

Minutes – January 23, 2006

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of January was held on the above date at the Township Building. Board members present included Judy L. DiFilippo, Chairman; Warren Kampf, Vice Chairman; Bill DeHaven, Mark DiFelicianantonio, Paul Drucker, and Brooks Keffer. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Supt. Richard Harkness; Stephen F. Norcini, Director of Public Works; David Brill, Finance Director; John Farrell, Assistant to the Township Manager; Michael Fahey, Director of Building and Zoning; Vincent Pompo, Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

Mrs. DiFilippo called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Keffer, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the Organization meeting held January 3, 2006.

Motion was made by Mr. Drucker, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held January 3, 2006.

Announcements

The Board of Supervisors will hold a continued public hearing on Monday, February 6, 2006 to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance's Hotel Office District.

The Planning Commission will review proposed ordinance amendments for Paoli area zoning districts at the February 2nd Workshop session and the February 16th meeting.

Mrs. DiFilippo announced that the Board convened at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Miscellaneous - Certificates of Appreciation for Township Volunteers

Mrs. DiFilippo said there are 11 other boards, commissions and authorities supported by volunteers, and often 2-3 more volunteer committees to address separate needs. She said it is important from time to time to recognize some of the volunteers who have served the Township. Mrs. DiFilippo thanked these volunteers who have resigned from their committees, and presented Certificates of Appreciation to:

David Cohen – Member of the Park and Recreation Board for 17 years.

John Novelli – Member of the Library Board for 4 years

Al Doering – Member the Zoning Hearing Board for 18 years

Mitsie Toland – Member of the Environmental Advisory Council for 17 years.

Bob Ashman – Member of the Park and Recreation Board for 28 years.

Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mrs. DiFilippo said this year as part of the regular public meeting, the Board liaisons to the authorities, boards and commissions will be presenting updates. The 2006 liaisons are:

Mr. DeHaven – Finance Committee; Park & Recreation Board; Public Works and non-uniformed employee groups; Sidewalk, Trails & Paths Committee; and Townwatch.

Mr. DiFelicianantonio – Environmental Advisory Council; Library Board and Library Foundation

Mr. Drucker – Paoli Task Force; Traffic Committee; and Zoning Hearing Board

Mr. Keffer – Cable Television Advisory Committee; Historical Architectural Review Board; Pension Trustees and Personnel Committee

Mr. Kampf – Planning Commission and Personnel Committee

Mr. Lamina – Finance Committee; Municipal Authority; and Police Department

Mrs. DiFilippo – Comprehensive Plan Update; Finance Committee; Historical Architectural Review Board; Paoli Task Force; Personnel Committee; School Board Liaison; and Tricentennial Committee

Mr. DeHaven reported that the Sidewalk, Trails and Paths Committee has been working for several months and there is quite a lot activity on the Safe Routes to School program, applying for grants and finding funding sources, adopting a handbook, and planning for new trails. More information can be found on our website, www.tredyffrin.org.

Mr. DeHaven said the Park and Recreation Board continue to work on the quality of our fields and the regulations for scheduling of fields. They are adopting a new fee schedule for fields which will include a discount for Tredyffrin residents, and considering ways to enhance deer hunts in the Township. They will be holding a computer class in March.

Mr. Keffer said the Cable Television Advisory Committee had one meeting so far this year. Verizon is now in our area installing fiber optics which hopefully will be in operation by next year. The committee is working on that process.

Mr. Kampf said the Environmental Advisory Council had their first meeting of the year and recapped what was achieved in 2005 and laid out their strategic plan for the coming year. The EAC desires to have a summit with EAC's from surrounding townships, to work together on common issues, possibly this summer or fall.

Miscellaneous- Receive bids for bituminous concrete, stone aggregate and rental equipment

Motion was made by Mr. Keffer and seconded by Mr. Kampf to receive bids for bituminous concrete, stone aggregate and rental equipment on Wednesday, March 1, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Norcini said we will be receiving three separate sealed bids for bituminous concrete, stone aggregate and rental equipment. After award of these bids, the Township crew would use these supplies throughout the year for various Public Works' projects.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Approve Preliminary Subdivision Plan: Bentley by Design, L.P., Proposal to consolidate 2 lots on 2.5 acres and resubdivide into 3 lots at 24 Bodine Road in an R-1 Residence District.

Motion was made by Mr. Drucker and seconded by Mr. Keffer to approve a Preliminary Subdivision Plan: Bentley by Design, L.P., Proposal to consolidate 2 lots on 2.5 acres and resubdivide into 3 lots at 24 Bodine Road in an R-1 Residence District.

Ms. Gleason said this subdivision plan has been before the Planning Commission for some time. The Planning Commission and ARRO Consulting, Inc. have reviewed the plans, and a few minor issues remain. The Planning Commission has recommended the Board approve preliminary subdivision plan.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Appointment to Library Committee

Motion was made by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to appoint Yolanda Van De Krol to a three-year term on the Library Board of Trustees.

Department Reports:

Police Report

Supt. Harkness said his monthly report was included in the Supervisors' packets. In addition, he said he was pleased to announce Sergeant John R. Bailey, a 28-year veteran of Tredyffrin's Police Department, graduated from the FBI Academy, after an 11-week course.

Supt. Harkness said the Police Department building renovations are almost complete and in the next couple of months, residents will be invited to come and see what has been done. He said the funds to pay for these renovations came from money confiscated from criminals, and it has cost the taxpayers nothing.

Supt. Harkness said he will be presenting the 2005 Police Report at the second meeting in February.

Supt. Harkness said the Chester County Crime Victims Center is holding a training program designed for parents to teach Internet safety and explore child safety on the Internet. It will be held at St. Norberts Church in Paoli on Wednesday, January 25, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini said he submitted his activity report which included highway crews cleaning inlets of leaves and debris, repairing potholes, performing sign maintenance and sweeping streets. There was a snow event on December 15, 2005. Rip-rap was installed on Henry Avenue. Leaf cleanup and trash pick-up continues at Township parks.

Escrows

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to release \$4,523.00 from St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, Tredyffrin Township, covering site improvements at St. Peter's and Church Roads, Paoli; balance remaining \$53,031.00

Motion was made by Mr. Keffer, seconded by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, and passed unanimously to release \$69,400.00 from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. to Keystone Devon Square Associates, covering site improvements at 722 and 724 Lancaster Avenue, balance remaining \$21,175.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Drucker, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to release \$1,010.00 from Tredyffrin Township Escrow Account for Malvern Federal Savings Bank, covering site improvements at 42 E. Lancaster Avenue, Paoli; balance remaining \$56,755.00.

Motion was made by Mr. Keffer, seconded by Mr. Kampf, and passed unanimously to accept Subdivision & Land Development Agreement and a Financial Security Agreement between J. J. Christian & Company, Inc. and Tredyffrin Township, and a Letter of Credit in the amount of \$76,837.71 from Willow Grove Bank, covering site improvements at 9 Park Avenue, Paoli.

New Matters – Board

Mr. Drucker asked Mr. Norcini the status of heating bathrooms in Wilson Park during the winter. Mr. Norcini said it would cost approximately \$837 per month or \$2,500 for the season. This cost is for the electricity to heat the bathrooms. Mr. Kampf asked if any residents had requested keeping the bathrooms open, and Mr. Norcini said no. Mr. DeHaven asked for the cost of a port-a-potty. Mr. Norcini said they were about \$100 per month. Mr. DeHaven said he would discuss this with the Park Board at their next meeting.

New Matters - Citizens

Marian Schneider, representing the Chester County Coalition for Voting Integrity spoke about the possibility that the Chester County Commissions may replace the punch card voting system with an electronic touch screen voting system. The group she represents is not in favor of such a change, and she distributed information on their position to the Board.

Ms. Schneider asked the Board to adopt a resolution requesting the Chester County Commissioners to retain the punch card system. Mrs. DiFilippo encouraged her to go back to the Commissioners and contact the State Legislators. After discussion, the Board said it would review the resolution and revisit it at the next meeting.

Ms. Gleason introduced two new staff members at tonight's meeting. John Farrell, the new Assistant to the Township Manager, recently graduated from Villanova in the Master's program, and was an intern at the Township for more than a year. Mike Fahey is the new Director of Building and Zoning, and comes from Pittsburgh where he was a Planner. She said she was pleased to have them both on board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Public Hearing - Consider and adopt an Ordinance amending all articles of the Zoning Ordinance, except those related to signs and the Special Paoli Development District and to the Subdivision and Land Development ordinance, required for consistency.

At the conclusion of testimony, the Board agreed to continue the Public Hearing to the March 20, 2006 meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary