

**Tredyffrin Township
Minutes – April 4, 2011**

The first regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of April was held on the above date at the Township Building. Board members present included Robert Lamina, Chairman; Paul Olson, Vice Chairman; John DiBuonaventuro, Philip Donahue, Michael Heaberg, Michelle Kichline, and Evelyn Richter. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Thomas Scott, Assistant Township Manager; Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works; Stephen Burgo, Township Engineer; Superintendent Andrew Chambers; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

Mr. Lamina called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 21, 2011.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. Donahue said the Finance Committee met in preparation for upcoming contract talks, as well as discussing our current website and how it assists with Township business. He said the Committee recommended creating a citizens group that will help the Township with technology issues to take our website in the next few years to a full-service website that will make life easier for residents as well as Staff.

Mr. Donahue said the 4th Annual Tidy-Up Tredyffrin project will be held on Saturday, April 16th and Sunday, April 17th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to help. Citizens can volunteer on-line at www.tidyuptredyffrin.org or by calling 610-688-4489.

Mr. Lamina said the Board met in Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

Presentation by PennDOT and the PA Turnpike regarding the start of Route 202 construction and Route 29 slip ramp construction

Derrick Stokes, Deputy Director of the Transportation Management Association (TMACC) of Chester County, said representatives of PennDOT and the PA Turnpike were here to discuss two very significant transportation projects in our region. He introduced Don Steele, Sr. Project Engineer of the PA Turnpike. Mr. Steele said the Route 29 Easy-Pass Interchange will provide access to the Great Valley Corporate Center and provide relief on the Route 202 corridor. The project was awarded to Allen A. Meyers in the amount of \$48 million. Work has begun and is scheduled to be complete in November 2012. Mr. Steele said the projected traffic volume will be 4,000 vehicles per day on the east ramp and 1,000 vehicles per day coming from the west.

Mr. Steele said another turnpike project, the final design on the widening project, will begin at the Route 29 interchange and end at the Valley Forge interchange. It will be put out for bid in late 2012, and construction will take place 2013 to 2015.

Robert Haver, resident, asked if there was any estimate made of the impact to traffic on Route 401 eastbound in the morning and westbound in the evening. Mr. Steele said he did not have that information but would find out.

Gene Blaum, PennDOT Press Secretary, said PennDOT will begin the first of two main line construction projects – turning Route 202 into a 6-lane highway from Valley Creek (just north of the Rt. 401 exit) to North Valley Road by mid-2014. The second project, expanding Rt. 202 from Valley Creek to the Rt. 30/Exton Bypass interchange, will be started in the spring of 2013 and end in 2015.

Dave Palmer, Urban Engineers, discussed the three stages for the construction and how it will impact travel. He said this is a \$300 million investment.

There was a discussion on the Rt. 202 soundwalls. They will start from Swedesford Road southbound almost to the off-ramp for Great Valley. On the north side, they start at Cedar Hollow Road to almost the end of the project, for a total of 7 ½ miles. They will have sound absorptive panels.

More information about this project can be found at www.US202-300.com

Schedule a public hearing to consider an ordinance creating new regulations for historic preservation

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to schedule a public hearing to consider an ordinance creating new regulations for historic preservation on May 23, 2011.

Mr. Scott said Staff has generated language for a draft ordinance that allowed for a successor to the HARB and the certificate of appropriateness process within the Zoning Ordinance which also vests final authority on the applications with the Board of Supervisors. The draft was expanded by the Planning Commission, and then reviewed and revised by the Solicitor.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Schedule a public hearing to consider amendments to sidewalk requirements in subdivision and land development plans

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. DiBuonaventuro to schedule a public hearing to consider amendments to sidewalk requirements in subdivision and land development plans on June 20, 2011.

Ms. Gleason said this is a follow-up to the report submitted by the Sidewalk Subcommittee which recommended changes to our Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for sidewalks. The Planning Commission will discuss the Subcommittee recommendations at their meeting on April 21st and the public is invited to attend. The draft ordinance will be also be on our website for the public to review.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Amend the fee schedule for road opening permits

Ms. Gleason said the Township requires permits for property owners or utilities to do work on Township roads. The fee schedule for road opening permits is tailored to work done by property owners. Utilities such as Aqua have been doing a significant amount of work lately on our Township roads, and because this work often involves long stretches of road, the current fee schedule has not fit their projects as intended. We recommend adding a separate category in the fee schedule for utilities that corresponds with the fees that PennDOT charges.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to adopt a resolution to amend the Fee Schedule amending the fees for road opening permits by adding a category for utilities, which becomes effective April 5, 2011, at \$50 plus \$40 per 100 linear foot.

New Matters – Board

Mr. Lamina said the Summer Concert Series at Wilson Farm Park has been set. Upcoming shows are: June 30 – Chico’s Vibe; July 7 – Philly Big Band; July 14 – The Mango Men; July 21 – Cool Beans Music; and July 28 – Flower Power. Concert sponsors are the Tredyffrin Park and Recreation Foundation, Horizon Services, Inc., and Main Line Health Paoli Hospital. Concerts begin at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Lamina said we will again be holding our 4th of July celebration at Wilson Farm Park, with a concert by the Chester County Concert Band at 7:15 pm, and fireworks to follow at dusk. Sponsors are Shire Pharmaceuticals and Penn Medicine.

Mr. Donahue said one of the pressing issues in the Township is economic development to attract new tenants. He said we are currently working with a large company who is thinking of moving into the Township and another organization looking to expand, and it would be a great prize to have them in our Township. He said we need to re-examine what we are doing as a Townshi and making sure we are the right place for business.

Mr. Donahue made a motion to form an Economic Development Committee, to pull together information, gather facts, and begin a dialog putting our best foot forward and creating the right environment for Tredyffrin. Mr. Olson seconded the motion.

Ms. Kichline said she, Mr. Donahue and Mr. Heaberg would recruit members of the business community and surrounding regions to serve on the committee, which would advise the entire Board on the role and scope for where we want to go with large and small businesses. Mr. Heaberg said we are looking for creative strategic thinkers in the community.

Resident Carlotta Johnston-Pugh said she didn't see a lot of diversity in the community and thought this would bring more companies to the Township as well as residents. Mr. Donahue said the first step will be having an opportunity to discuss ideas like that with residents.

At the end of discussion, motion passed.

New Matters – Citizens

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary