

Tredyffrin Township**Minutes – March 2, 2009**

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 Warren Kampf, Chairman; Robert Lamina, Vice Chairman; John DiBuonaventuro, Mark DiFelicianantonio, Judy DiFilippo, and Paul Olson. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Thomas Scott, Assistant Township Manager; Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works; Superintendent 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 Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 25, 2009.

Announcements

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on March 16, 2009 to consider amendments to the Stormwater Ordinance.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on April 20, 2009 to consider amendments to the Administrative Code.

The Valley Forge Road Bridge over the Pennsylvania Turnpike will be closed from Monday, March 2, 2009 until November 2009. Detour routes will utilize Routes 422 and 202, and traffic signals located along the detour route will be retimed to accommodate the increase in traffic volume and will be monitored throughout the detour.

Old Eagle School Road will be closed from March 2, 2009 until June 2, 2009 for waterline replacement by Aqua PA. During this time period, Aqua PA will also replace water lines on Laurel Lane, from Old Eagle School Road to Knox Road. The detour will utilize Croton Road and Devon Park Drive. The road will be open to local traffic, residents, school buses, and emergency vehicles, but not for through traffic. Work activity is scheduled between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The road closure and subsequent detour for Old Eagle School Road were issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked how PennDot did on Rt. 252 and Old Eagle School Road during the current snow event. Mr. Norcini said PennDot has improved in their snow removal operations since we contacted them, but there is still room for improvement.

Mrs. DiFilippo said the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust recently entered into an agreement with DuPortail House to reconstruct the historic Jones Log Barn on that property. It will be next to two historic properties already on the National Historic Register, and will create an enclave of historic buildings, becoming an historic center in Tredyffrin Township. The Trust and Township had previously agreed to rebuild the Jones Log Barn at Wilson Farm Park. They have submitted a letter requesting that agreement be terminated.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, on behalf of the Historic Preservation Trust, to terminate the prior agreement with Tredyffrin Township to locate the Jones Log Barn at Wilson Farm Park. The motion was seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Grant application from Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's "Efficient Growth for Growing Suburbs" program

Mr. Scott said the DVRPC is offering a new grant program targeted toward the region's growing suburbs to support local initiatives that enhance community design and improve the efficiency of the regional transportation system. Staff proposes to apply for the grant with the idea of offering some options to DVRPC with differing scopes of a pedestrian and bicycle route study. Mr. DiFelicianantonio asked about the timing of the grant. Mr. Scott said the application has to be submitted in the next week, with the award of the grant this summer.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to authorize application of the grant from Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's "Efficient Growth for Growing Suburbs" program.

Miscellaneous - Award contract for "Street Light Maintenance Contract", Public Works Project #1-09

Mr. Norcini said three bidders submitted bids on February 25, 2009 for the maintenance of the Township's street light program. The lowest bidder was Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$15,200 for the first year contract. The Township has the discretion to award two subsequent one-year contracts without the need to re-bid.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and passed unanimously to award the contract for "Street Light Maintenance" to Republic Intelligent Transportation Services, Inc. in the amount of \$15,200.

Miscellaneous - Accept temporary grading easements for the Sidewalk Project, Phase I, for the properties at 314 Margo Lane and 560 Conestoga Road

Mr. Scott said these temporary grading easements have been executed by both parties in connection with the Sidewalk Project. The areas will be used only for the purpose of re-grading the area for the use of permanent sidewalks.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to accept temporary grading easements for the Sidewalk Project, Phase I, for the properties at 314 Margo Lane and 560 Conestoga Road.

Miscellaneous - Budget Advisory Working Group

Mr. Kampf introduced Tom Colman as the new Chairman of the Budget Advisory Working Group, the group of citizens who will be assisting the Township to better manage our finances. There were fourteen individuals interviewed for the committee, and six were recommended to be appointed, in addition to Mr. Colman.

Motion was made by Mr. Kampf to formally appoint as members of the Working Group: Robert Betts, David Bookstaber, Thomas Colman, John Corr, Robin Gorneau, Henry Lloyd, and Joseph Muir. Mr. DiBuonaventuro seconded the motion.

Mr. Kampf said this is an excellent and qualified group of citizens, a bi-partisan group, who will have full access to Township information through the Manager and staff. They will meet monthly and present a final report towards the end of the year. He thanked Mr. Colman for all his work, and thanked everyone who volunteered to participate in this group. He also thanked Mr. DiBuonaventuro, Mrs. DiFilippo and Mr. Lamina for their assistance, and for agreeing to serve as Board liaisons.

Miscellaneous - Public Hearing to consider amendments to Chapter 114, the Historical District Ordinance

Ms. Gleason said this would be an ordinance to consider amendments to our existing Historical District Ordinance which would cover regulations to create the process for adding properties to the Historical District list, and update other regulations.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo, and passed unanimously to schedule a Public Hearing on Monday, April 6, 2009 to consider amendments to Chapter 114, the Historical District Ordinance.

Miscellaneous - Adopt a resolution for Sidewalk and Paths in Land Development Plans

Mr. Kampf said this resolution goes in tandem with what we did with the Comprehensive Plan regarding the Green Routes Network. The concept is where there is an applicant before our Planning Commission who has been told to install a sidewalk or other related structure along the Green Routes Network, and that applicant seeks a waiver of that condition from the Planning Commission, then the Planning Commission would be required to solicit input from the Sidewalks Trails and Paths Committee and the Board of Supervisors on whether such a request should be granted.

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Mr. Olson asked if we had an idea of the total miles of the Green Route, and Ms. Gleason said she did not. He asked if we had any idea of the total cost, and Ms. Gleason said only roads are laid out on the plans, and all the details, such as where there would be sidewalks or paths or bike lanes, have not been worked out yet. Mr. Olson asked if the Board is making any commitment for a bond issue on this project, and Mr. Kampf said definitely not by this resolution, and he didn't remember the Board ever doing that.

Motion was made by Mrs. DiFilippo, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to adopt a resolution for Sidewalk and Paths in Land Development Plans.

New Matters – Board

None

New Matters – Citizens

Chuck Marshall of the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership spoke about the Growing Greener Grant from the Department of Environmental Protection which was awarded to the Township to construct a green roof on part of Hillside Elementary School. The VCRP will be jointly working on this project to move things forward. He said it will require the School District to upgrade the current lining on part of the roof to be compatible with the green roof. Ms. Gleason said the VCRP has been meeting for quite awhile to bring various groups together throughout the area to work together on how to protect the Valley Creek stream. She said Hillside Elementary is an ideal location for people to see what a green roof looks like.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Public Hearing - Consider adoption of a new Comprehensive Plan

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Kampf, seconded by Mrs. DiFilippo and passed unanimously to adopt the final draft dated 2009 of the Comprehensive Plan and the Addendum to the Tredyffrin Township Historic Plan as drafted.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary