

## **Minutes – September 8, 2008**

The first 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 Warren Kampf, 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; Captain Andrew Chambers, Thomas Hogan, 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 August 18, 2008.

### **Announcements**

A Composting Workshop will be held Tuesday, September 23rd, 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building. To sign up for the workshop or to find out more information, contact [ejlee@tredyffrin.org](mailto:ejlee@tredyffrin.org) or 610-408-3625.

A reminder to mark your calendar for Tredyffrin Township's Community Day which will be held Saturday, September 27th at Wilson Farm Park. More information will follow at future meetings.

### **Miscellaneous - Keene Hall Audio Visual Upgrades**

Mr. Farrell said with the installation of the new audio visual system, cameras are no longer necessary in Keene Hall. He said volunteers made the televising of Board meetings possible over the years. Mr. Kampf recognized current volunteers, which included Producer Al Little, and Crewmembers Chuck Auer, Mike Trobich, Bill Gingles and Alan Ross. Past volunteers recognized included Producer Walt Harlos, and Crewmembers Bob Haase, Ralph Ernest, Dick Walkling, the late Peter Kane, Caroline Metz, and Nicholas Moffo. Mr. Kampf thanked all of the volunteers on behalf of the Board, and said he was pleased to have the new system in place.

### **Miscellaneous - Display of replica of covered bridge**

John Templeton, a resident of Willistown, displayed a replica he made of the Knox covered bridge in Valley Forge Park. This bridge appears in the Township logo. Mr. Templeton offered to loan it to the Township. Mr. Kampf said it was a fine piece of work, and thanked Mr. Templeton for his generous offer.

**Miscellaneous - Supervisor Liaison Reports**

Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked for an update on the Westover Park bid process. Mr. Norcini said interviews will be held on Wednesday to pick the design consultant. After the interviews are conducted, the sub-committee will make recommendations to the Board, and the process should be complete by the end of next week.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked if a meeting had been arranged with PennDot to discuss the issue on East Conestoga Road regarding over-sized trucks trying to go under the railroad. Mr. Norcini said PennDot has not been responsive to his calls. It was discussed contacting our State Representative to assist.

Mr. Olson said the Library opened on Saturday, and he urged residents to take a look at it. He complimented Mr. Norcini on the work he has been doing for the Library renovations.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. DeHaven, and passed unanimously to reappoint Eleanor Carroll to a three-year term on the Library Board, term to expire October 18, 2011.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual House Tour is September 20<sup>th</sup>. Interested citizens can contact [tredyffrinhistory.org](http://tredyffrinhistory.org) for more information.

Mr. Kampf said the Chester County Health Department sent a press release out on West Nile Virus, advising they were spraying in Easttown Township tonight and Wednesday night. The Health Department indicated there weren't any health issues for residents to be concerned about.

**Miscellaneous - Memorandum of Understanding between Tredyffrin Township and proposed Park Foundation**

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said this item had been tabled last month, but had been approved in principle some months ago. Mr. Olson said two issues concerned him. He thought projects and coordinated fundraising activities should be brought to the attention of the Township Manager in advance, and the Board of Supervisors should appoint the members to the Foundation, with recommendations from the Park Board. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said they would be an independent entity and the Board would not have the right to tell them who to appoint; the Board of Supervisors should give advice and consent only.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Park Foundation would be similar to the Library Foundation which is also a 501(c)3, which can accept requests, donations and matching corporate funds. She said this Board does appoint members to the Library Foundation, and it operates independently from the Board. Mr. Hogan said language could be added to give the Board authority for who would be on the Park Foundation, but not overstepping that they can act independently. If we appoint their Board and tell them what they can and can't do in fundraising, we could run into a problem. We can do it either way, but we should be consistent throughout.

There was discussion on adding language to the agreement. The Board went into Executive Session at 8:06 pm and the meeting resumed at 8:12.

At the end of discussion, there was a consensus that the Foundation's listed services in the Memorandum of Understanding should include coordinating projects in advance with the Township. The Board also agreed to keep the article affirming the Foundation's independence from the Township, and the article setting forth the Foundation's selection of trustees, with the addition of a new article that all trustees would be appointed with the advice and consent of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Kampf made a motion to approve the draft Memorandum of Understanding as revised. Mr. DiBuonaventuro seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Miscellaneous - Schedule a public hearing to consider amendments to the Stormwater Ordinance**

Mr. Burgo said we are requesting a public hearing to present updates to the Stormwater Ordinance. The revisions to the ordinance have gone to the Environmental Advisory Council and recommendations were made to the Planning Commission at their August meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing to consider amendments to the Stormwater Ordinance on Monday, October 6, 2008.

**Miscellaneous - Schedule a public hearing to consider adoption of new Comprehensive Plan**

Ms. Gleason said the Township has been working on a new Comprehensive Plan to draft new land use policies for the Township. The public hearing will begin a formal presentation to the Board, include public input, and ultimately lead to adoption. The Planning Commission has approved the draft.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing to consider adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan on Monday, October 20, 2008.

**Miscellaneous - Valley Forge Sewer Authority Act 537 Needs Analysis**

Mr. Norcini said the Department of Environmental Protection requires that all municipalities tributary to the Valley Forge Sewer Authority treatment plant supply a forecast of their future sewage treatment needs in the form of a "Needs Analysis". It must show the ultimate flow forecast, as well as rectify the current forecast with the Township's 1993 Act 537 Plan. The portion of the Township serviced by the VFSA consists of Paoli and parts of Berwyn. The Township's Needs Analysis was authored by Thomas Brown, PE of Gannett Fleming, with input from the Township Manager and staff. The area in question was analyzed based on zoning, current projects and future development. Mr. Norcini said all the other municipalities that convey water to the VFSA are going through the same process.

Mr. Kampf made a motion that the Township concurs with the Needs Analysis, has no comments, and authorizes the Chairman to write a letter so stating. Mr. Olson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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### **Escrows**

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to release \$5,105.00 from Wachovia Bank to APEX Constructors, Inc., covering site improvements at The Preserve at Valley Forge, Lot #3; balance \$2,064.85.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to release \$38,735.00 from Wachovia Bank to St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, Tredyffrin Township, covering site improvements at St. Peter's and Church Roads, Paoli; balance remaining \$0.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to release \$18,497.30 from Tredyffrin Township to Wendy's of Devon, covering site improvements at the Valley Fair Shopping Center; balance remaining \$0.

### **New Matters – Board**

Mrs. DiFilippo extended her thanks to Mr. DiBuonaventuro for his work on the 501(c)3 for the Park Foundation.

Mr. DiFelicianantonio said he and his wife are producing a show on Public Access TV on environmental matters in the Township. It is called "Leaning Green" and will begin on Thursday.

Mr. DeHaven said the Easttown Township and Tredyffrin Township Veterans Association are compiling a list of veterans who served from the French and Indian War to the present, and were members of the armed services and at one time lived in Tredyffrin or Easttown Township. He said it has been difficult to gather information since World War II. For more information, go to [Berwynveterans.com](http://Berwynveterans.com) or visit them at Community Day, September 27<sup>th</sup> at Wilson Farm Park.

### **New Matters – Citizens**

None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman  
Recording Secretary