The Board of Supervisors will begin the 2012 budget process with a public workshop on Monday, August 22, at 7 p.m. in Keene Hall. Topics for discussion will include 2011 Revenue and Expenditures - year-to-date analysis at 7/31/2011, end-of-year projections, and some very preliminary projections for 2012; five-year capital plan for projects, vehicles, equipment; and the 2012 budget process and schedule.
- B. The Board of Supervisors would like to acknowledge the efforts by Public Works and the Police department to provide a successful and enjoyable 2011 *Summer in the Park Concert Series*. The Cool Beans concert that was postponed due to excessive heat has been scheduled for September 11th. No new date has been set for the Philly Big Band that was rained out on July 7th.

Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 18, 2011.

Recognition of First Responders for Water Rescue

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. DiBuonaventuro presented:

- Commendations of Heroism for displaying outstanding courage without regard to personal safety, which resulted in saving the life of Logan Schweiter to firefighters/EMTs Eric Chobert and Phil Walker;
- Life Saving Commendations for performing an outstanding act which resulted in saving the life of Logan Schweiter to firefighter/EMT Greg Lattanzi, firefighters Bob Bruno and Kevin Woods.
- The Distinguished Unit Citation for outstanding team work which resulted in saving the life of Logan Schweiter to Officers Chobert, Walker, Lattanzi, Bruno, Woods, as well as to paramedic Dave Roderick, firefighter/EMT Andrew Packer, firefighter John Staats, EMT Erin Mack, assistant chief Doug Felske, EMT Abigail Helms, Capt. Ryan Maguire, Lt. Steve Nick, firefighter Andrew Ventura, firefighter Vince

DiFilippo, paramedic Doug Fuller, Adam Boise, deputy chief Joe Maguire, and paramedic Rick Reynolds.

Tredyffrin resident 12-year-old Logan Schweiter was caught in flash flooding caused by a sudden and violent storm on July 25, 2011. Martin Schweiter, Logan's father, spoke briefly about the pride and confidence these crew members should have. Mr. Schweiter acknowledged that these are squads made up of volunteers who saved his son on July 25. He stressed the importance of the volunteers who serve on our fire and EMS teams.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro thanked the Board of Supervisors for their continued support of Emergency Services and, when events warrant, recognition of actions of the first responders in the field.

Police Report

Supt. Chambers presented and introduced the newest police officer for Tredyffrin Township, Neil Jackson, to the community at large. He spoke highly of Officer Jackson's background in the military as well as his previous experience with other local law enforcement agencies.

Fire Companies Reports

John Beatty presented the Paoli Fire Company report. There were no significant incidents to report. The annual fund drive continues with only a 24% return from residents and a 13% return from businesses. Mr. Beatty distributed to the Board of Supervisors a copy of the solicitation brochure that was sent.

Eamon Brazunas presented the Berwyn Fire Company report. Fire and emergency calls are on par with past years. Capt. Brazunas reported that insurance reimbursements are lower than in the past and this is affecting all fire companies across the region.

Mr. Lamina added that citizens, businesses and municipal groups should remain aware of the work of the volunteers in the fire departments and the emergency services units in the area as they are making their individual decisions about charitable support for this year. The earlier ceremony this evening acknowledged the great work and services provided by volunteers in the area.

Library Report

Mr. Lamina acknowledged that this would be Joseph Sherwood's last report to the Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Tredyffrin and Paoli Libraries as Mr. Sherwood has accepted a position as the Director of the Chester County Library System. Mr. Lamina thanked Mr. Sherwood for his service as Library Director and conveyed best of luck to him in his new post.

Mr. Sherwood reported that the Tredyffrin Public Library renovations have started and added that Valerie Green will take over as the Owner's Representative for the project. Mr. Sherwood also reported that use of the libraries increased this summer and that volunteering at the library is up as compared to last year.

Mr. Sherwood introduced Gretchen Chamberlain who was appointed as the Interim Director by the Tredyffrin Township Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Chamberlain reported on the upcoming fall library programs.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. Lamina reported that the Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees and the Library Foundation, Mr. Olson thanked Mr. Sherwood for his outstanding service to the Tredyffrin Township Library System and he thanked Ms. Chamberlain for coordinating the programs and volunteers.

Subdivision Plan Involving a Lot Line Change for Yellow Springs Road

Motion made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. DiBuonaventuro to approve the subdivision plan for a lot line change for Mark & Marcia Langerhans, 1063 Yellow Springs Road, and Reg & Kay Pierce, 1127 Yellow Springs Road, in the R-1/2 residential zoning District. The Planning Commission had reviewed the plan and recommended it to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The motion passed unanimously.

Proposed Zoning Amendment to Create New Trout Creek Stormwater Overlay District

Ms. Gleason introduced the proposed zoning amendment to create a new Trout Creek Stormwater Overlay District. The purpose of the new district is to encourage substantial public stormwater improvements on large properties in return for greater flexibility in zoning regulations. The Planning Commission began their review and discussion on this topic at their meeting on June 16, 2011 and continued at their July meeting. The Planning Commission will continue to work on clarifying the language in the ordinance and will review the maps at their next meeting on August 18, 2011. This introduction serves as an information notice to the Board of Supervisors to keep them apprised that the ordinance will be presented for approval at a future Board of Supervisors meeting, in accordance with the new procedures established for ordinance processes, and to make them aware of the need for a public hearing to be scheduled in the fall.

Approval for Transportation and Community Development Initiative Grant for Zoning Ordinance Update

Motion made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to give Township personnel permission to apply to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for a Transportation and Community Development Initiative grant to update the zoning ordinance for commercial zoning districts. The purpose of the proposed 2012 project is to simplify these districts, modernize the Township approach to commercial zoning, and align related regulations such as parking. This will allow the Township to be more proactive in encouraging re-development and will streamline administration for staff, the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board. It will also aid in retaining and recruiting business along the two main commercial corridors in the Township (Routes 30 and 202). The motion passes unanimously.

Adopt Updated Emergency Operations Plan for Tredyffrin Township

Motion made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. DiBuonaventuro to adopt a Resolution to accept and re-approve the updated Emergency Operations Plan for Tredyffrin Township. The motion passes unanimously.

Review and comments for Willistown Township's Map

Motion made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to authorize Township staff to send a letter to Willistown Township suggesting they add boundary lines for adjoining municipalities to the Willistown Township official map.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Public Hearing

The public hearing from July 18, 2011, to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 181 for sidewalk requirements in subdivision and land development plans was continued.

Mrs. Kichline joined the public hearing via phone.

At the end of discussion, motion made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Heaberg to continue the public hearing to September 19, 2011. The motion passed unanimously.

Complete notes of testimony were taken by Arlene Larosa, Court Reporter, and are on file at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hoffman
Recording Secretary