

**Tredyffrin Township
Minutes – April 5, 2010**

The first 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 Robert Lamina, Chairman; Paul Olson, Vice Chairman; John DiBuonaventuro, Philip Donahue, Warren Kampf, Michelle Kichline and Evelyn Richter. Also in attendance were Thomas Scott, Assistant Township Manager; Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works; Stephen Burgo, Township Engineer; Superintendent Andrew Chambers; Lt. Anthony Giaimo, Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

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

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 15, 2010.

Announcements

Volunteers needed! Tidy Up Tredyffrin's 3rd Annual Spring Clean-up Days will be held Saturday, April 17th and Sunday, April 18th from 9 am to 3 pm. Even if you only have one hour to donate, you can make a difference. Please call Kathie Jackson at 610-688-4489 or visit www.tidyuptredyffrin.org to find out more.

A new "Stormwater Committee" will start holding monthly meetings in the Township Building beginning Tuesday, April 13th, at 7:30 a.m. Like the Traffic Committee, the Stormwater Committee will involve Township staff and liaisons from the Board of Supervisors who discuss stormwater issues and projects, and listen to concerns from residents. The meeting is open to the public.

There will be a hazardous household waste collection, including electronics such as computers, on Saturday, April 10th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the CAT Pickering Campus in Phoenixville. For more information, go to the Township website.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. DiBuonaventuro reported that the Open Land Conservancy will be acquiring almost 15 acres of open space to become part of the Diamond Rock Hill Preserve area. This acquisition includes part of the Horseshoe Trail.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said the Township is continuing to receive complaints about unleashed dogs at Wilson Farm Park. The Park Board has asked the Police to review their options, which will be presented to the Park Board and on to Supervisors.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said the Park Foundation met on March 24th. He highlighted several of their accomplishments including a new logo, web-site development, and approval for paying for the summer concert series once funds are secured by the Foundation.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro discussed naming the gazebo in Wilson Farm Park which overlooks the fields in honor of former Supervisor, Judy DiFilippo. Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked Mr. Lamina if a motion could be made now or it needed to be placed on the next agenda. Mr. Lamina said this is a good way to honor Mrs. DiFilippo for her service to the community, but did not feel a motion was needed. He asked Mr. DiBuonaventuro to have the Park Board work with Township staff to schedule a dedication. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said he would and considered the matter done.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro discussed the Fire Liaison meeting held on March 31st. There were four items of note. First, Sandi Gorman and Cynthia Belliveau of T&E Care made a presentation to all the fire chiefs about how they mounted a humanitarian effort for the Strafford Station Apartment residents after their fire. The fire and police chiefs were impressed and asked T&E Care to become members of their informal public safety group.

Second, one element of the Upper Weadley Road name change needs to be refined and that is when a security monitoring company makes an emergency call to the 911 center, the cross street to be used is Upper Weadley and not Weadley. Residents of Trephanny Lane, Harwick Road, Willis Lane, Barton Lane, Rittenhouse Lane, Arbor Lane, Arlyn Circle, and Upper Weadley will be receiving letters from the Township asking them to contact their security company to make sure they list Upper Weadley, not Weadley, as their cross street.

Third, the Township often gets calls asking if the Township has a fire marshall, and Mike Pilotti, Township Building Inspector, will take these calls.

Fourth, there are three goals of the fire companies: 1) secure a permanent funding source for fire companies serving Tredyffrin Township; 2) ask that the planning process for the permanent funding begin immediately; and 3) ask that Chairman Lamina contact Easttown Township and reconvene the Tredyffrin Easttown Fire Task Force as soon as possible.

Mr. Donahue said he was incredibly impressed with the number of man hours, and the issues the emergency responders have to deal with. He said it was a very productive session for everyone. Mr. Lamina said he has reached out to Chris Polites, Easttown Township Supervisor, to talk about when we can reconvene the task force.

Mr. Olson asked Joe Sherwood the number of volunteer hours at the Tredyffrin and Paoli Libraries, as well as the attendance. Mr. Sherwood said in 2009, there were 3,500 volunteer hours at both libraries, and he expects the numbers to be higher for 2010. He said attendance at the Tredyffrin Library was over 250,000 for 2009, and Paoli attendance was significant, as well.

Mr. Kampf reported on the recent HARB meeting. He said there is a draft Historic Commission Ordinance being discussed and reviewed by the HARB and the Planning Commission, and sometime this year it will be available for the Board to review.

Mr. Donahue showed a Power Point presentation on “Tidy Up Tredyffrin” which was prepared by Kathie Jackson. He said this was a great community event, and groups and individuals are welcome to participate. Last year there were over 130 volunteers.

Mr. Donahue made a motion to appoint Todd Kantorczyk to the Environmental Advisory Council to fill an unexpired term; term to expire February 8, 2011. Mr. Olson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Receive bids for Public Works Project #5-10, “Stone Aggregate”, Public Works Project #6-10, “Superpave Asphalt”, and Public Works Project #7-10, “Rental Equipment”

Mr. Norcini said each year the Public Works Department solicits bids for asphalt, aggregate and equipment rental used throughout the year.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to receive bids for Public Works Project #5-10, “Stone Aggregate”.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to receive bids for Public Works Project #6-10, “Superpave Asphalt”.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Kampf, and passed unanimously to receive bids for Public Works Project #7-10, “Equipment Rental”.

Authorize issuance of a Request for Proposals for design of renovation and improvements at the Tredyffrin Public Library

Mr. Sherwood said this is to replace the original 30-year old roof, HVAC system, and old windows which were not part of the previous renovation at the Strafford Library. Motion was made by Mr. Lamina and seconded by Mr. Olson to authorize issuance of a Request for Proposals for design of renovation and improvements at the Tredyffrin Public Library.

Mr. Kampf said there is remaining bond money from the prior issuance of bonds for library work, so this project would not require issuing subsequent bonds or finding other sources of income.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Escrows

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to release \$3,376.07 from New Century Bank to Mark J. Farley, covering site improvements at 423 Old Eagle School Road, Lot #3; balance remaining \$0.

New Matters – Board

Mr. Lamina said there was a meeting held March 22nd with the residents of Mt. Pleasant, and a number of issues were raised by the residents. He asked Mr. Scott to summarize the meeting.

Mr. Scott said several issues were raised regarding Township services such as signs, street cleaning and odor from the sewage line. There were code enforcement issues which included boarding up abandon houses at the bottom of Fairview Avenue, health and safety issues at 958 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, and height violation on a house on Upper Gulph Road. In addition, the Henry Avenue development needs to be demolished and cleaned up. Mr. Scott said Mrs. Donna Shipman created a table summarizing the items discussed at the meeting, which can be used to track all the issues.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said he has completed an initial due diligence report on student housing ordinances of surrounding townships and what neighboring municipalities are doing, and has given it to Chairman Lamina. The next step will be for the Board, in a legal context, to review the findings and see what type of ordinance, if any, would be applicable to the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood and the entire Tredyffrin community. He said it is underway with the Chairman's help. Mrs. Kichline asked for any concerns or comments to be sent to the Supervisors so they can take a look at the problem.

Mr. Lamina acknowledged receipt of a letter and Proclamation from Senator Andy Dinniman proclaiming the week of April 11th to be "Local Government Week in Pennsylvania".

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said over the course of the last few months, the stormwater issue in the Valley Hills area was under remediation and corrected. Most of the work is complete, and during the last rain storm, there was noticeable improvement on Vincent Road. He wanted to make sure that all of Vincent Road in the affected area would be paved, and understood this had been approved at a recent staff meeting. Mr. Scott agreed. Mr. Norcini stated Mr. Burgo had received a price from the contractor who performed the storm sewer work in regards to paving the affected portion of Vincent Road. The remainder of Vincent will be paved under the Superpave Program. He is waiting to hear from PennDot to make sure we are following all of the Liquid Fuels regulations. Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked when Central Avenue would be done, and Mr. Norcini said he would be asking the Board for permission at the May meeting to go to bid, and the project would take place in September or October of this year. Mr. Scott said the issue had been discussed by Township staff.

Mr. Lamina said the Board met in Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.

New Matters – Citizens

Laurie Elliott said she thought the Stormwater Committee was a good idea and said it was a good way for citizens and the Township to exchange problems and ideas.

Donna Shipman, Block Captain for Mt. Pleasant Avenue, thanked the Staff, Board members and Police who attended the recent meeting. She offered her assistance in developing a new ordinance covering college dwellings and construction sites.

A resident asked for more information on the daylight break-ins in Valley Hills. Supt. Chambers said in March there were break-ins on Hickory Lane, Lisa Drive, Virginia Avenue, and Fennerton Avenue. He said they have similar MO's and forcible entry. He said residents should be aware of what is going on around their neighborhoods and report anything suspicious to the police. Surrounding townships are experiencing the same types of burglaries.

Richard Keifer, 778 Upper Gulph Road, and Mark Dixon, 757 Upper Gulph Road spoke in opposition of sidewalks in their area. Mr. Lamina said the new Sidewalk Subcommittee will be looking at this issue.

Christine Johnson, 96 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, said she didn't understand the R4 zoning and how sidewalks would work in that area.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary