

Minutes – September 25, 2006

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

Call to Order

Mrs. DiFilippo called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mr. Keffer, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 11, 2006.

Announcements

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 2, 2006 to consider an ordinance entering into a franchise agreement with Verizon.

The Township is developing a new comprehensive land use and development plan. There will be a public meeting on Monday, October 30th at the Township Building to gather input about current development patterns and how they affect neighborhoods, stormwater runoff, traffic congestion, tax rates, etc. Maps will be available for public review and comment. Additional meetings about alternative approaches to guide future development will be held next year as the planning process continues.

Financial Report

Mr. Brill indicated the following from the Executive Summary of the Financial Report:

- Overall, we are \$3.6 million favorable to Budget
- After excluding large commercial property transactions, overall we are \$751,000 favorable to Budget
- After excluding large commercial property transactions, we are forecasting the year to be favorable to Budget by \$400,000 to \$500,000 – attributable to favorable revenues within real estate transfer tax, emergency municipal services tax, investment earnings, recycling grant monies, and expenditures being managed below budgeted levels.

Mr. Brill presented the Financial Report for August 2006:

General Fund		\$ 8,313,553
Capital Reserve Fund		4,769,619
State Fund		569,266
Highway Improvement Fund		452,763
Debt Service Fund		11,525,717
1996 Bond Proceeds		
Twp. Building	\$ 134,057	
Parkland Acquisition	177,961	
Highway Project	<u>3,636,408</u>	
		3,948,426
2003 Bond Proceeds		
Construction Projects	\$4,044,919	
Library Expansion	<u>2,667,018</u>	
		<u>6,711,937</u>
Total Cash Balances		\$36,291,281

Motion was made by Mr. Drucker, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to approve the Financial Report for August, 2006.

Police Report

Supt. Harkness highlighted some activities for the month:

- There was a fatal accident on August 12th on Cassatt Road. Test results from the Coroner's office have not been received yet.
- On August 24th, Tredyffrin Township Police hosted and participated in an anti-terror drill at the Devon Train Station, to test our communication capabilities. Supt. Harkness was very pleased with the outcome.
- An armed robbery occurred at the 7-Eleven store in Paoli. Police are working on the case.
- The burglaries occurring in the eastern part of the Township have stopped since arrests were made in townships surrounding Tredyffrin.
- Six individuals were arrested for the vast majority of graffiti in the Township, and must pay restitution of approximately \$8,000. No arrests have been made for the \$10,000 worth of criminal mischief in Paoli.
- A check was received from T/E Middle School District for \$17,000 to help defray the cost of our crossing guard program.
- The Valley Forge National Historical Park is accepting written public comment about the deer situation until December 8th. There will also be two public comment sessions on November 8th from 1-4 pm at their education facility in the Park, and November 9th from 6-9 pm at the Tredyffrin Township Building.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini said the biggest items of note for the month included the thunderstorm damage of August 26th and 29th to the Richards Road area, repairing inlets (six done during the last month); and the set-up and running of Community Day at Wilson Farm Park. This was a group effort which involved a lot of the Public Works staff. Mrs. DiFilippo offered kudos to the Police and Public Works staff for their work during Community Day. She said it was a great success and truly enjoyable day.

Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. Kampf said the Planning Commission met in regular session and had further discussions on the proposed changes to the Paoli Zoning Ordinances. Affected residents had been invited to attend the meeting. There was a presentation by the Chester County Planning Commission on the "Patriots Path", a proposed trail concept.

Mr. Kampf invited residents to the ground breaking ceremony at the Strafford Library on Saturday, September 30th.

Mr. DeHaven said the Sidewalk, Trails and Paths Committee met and discussed the "Patriots Path". He also encouraged residents to attend the deer control meetings at Valley Forge Park.

Miscellaneous - Commendation to the Wharton Esherick Museum in recognition of its designation by *Fine Homebuilding* as one of "The 25 Most Important Houses in America".

Mrs. DiFilippo said Tredyffrin Township has one museum and it is the Wharton Esherick Museum and Studio. She said we are very fortunate to have such a facility in our community - it has great and special significance. Mansfield and Ruth Bascom, caretakers for the Museum, were in attendance. Mr. Bascom said they purchased the museum after Mr. Wharton (Mrs. Bascom's father) died, and established it as a non-profit, tax exempt organization. They operate it as a museum and share the expense of the preservation with the public. He thanked Tredyffrin Township for its annual support.

Miscellaneous - Schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 16, 2006 to consider and adopt amendments to the Township's Zoning Ordinance to add definitions and regulations for the Flood Hazard District in order to bring the ordinance into compliance with the newest requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the Pennsylvania Floodplain Management Act.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Kampf to schedule a public hearing on Monday, October 16, 2006 to consider and adopt amendments to the Township's Zoning Ordinance to add definitions and regulations for the Flood Hazard District in order to bring the ordinance into compliance with the newest requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program and the Pennsylvania Floodplain Management Act.

Ms. Gleason said FEMA and the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development have provided the required information to add to our Zoning Ordinance. There were a few minor changes to make. She said the Planning Commission reviewed it last week.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Discussion of 2007 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plans

Mr. Brill said Act 205 of 1985, governs the funding requirements for all municipal pension plans. The law requires the “governing body” of the municipality to be advised of the pension plans’ financial requirements for the coming year. He said for 2007, the contributions in total for all plans will be \$1,063,278. This will be paid, in part, by aid from the State.

Miscellaneous – Approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for renovations to an existing house at 475 Prussian Lane which is within 250 feet of Historic Site #8, Quarters of Brigadier General Enoch Poor.

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. Kampf to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for renovations to an existing house at 475 Prussian Lane which is within 250 feet of Historic Site #8, Quarters of Brigadier General Enoch Poor.

Mr. Fahey said renovations include adding a detached frame garage. The HARB have reviewed the plans and recommend the Board’s approval.

After discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Receive bids for “Spring Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Spot Repairs”, Public Works Department Project #5-06.

Motion was made by Mr. DeHaven and seconded by Mr. Keffer to receive bids on Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. for “Spring Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Spot Repairs”, Public Works Department Project #5-06.

Mr. Norcini said this project will complete work started on Spring Street last year and smaller repairs on Glenn Avenue and Parks Run Lane. These items were included in the budget this year.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Discussion of Tredyffrin-Easttown Youth Soccer Association (TEYSA) to request to use temporary lighting at Mill Road Park fields #1 & #2, starting this season and ending December 20, 2006.

Mr. Norcini said the T-E Youth Soccer Association (TEYSA) has requested permission to install temporary lighting at Mill Road Park, fields #1 and #2, to allow additional field time by being able to practice during the evening hours. Practices will be completed by 8:00 p.m., take place only on weekends, and night time sessions will conclude at Thanksgiving. The lights are powered by generators and would stand 15 ft. tall. There will be a one-week trial period, and it is at the Township's discretion whether to continue after that week. The Park and Recreation Board voted to recommend the usage of lights at Mill Road Park.

It was suggested notifying the closest neighbors of what will be occurring at the Park. The Board agreed to a one-week trial period.

New Matters – Board

Mr. Drucker asked the status of the handicap facilities for Wilson Farm Park. Mr. Norcini said they met with the Township Manager, and have looked at several locations throughout the park. They will pick the final location based on cost and aesthetics. Mr. Norcini said there is a 4-6 week lead time for equipment, but he hopes to get started this year.

Mrs. DiFilippo said years ago, Township Supervisors were Road Supervisors who surveyed the Township two times a year. She is asking the Board to give her dates so they can tour the Township to check the status of roads and get visible knowledge of the Township's needs.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Tredyffrin 300 is moving along. The committee is gathering lots of information, and filming on the documentary has begun.

Mrs. DiFilippo congratulated the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust for a very successful 2nd annual house tour.

Mr. DeHaven thanked the Public Works crew for the work they did to get Wilson Park ready for Community Day after the heavy rains. He said they were a great representation of the Township. Mr. Norcini said he would pass this on to the crew, and thanked Sgt. Tony Giaimo for the great help he provided with the traffic flow.

New Matters – Citizens

Wendy Civitella asked if there was any update on the Swedesford Road and North Valley Road intersection situation, or any conversation with PennDOT. Mrs. DiFilippo said Ms. Gleason and Mr. Burgo met with PennDOT last month to get information about a "right-size" redesign. Ms. Gleason said our traffic engineer is sketching out a couple different alternates for a smaller intersection. After we take it to PennDOT to see if we are on the right track, we will bring these plans back to the public. Mr. Kampf said the Board may still rethink whether or not to redesign this intersection.

Frank Shannahan, 1589 Maple Avenue, Paoli, discussed the stormwater runoff he and his neighbors are receiving from the Maple Avenue Subdivision. He said the builder has removed trees, undergrowth, topsoil and mulch, and he gets considerable runoff every time there is a severe rain. He has spoken to several people at the Township, but still wants someone to solve his problem. Ms. Gleason said there has been communication with the builder, but she isn't sure what the status is. Mr. DeHaven said the builder had been told by the EAC and Planning Commission that they had to be careful what they were removing. Mr. Kampf asked for a report at next Monday's Supervisors Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary