

Minutes – March 6, 2006

The first regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of March 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 DiFeliciano, Paul Drucker, and Brooks Keffer. Also in attendance were 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 7:35 p.m.

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Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 27, 2006.

Announcements

The Board of Supervisors will hold a continued public hearing on Monday, March 20, 2006 to consider amendments to all articles of the Zoning Ordinance, except those related to Signs and the Special Paoli Development District, and related provisions of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance required for consistency.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 20, 2006 to consider and adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 186, Article I (Emergency & Municipal Services Tax) to amend the low-income exemption section (186-4.G) to calculate the exemption based on income from all sources.

Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. DiFeliciano said he met with the Library Board. There was discussion of the fundraising campaign and the success they have been having, and also the plan and schedule for the construction of the library.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust had their first meeting with a consultant who will be working on an overview of the goals and objectives of the group, along with a vision of what will be accomplished over the next decade. They will be having community workshops in the next few months.

Miscellaneous - Appointment to Authorities, Board and Commissions

Motion was made by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to reappoint Sarah Ahmann-Kligman to a three-year term on the Environmental Advisory Council.

Miscellaneous - Approve Westover Park Master Plan

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf and seconded by Mr. Drucker to adopt a resolution to approve the Westover Park Master Plan as prepared by Yost Strodoski Mears and presented to the Board of Supervisors on February 27, 2006.

Mrs. DiFilippo said this is a follow-up to the discussion the Board had last week after the initial presentation of the Master Plan prepared by Yost Strodoski Mears. She said notices were sent to neighbors around the park regarding this discussion at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Norcini recapped the process for selecting Yost Strodoski Mears, and how they created this Master Plan. He also gave a brief overview of the plan, along with some of the concerns early on in the planning process. He said the thought the Board was in consensus at the end of last week's meeting except for the area of the basketball court. Mrs. DiFilippo asked for comments from the public.

Several residents who had attended meetings over the summer said they were surprised this issue was being raised because the neighbors were quite clear they did not want any basketball court. They were happy with the plan as proposed. There was discussion on the difference between the proposed area with one pole with three basketball hoops, which would attract younger children, and a regular half-court which would attract bigger children and teenagers. The residents said there were several basketball courts in the area to accommodate teenagers and adults.

The other issue raised was bathrooms, with half the residents against having them, and half for them. Mr. Norcini said there is already a sewer line in place, and the utilities for the bathroom should be installed during park construction. The actual restroom could be phased in at a later time.

Mr. DiFelicianantonio said his biggest concern was the traffic, and couldn't support the park as proposed unless there was a significant improvement in the traffic flow. Mr. Norcini said a field meeting is scheduled with PennDot, but to install a right turn lane would require a traffic study and Highway Occupancy Permit. The final design would be determined by PennDot. Mrs. DiFilippo said we can't approach PennDot until we have a plan for the park, then we could get the traffic studies.

Mr. DeHaven said he was happy with the park plan, but not with the financial outlay of \$2 million so far. He still encouraged residents to have a basketball court in the park.

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At the end of discussion, Mrs. DiFilippo called for a vote. Motion passed by a vote of 4-2 with Mr. DiFelicianantonio and Mr. Keffer voting no.

New Matters – Board

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Board met in Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters.

New Matters – Citizens

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary