

**Tredyffrin Township
Minutes – February 28, 2011**

The second regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Tredyffrin Township for the month of February 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, Michael Heaberg, Michelle Kichline, and Evelyn Richter. Also in attendance were Mimi Gleason, Township Manager; Thomas Scott, Assistant Township Manager; Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works; Stephen Burgo, Township Engineer; Timothy Klarich, Finance Director; Superintendent Andrew Chambers; Thomas Hogan, Solicitor; Lt. Anthony Giaimo, and Jolene Buffman, Recording Secretary.

Call to Order

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

Swearing in of New Township Official

Judge Jeremy Blackburn swore in Michael Heaberg to the Board of Supervisors, filling the vacancy caused by Mr. Kampf's resignation.

Announcements

On March 7, 2011, Bergmann Associates will present to the Board of Supervisors, the final draft of a study analyzing options for improving Route 252 near the Amtrak bridge in Paoli.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 21, 2011, to discuss an amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance giving the Board of Supervisors the authority for approval or denial of a land development plan.

Minutes

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 7, 2011.

Public Works Report

Mr. Norcini said we have had eleven snow or ice storms since the season started. Public Works crews have been repairing pot holes and temporarily patching sections of the Township streets that have been damaged because of the weather. Permanent repairs will be completed in the spring. The annual Superpave program list of roads to be paved will be provided to the Board in April or May. Summer day camp programs will be held at Wilson Farm Park this year, and sports camps will be held at Teegarden Park.

Library Report

Mr. Sherwood said winter weather closures and late openings have affected some of the statistics for January, but circulation remains up nearly 4% compared to January of 2010. The Library has been awarded a try-it grant for \$4,850 to add Mango Language software to the computer lab for language learners. Mr. Sherwood highlighted some of the upcoming events at the libraries, including a spring concert series which will begin on Sunday, March 20th.

Fire Company Reports

Pete Schofield presented Paoli Fire Company's report. There were 13 fire calls for the month in Tredyffrin. Membership returns since the first mailing in May 2010 are at 33% from residents for \$119,875, and 21% from businesses for \$10,975, or an average of \$72.33 per return.

Eamon Brazunas presented Berwyn Fire Company's report. There were 38 fire calls in the Township. He reported on two auto accidents, one at Lancaster Avenue and Berkley Road, and another on Route 202, which required extrication.

Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation

Mr. Lamina said volunteers from our boards and authorities are what keep our Township running, providing a lot of hard work for the community. He presented Certificates of Appreciation to Molly Duffy for serving 6 years on the Environmental Advisory Committee, Robert Haver for 15 years on the Municipal Authority, and Grace Keffer for 14 years on the Library Board of Trustees, and he thanked them for their service.

Resolution commemorating the 300th anniversary of the Baptist Church in the Great Valley

Mr. Lamina read a resolution recognizing the 300th anniversary of the Baptist Church in the Great Valley and the historic service it has provided to all people within the community.

Mr. Lamina made a motion to adopt the resolution as read. It was seconded by Mr. Olson and passed unanimously.

Accepting the resolution were Ray Hoffman, Rev. John Loring and Jim Mansfield. Rev. Loring expressed his thanks and said they look forward to the next 300 years.

Supervisor Liaison Reports

Mr. DiBuonaventuro reported that there were staff recommendations for the Route 252 and Route 30 intersection. Mr. Burgo said short-term items discussed at the staff meeting included considering adjustment of the left turn lane at the intersection, considering a phased left-turn arrow and a left-turn arrow on Route 252 eastbound.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro reported that the Mill Road Bridge will be reconstructed by the PA Turnpike. It is scheduled to be closed on March 21st and reopen in November. Mr. DiBuonaventuro said construction will begin this spring on the Route 29 slip ramp. The majority of the work will take place in East Whiteland, with some work in Tredyffrin around Howells Road and the Yellow Springs area. The Route 202 widening project meeting will be held shortly to discuss logistics on the traffic issues.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro asked the Chairman to reconsider hearing the fire company reports every month even though we are restructuring the reporting schedule at Board meetings. Mr. Lamina said he would consider it.

Mr. Olson made a motion to appoint Michael McFadden to fill the unexpired term of Grace Keffer on the Library Board of Trustees, term to expire October 18, 2011. Mr. Lamina seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Donahue said the Finance Committee will be meeting twice a month now because of upcoming contract negotiations with the Police and the Public Works employees, as well as other activities that will be engaged over the year.

Mr. Lamina said the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Sidewalk Subcommittee Presentation

Tory Snyder said the Sidewalk Subcommittee was tasked with reviewing Township requirements for paths and sidewalks in the Township. After 12 months of meeting, reviewing maps of sidewalks, trails and bike lanes, publishing an on-line and paper survey, and holding a public meeting, the Subcommittee presented their Summary of Findings. She said from over 1,000 responses received, the majority of respondents wanted safe walking and biking in the Township, they supported the use of private and public funds to create these opportunities, and supported the creation of walkways or sidewalks within their own neighborhoods and on their own properties.

Ms. Snyder said the Subcommittee unanimously recommends that the Township adopt a map identifying a Green Routes Network, which will identify current Township priorities for sidewalks, pathways, bike lanes and off-road trails, and should be updated from time to time. She said bike routes were included because they went hand-in-hand with pedestrians, and the bike routes would include bike lanes.

The second recommendation is to amend the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to clarify when, where and how developers must contribute to the ongoing creation of walking opportunities in the Township.

The third recommendation is for previously approved developments which have unfulfilled requirements to construct either a sidewalk or walkway, those applicants should be required to complete their improvements or be permitted to amend their application to comply with the new Subdivision and Land Development requirement.

Mr. Lamina thanked all of the members of the Subcommittee for their hard work over the past year: Beth Brake, Phil Donahue, Jim Donegan, Michelle Kichline, Trip Lukens, Sean Moir, E.J. Richter, Tory Snyder and Robert Whalen. He said these are sound recommendations.

Motion was made by Mr. Donahue to ask staff to move as quickly as possible to take the recommendations to the Planning Commission for their expeditious review. Mrs. Kichline seconded the motion. Mr. Lamina said the earliest we can get the Planning Commission's recommendations will be in the May time frame.

Mr. Lamina said the proposed amendment to give the Board of Supervisors land development authority will not be voted on until a vote occurs on the sidewalk ordinance.

Hans van Naerssen thanked Ms. Snyder for the Subcommittee Report, but said he had issues regarding the bicycle side of the plan. He said Tredyffrin needs bike lanes, and if it isn't on the plan it won't happen. He provided a map highlighting roads that he wanted to be included in the plan. Ms. Snyder said work done on the bike lanes was not given as much attention as the pedestrian plans as it was not the prime focus of the Subcommittee, and there is a lot more to be done on these bike lanes.

Mr. DiBuonaventuro confirmed with Chairman Lamina that the next steps in the process would begin with the Planning Commission and staff working on the ordinance amendment. The Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on an amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. After that, the Board of Supervisors will consider the amendment and vote on whether to adopt it. Any citizen concerns or recommendations could be brought up at the review held by the Planning Commission or when returned to the Board of Supervisors.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement of the roof on Historic Site #17, the Old Eagle School, 176 Old Eagle School Road, Wayne

Mr. Scott said the proposed application for the re-roofing of the Old Eagle School was reviewed by the Historical Architectural Review Board and will actually add to the historical significance of the existing historic site. They recommended the Board issue a Certificate of Appropriateness for this application.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Donahue and passed unanimously to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for replacement of the roof on Historic Site #17, the Old Eagle School, 176 Old Eagle School Road, Wayne.

Schedule a public hearing to consider a liquor license transfer in the Township

Mr. Scott said the applicant has applied for a liquor license at the former Charlie Brown's restaurant in the Valley Fair Shopping Center in Devon, to operate an establishment known as McKenzie Brew House, and a public hearing is required for this transfer.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mrs. Richter, and passed unanimously to schedule a public hearing on March 7, 2011 to consider a liquor license transfer in the Township.

Advanced Life Support service in eastern portion of Tredyffrin

Mr. DiBuonaventuro said when there is a call in the Panhandle of a significant nature that requires a medic, they come from Bryn Mawr Hospital where the Narberth ambulance medics are stationed. An EMT will arrive in 4-5 minutes, with the medic arriving 5-6 minutes later.

Beginning July 1st, Radnor Fire Company will add Advanced Life Support medics, reducing response times until then. He is recommending that we temporarily transfer first due medic responsibilities to the Berwyn Fire Company.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina to adopt a resolution that would designate Berwyn Fire Company to replace Narberth ambulance as first due responder for provision of Advanced Life Support in the eastern portion of the Township. Mr. Olson seconded the motion.

John Gillespie of the Radnor Fire Company said he was in support of this resolution.

At the end of discussion, motion passed unanimously.

Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with Chester County for Chester Valley Trail Crossing on Cedar Hollow Road

Mr. Norcini said Chester County is finalizing design for the Chester Valley Trail through Tredyffrin, and the trail will cross Cedar Hollow Road near Matthews Road. Chester County has requested that a flashing traffic signal be installed for a safe pedestrian mid-block crossing. The County will pay for permitting and installation of the signal and ongoing maintenance and repair.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mrs. Richter, and passed unanimously to approve a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement with Chester County for the Chester Valley Trail Crossing on Cedar Hollow Road.

Planning Commission Annual Report

Mr. Scott said the Planning Code requires the Planning Commission activity report be filed with the Board of Supervisors annually. He said the activity report provided to the Board outlines various applications the Planning Commission reviewed, as well as subdivision applications, ordinance changes and municipal plans for 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. DiBuonaventuro and passed unanimously to accept the Planning Commission Annual Report.

Receive bids for Tredyffrin Public Library Project: Construction and renovation to replace original roofs, HVAC and windows

Mr. Sherwood said he was requesting permission to distribution bid documents and receive bids on May 5th at 1:00 p.m. for a 2011 construction project to replace the 30+ year old roof, HVAC and windows which were not part of the previous renovation at the Strafford library.

Motion was made by Mr. Lamina, seconded by Mr. Olson, and passed unanimously to receive bids on May 5, 2011 for construction and renovation at the Strafford Library.

New Matters – Board

None

New Matters – Citizens

A resident asked that the wording of the current Subdivision and Land Development ordinance and the proposed changes be posted on the Township website prior to the March 21st public hearing. Mr. Lamina said the draft ordinance would be posted.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene E. Buffman
Recording Secretary