

Tredyffrin Township

Minutes – April 20, 2009

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of April 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 (by phone), and Paul Olson. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Thomas Scott, Assistant Township Manager; David Brill, Finance Director; Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works; Stephen Burgo, Township Engineer; Superintendent Andrew Chambers; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; Lt. Anthony Giaimo, and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

Mr. Kampf called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 6, 2009.

Announcements

“Tidy Up Tredyffrin”, the Township wide clean-up day, is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2009 from 9 am to 5 pm. If you are interested in participating in this clean-up, please contact the EAC at eac@tredyffrin.org or call 610-408-3625.

At the May 4th, Board of Supervisors meeting, a presentation will be made regarding proposed changes requested by PennDOT to the intersection improvement plan for Conestoga Road, East Conestoga Road, and Upper Gulph Road.

Financial Report

Mr. Brill presented the Financial Report for March 2009:

Financial Performance Year-to-Date versus Budget

	<u>YTD vs. Budget – Fav (Unf)</u>			<u>Concerns</u> Severity & duration of economic downturn	<u>Yr. Forecast</u>
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>		
General Fund	(658,883)	147,549	(511,334)		On budget
Sewer Utility Fund	102,482	33,798	136,280	None	Fav. to budget By \$0.1M
Valley Creek Trunk Sewer Fund	(1,943)	12,173	10,230	None	On budget
Township Wide Expenses		230,094		None	On budget

Cash & Investment Position - Reserves and cash flow remain healthy.

	<u>Balance \$M</u>	
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Prior</u>
Unrestricted	15.3	11.7
Restricted	41.7	41.2

Debt Position – Current with debt payments and covenants.

Mr. Olson asked if there were any anticipated sales in the next month. Mr. Brill said he was not aware of any. He said our real estate transfer taxes, outside of large transactions, are in line with budget. We are favorable to budget so far this year.

Police Report

Supt. Chambers introduced the newest Tredyffrin Township police officer, Paul Antonucci. Mr. Antonucci was formerly with the Coatesville Police Department.

Fire Company Reports

John Beatty presented Paoli's report for March. There were 23 fire calls, 35 EMS calls, and 9 false alarms for the month. The annual membership drive is scheduled to go out May 1st. Mr. Olson asked how many volunteers Paoli Fire Company had. Mr. Beatty said there were more than 45, and 4 paid staff.

Earl Stahl presented Berwyn's report for March. There were 39 fire calls for the month in Tredyffrin. Berwyn assisted in two serious accidents – one at Rt. 252 and Howellville Road, and one on the 1100 block of West Valley Road. Mr. Olson asked about the number of volunteers at Berwyn Fire Company, and Mr. Stahl said there were 56-60 volunteers and 9 paid employees.

Public Works

Mr. Norcini announced the retirement of Norman Sowell on April 15, 2009. Mr. Sowell had been a Public Works employee for twenty-two years, with outstanding service. Mr. Norcini said he will be sorely missed, and he wished him well.

Highlights of Public Works' activities for the month included sign repair and maintenance on various Township streets, installation of 250 ft. of sanitary sewer on Circular Avenue, installation of rubberized mulch to play areas at Township parks, processing camp applications, and maintenance on all Township vehicles.

Mr. DiFelicianantonio asked for an update on the Crabby Creek bridge. Mr. Norcini said there was a pre-bid meeting last week at the site, and bids will be opened next week. He said construction may start in June.

Engineering Report

Mr. Burgo reported there was a meeting with residents of Conestoga Road on April 15th on the Safe Routes to School Project. There were additional questions and answers about drainage plans and the design of the sidewalk. Mr. Burgo said the Township received a conceptual cost estimate from the sidewalk consultant team for supplemental work to redesign, permit, and construct curbing and stormwater drainage within the roadway for the entire length of Conestoga Road from Cassatt/Orchard Way to Margo Lane. The estimate for this work is \$839,000.

Mr. Olson asked Mr. Burgo to clarify that the curbing and drainage situation would cost \$839,000 for Conestoga Road. Mr. Burgo said the estimate from our consultants is for design permitting and construction on Conestoga Road from Cassatt Road to Margo Lane.

Mr. Burgo said the Pugh and Old Eagle School Road Drainage Improvement Project is anticipated to begin in May.

Libraries

Joe Sherwood reported there is a tremendous increase in library usage. Overall circulation increased 27% at Tredyffrin and 4% at Paoli. Teen material circulation increased 35% at Paoli and 17% at Tredyffrin. WiFi users and computer usage has increased dramatically at Tredyffrin. Upcoming events include the Spring Book Sale at Paoli on May 14-16, and at Tredyffrin on May 16 and 17.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said the Budget Advisory Working Group is reviewing information provided by Township staff. He said the Chairman of the group said the level of cooperation from Ms. Gleason and staff has been exceptional.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said at a recent Traffic Committee meeting, residents have been complaining about speeding on the Walker, West Valley, and Thomas roads area as a result of the bridge closing on Valley Forge Road. He reminded everyone a lot of children live in that area and it is posted at 25 mph. The Traffic Committee reviewed a letter from a resident requesting street lights on Richards Road and Upper Gulph Road. Mr. Norcini said the Township will evaluate this request and obtain a price for street lights. The Traffic Committee reviewed a resident's letter regarding speeding on Rt. 252 and the accident which occurred at the corner of Rt. 252 and Howellville Road. Lt. Giaimo said the stop sign request at Russell Road and Old Lancaster Avenue is being investigated.

Mr. Kampf said the Board met in Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

Mr. Kampf said at the request of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission for renewed discussions, the Board has agreed to meet with the Turnpike regarding the expansion project through Tredyffrin Township. We hope this is an opportunity to expand the level of understanding between the Township and the Turnpike Commission. We expect these discussions to go on for some period of time.

Miscellaneous - Presentation of Historic Property Recognition Awards

Pattye Benson, member of the Historical Architectural Review Board, presented the Historic Property Award for outstanding restoration of a residential historic property located at 1127 Yellow Springs Road to Reginald and Kay Pierce.

Mrs. Benson presented another Historic Property Award for continued historic relevance for commercial use as the Malvern Federal Savings Bank located in Paoli to Ronald Anderson, President of Malvern Federal Savings Bank.

Miscellaneous - Conestoga Road Sidewalk Discussion

Mr. Kampf said this is a continuation of a discussion from the last Supervisors' meeting, and the Board has to decide whether to alter the plans for Phase 1 and 2A of the Sidewalk Project. He asked if any residents had anything further to say.

Liza Bernard, 586 Conestoga Road, said her feelings remain the same. She thinks the size of the sidewalk is excessive and she supports curbs. She read a letter from a neighbor who also supports curbs. Mr. Bernard said he was still in favor of curbs. He said sidewalks would alter the look of Conestoga Road by the removal of some existing trees and shrubs, making utility poles very visual.

Mr. Kampf said we have the existing plan that was voted on Phase 1 and 2A. There is available to communities around the State some money from Washington, stimulus funding which may become available for this project. PennDOT is being very aggressive making sure the projects move through and have asked the County for recommendations, and the County is prepared to recommend this project. We could get a significant amount of money as long as the project is "shovel ready". The recommendations are to be made at the end of May and we have to be able to go to bid shortly thereafter.

Mr. Olson asked if curbs were safer for pedestrians or students walking to school. Lt. Giaimo said curbing is not primarily designed as an implement of safety. In fact, the usual 3,000 pound vehicle could in many cases surmount curbing, depending on the type of curbing, such as block style, low profile or roll curing style. There are some low speed cases where certain curbing types may rechannel a vehicle, but curbs are not designed to be safety devices.

Mr. Olson said he thought curbs would make it safer, and the drainage problem would be alleviated for \$839,000. Also, the School District wants this project. He said the Board should approve the additional \$839,000 and do it right. Mr. DiFelicantonio said no one said putting curbs in is the right way to go. In fact, it is old school technology to move stormwater with

curbs. Ms. Gleason said \$839,000 is a rough estimate, it could cost more, possibly well over \$1 million, because without engineering we don't know where to discharge the water. If we move sidewalks back close to the street, we have to relocate utility poles to the house side of the sidewalk, which would require more loss of trees. It would be a big impact if we did that and would cost more. What is being proposed today will capture all water that would run off from the sidewalk and some from the road.

Mrs. DiFilippo said she was in support of moving ahead on the project as it is currently designed. This does not preclude us from some point in the future looking at providing curbs at Conestoga Road if we look at a larger stormwater drainage project. She thinks we would be losing a lot of possible funding for the project. We have the support of the School District. Students are now walking along this road without curbs and sidewalks, and we need to consider their safety.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said two issues keep coming back – the 5-foot width of the sidewalk and the stormwater issues. Mr. Burgo said the design of the stormwater system as it is laid out is adjacent to the roadway. The stone infiltration system will handle the sidewalk in its entirety and part of the roadway runoff. 5-foot sidewalks are part of the PennDOT requirements with projects in their legal right of way.

There was a discussion on the use of a material other than concrete for the sidewalks. Ms. Gleason said concrete will last longer, which will benefit the property owners who will be responsible for replacing it in the future.

Mr. Lamina said he was troubled by adding more impervious surfaces, and did not feel it was a necessity to move forward quickly simply because of the stimulus money that was available.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson to approve this project with 4-foot sidewalks and curbs and attendant stormwater management. Mr. Lamina seconded motion. He said he agrees with Mr. Olson that we should spend the \$839,000 to do it right.

Mr. Kampf called for a vote of the Board:

Mrs. DiFilippo	No
Mr. Olson	Yes
Mr. Kampf	No
Mr. Lamina	Yes
Mr. DiBuonaventuro	No
Mr. DiFeliciano	No

Mr. Kampf said the motion is defeated and the project goes forward as planned.

Mrs. DiFilippo left the meeting at this point.

Miscellaneous - Award contract for “Public Works Project #11-09, Equipment Rental”

Mr. Norcini said four bids were received on April 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. He recommended awarding the contract to the following firms:

Item #1 - Milling Machine	Dan Malloy Paving, Inc.	\$200/hour
Item #2 - Backhoe	Mancini Construction, Inc.	\$55/hour
Item #3 - Bulldozer	Mancini Construction, Inc.	\$74/hour
Item #4 - Roller	Mancini Construction, Inc.	\$50/hour
Item #5 - Dump Truck	Mancini Construction, Inc.	\$50/hour
Item #6 - Paver	Mancini Construction, Inc.	\$89/hour
Item #7 - Excavator	Dan Malloy Paving, Inc.	\$100/hour

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, and passed unanimously to award Items #1 and 7 to Dan Malloy Paving, Inc., and Items #2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 to Mancini Construction, Inc.

Miscellaneous - Accept Deed of Dedication from DHM Realty, Inc. covering open space on Chestnut Avenue behind Devon Mills Motors for a new park

Mr. Norcini said when this open space was being improved, former Supervisor Bill DeHaven requested the Park and Recreation Board find a name which was commensurate with the history and heritage of the residents in the area at the turn of the century. The area being dedicated was once part of the “Bocce Club” recreation area, and the Park and Recreation Board determined the name “Bocce Grove” was fitting for the park.

Motion was made by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, seconded by Mr. DiBuonaventuro, and passed unanimously to name the open space on Chestnut Avenue “Bocce Grove”.

Motion was made by Mr. DiBuonaventuro, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to accept a Deed of Dedication from DHM Realty, Inc., covering open space, known as “Bocce Grove”, on Chestnut Avenue behind Devon Hill Motors for a new park.

Miscellaneous - Award contract for “Public Works Project #9-09, Stone Aggregate”

Mr. Norcini said bids were received from three quarries, and recommended awarding Items #1 through 9 to Glasgow, Inc., and Item #10, Sand, to Whibco of New Jersey, Inc.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. DiBuonaventuro, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed to award Items #1 through 9 to Glasgow, Inc., and Item #10 to Whibco of New Jersey, Inc. Mr. Kampf abstained from voting.

Miscellaneous - Award contract for “Public Works Project #10-09, Bituminous Concrete

Mr. Norcini said three bids were received from Highway Materials, Inc., Glasgow, Inc., and Independence Construction Materials. He recommended awarding all four items to the low bidder, Glasgow, Inc.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. DiBuonaventuro, and passed to award Items #1 through 4 to Glasgow, Inc. Mr. Kampf abstained from voting.

Miscellaneous - Reject bids for Engineering Project #2-09, “Maude, Lisa and Vincent Roads Drainage Improvement Project”

Mr. Burgo said six sealed bids were opened and read aloud on March 13, 2009. All five bids were over budget for this project. He said the Township will work with our consulting engineer to reduce the anticipated construction costs and to eliminate the need to be PennDOT pre-qualified which will allow for smaller contractors to provide a better price for construction cost. Once the design changes have been made, he will ask the Board’s approval to receive bids.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked what the delay would be for this project, and Mr. Burgo said there would be approximately 60-90 days delay in the process. Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked if these alterations would change what we expected to achieve, and Mr. Burgo said the changes would be minor. Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked to review the changes and discuss them with the neighbors, and Mr. Burgo agreed.

On another topic, Ms. Gleason said since we are staying with the original sidewalk design, there are three easements signed by the homeowners that need to be approved by the Township: Linda L. Kurtz at 564 Conestoga Road; Donald and Shirley Hough, 794 Conestoga Road; and the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District, 801 Conestoga Rd, Berwyn.

Motion to accept three easements as listed above was made by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, seconded by Mr. Kampf, and passed unanimously.

Subdivisions: Preliminary Subdivision/Land Development Plan for Westover Company-Devon Square: Plan to consolidate two lots into one and add a 19,500 s.f. addition onto the Acme building at 700 West Lancaster Avenue in a C2 Commercial District

Mr. Scott said this is a proposal to move the lot line at 700 West Lancaster Avenue to accommodate a parking lot and an addition to the Acme building at the Devon Square Shopping Center. The President of Westover Company was in attendance and said this will consolidate lots to make one shopping center.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Lamina, and passed unanimously to approve a Preliminary Subdivision/Land Development Plan for Westover Company - Devon Square: Plan to consolidate two lots into one at 700 West Lancaster Avenue in a C2 Commercial District.

Subdivisions: Preliminary Subdivision Plan for F & H Mainline, LP: Proposal to vacate lots 6, 7, 12 and a portion of 11 at the intersection of Henry and Fairview Avenues and subdivide the property into 9 new lots in an R4 Residential District

Mr. Scott said the applicant wants to build two-story semi-detached single family homes with approximately 2,200 to 2,300 square feet per unit. Bill Bryant of Penonni Associates and the applicant were in attendance. Mr. Olson asked what the price range of these homes would be, and Mr. Bryant said in the \$300,000 range. Mr. Lamina asked if stormwater requirements were met, and Mr. Bryant said they were.

At the end of discussion, motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve a Preliminary Subdivision Plan for F & H Mainline, LP: Proposal to vacate lots 6, 7, 12 and a portion of 11 at the intersection of Henry and Fairview Avenues and subdivide the property into 9 new lots in an R4 Residential District.

New Matters – Board

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said a few months ago we were awarded \$5,000 for Mill Road Park in a partnership with the Park Board and staff. He said once the Park Foundation 501(c)3 receives its IRS authorization, he will come back to the Board and ask to transfer this \$5,000 to the new non-profit, and the money will be used for something at Mill Road Park.

New Matters – Citizens

Richard Sharpless said the bridge on Conestoga Road is continuing to get hit by large trucks because PennDOT has turned Conestoga Road into a truck route. Mr. Norcini said he wrote to PennDOT, provided them with pictures of the bridge, and requested they provide in writing who has ownership. He said there has been no determination as yet who is responsible. Mr. Kampf asked if it would be helpful if the Township wrote to PennDOT asking for a response. Mr. Norcini said he would draft a letter by the end of this week.

John C.T. Alexander, Chairman of the Tredyffrin Republican Party, and Jayne Yockey, Chairman of the Tredyffrin Democratic Party, said they were appearing relative to the vacancy on the Board of Supervisors caused by Bill DeHaven's resignation. Mr. Alexander said he appreciated Mr. DeHaven's long and profound service as a member of the police force and the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Yockey echoed Mr. Alexander's sentiments and thanked Mr. DeHaven for his years of service. They both recommended John Shimrak, former member of the Board of Supervisors, to fill the unexpired term of Mr. DeHaven.

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Mr. Kampf thanked them for their excellent show of bi-partisanship. He said we have until May 5th or 6th to appoint someone. The Board will take the recommendation of John Shimrak very seriously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Public Hearing - Consider amendments to the Administrative Code

At the end of discussion, motion was made and amended by Mr. DiBuonaventuro , seconded by Mr. Olson and passed unanimously to adopt amendments to the Administrative Code as amended.

Motion was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. DiFelicianantonio, and passed unanimously to adopt a resolution regarding electronic bidding and competitive electronic auction bidding.

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