

## **Minutes – May 5, 2008**

The first regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of May was held on the above date at the Township Building. Board members present included Warren Kampf, Chairman; Robert Lamina, Vice Chairman; Bill DeHaven, John DiBuonaventuro, Mark DiFelicianantonio, Judy DiFilippo, and Paul Olson. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; John Farrell, Assistant to the Township Manager; Stephen F. Norcini, Director of Public Works; Stephen Burgo, Township Engineer; Robert McClintock, Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

### **Call to Order**

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

### **Minutes**

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 28, 2008.

### **Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports**

Mr. DeHaven reported that the Planning Commission discussed plans from the Historic Preservation Trust Land Development Plan for the Jones Log Barn. The Islamic Society was granted approval for a two-story detached worship hall. He said there was a lengthy discussion on the section of the Comprehensive Plan relating to Old Eagle School Road across from the railroad station, and different opinions were voiced.

Mr. DeHaven said he met with a small group from the Sidewalk, Trails and Paths Committee, and the School District. The School Board is interested in the plans for sidewalks around the schools. They are concerned about when we will develop them, and the funding required. All sides agreed to continue work on the project. Phase I may be continued until next year and then combined with Phase II, with savings for the Township.

Mr. Lamina thanked the EAC and volunteers who participated in the first annual Tidy-Up-Tredyffrin Day on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. More than 100 bags of trash were collected throughout the Township. He thanked Kathie Jackson for leading the effort. Ms. Gleason thanked the Public Works Department for their participation in picking up the trash and debris.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Comprehensive Plan Committee will meet next Monday to discuss the comments received from the joint meeting with the Planning Commission.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked the Chairman when the Board could discuss the 501(c)(3) status of the Park Board, which is currently being reviewed by our solicitor. Mr. Kampf said we will put it on our June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

**Miscellaneous - Presentation by Valley Creek Restoration Partnership about Crabby Creek streambank restoration project**

Pete Goodman, President of the Valley Forge Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and Chuck Marshall, presented a report on the activities of the VF Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership within Tredyffrin Township and the Valley Creek Watershed.

Mr. Goodman said for over thirty years VF Trout Unlimited has worked for the protection, preservation and restoration of Valley Creek. Most of their recent work has been in conjunction with the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership, which is led by non-profit organizations, with local government, county, state and national governmental agencies participating.

Mr. Goodman said stormwater runoff is a big issue in Tredyffrin Township. Stormwater and associated issues are the biggest threat to the health of Valley Creek. The group has chosen to focus their work on Crabby Creek because they do not have the capacity or funding to repair the entire watershed. Crabby Creek has sewer line and manhole exposure issues, and is a spawning stream for brown trout.

Mr. Marshall said through a grant from the William Penn Foundation, work will be done to restore and rehabilitate 1000 feet of stream to its historic location prior to the late 1990's. This will be a great money saver to the Township by reducing its infrastructure maintenance costs. Additional work will include three rock infiltration trenches at storm sewer outlets which will reduce the amount of stormwater runoff reaching the creek and increase ground water recharge, something that is lost in the development process.

Mr. Marshall said the Partnership is working with the T/E School District to get a green roof on a portion of the Hillside School, and to retrofit the school's storm basin.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro complimented Mr. Goodman and Mr. Marshall on the amount of time and effort they have spent, and thanked them for their hard work. Mr. DeHaven said over the years, through development, the Township significantly changed the nature of the creek, and Mr. Goodman is determined to bring it back, which is a benefit to the Township. Mr. Kampf said the Township wants to continue to have a good relationship with the Partnership.

**Miscellaneous - Resolution formalizing the structure for a standing Sidewalks, Trails and Paths**

Mr. Farrell said the Sidewalks, Trails, and Paths Committee (STAP) has been in existence for almost three years and has played a tremendous role in furthering efforts to have sidewalks built in the vicinity of Conestoga High School and T/E Middle School. STAP's mission will continue for many years, and Township staff and members of STAP request the Board adopt a resolution which will formalize STAP as a standing committee rather than an ad-hoc group.

Mr. Farrell said the committee will have 9 “full” members with voting privileges, with three year terms. Up to 7 “associate” members will serve for the duration of specific projects with reappointments annually. STAP will have quarterly meetings, and for 2008, they will be on the third Thursday of July and October at 9:00 a.m. Formal minutes will be recorded and approved at STAP meetings, along with an annual report of their activities.

Mr. DeHaven recognized Sean Moir, current Chairman of STAP, who has motivated people with his interest in the project. He also mentioned Cindy Verguldi, another member of STAP, who has had great success in winning over the support of residents. He said the Township is alive with trails, and soon the community will be a walkable one.

Mr. Kampf said the Supervisors should do the normal interview process for the three associate members recommended.

Sean Moir thanked the Board for recognizing and supporting STAP’s efforts so far. He said the committee will stay firm on their mission for pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to adopt a resolution formalizing the structure for a standing Sidewalks, Trails and Paths Committee with Associate Members to be appointed by the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to appoint Bob O’Leary, Sandi Gorman, and Sean Moir for 1-year terms, to expire May 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to appoint Cindy Verguldi, Cheryl Bergsma, and Tim Lander for 2-year terms, to expire May 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to appoint Molly Duffy, Jim Donegan, and Bruce Parkinson for 3-year terms, to expire May 2011.

#### **Miscellaneous - Naming of new park in Devon**

Mr. Kampf said Devon Hill Motors is donating a portion of their land to the Township for the purpose of a pocket park. Ms. Gleason said in return, the Township vacated Lehigh Avenue for them. Ms. Gleason said once the work is completed for the new park, Devon Hill Motors will be dedicating this area to the Township. The Park Board has recommended naming this park “Grove Park”.

Mr. DeHaven said this area was originally developed and maintained by the Devon Bocce Club started predominantly by Italians at the turn of the century. He asked Mr. Norcini to investigate families in the Devon area to see if they could add any significance to the naming of the park area. Mr. Kampf agreed, and asked to have this item tabled until Mr. Norcini discusses it with the Park Board.

**New Matters – Board**

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said the Township’s thoughts and prayers are offered to the family of the recently slain Philadelphia police officer. He said this is a reminder of how quickly your life can change if you are in this line of work, and the Tredyffrin police officers face this same risk every day. Mr. DeHaven agreed with Mr. DiBuonaventuro, and said fire fighters face similar dangers when they respond to fire calls.

**New Matters – Citizens**

No new matters.

Ms. Gleason called the Board’s attention to the example of the design for the new Township banner. It is a modified version of the Tricentennial banner with a new slogan – “Bridge to the Future”. Mr. DiFeliciano asked how the slogan was chosen and suggested the banner give reference to the Township’s history. Ms. Gleason said a committee, which included Mrs. DiFilippo, reviewed the suggestions. Mr. DeHaven said he agreed with Mr. DiFeliciano, but suggested looking into the history of the volunteer in the Township. After discussion, the matter was tabled.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman  
Recording Secretary