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### FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES January 17, 2018

#### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Supervisors Dea, Morris and Torres. Supervisor Dave Snyder was absent. Also present were Township Solicitor Mark Thompson, Historical Commission and HARB Chairman Paul Lagasse, Manager/Treasurer Joan McVaugh, and Secretary Sharon Norris. Ellen Kohler of the White Clay Creek MS4 Collaboration Project was in attendance accompanied by Shane Morgan of the White Clay Wild & Scenic organization. There were approximately 7 members of the public in attendance.

The meeting was commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Public Comment:** Mr. John Frank lives on Chesterville Rd., across from Peacedale Preserve. He expressed concern regarding Natural Lands (formerly Natural Lands Trust) (NL) plans to plant several acres of trees on Peacedale Preserve. He wants the Township to ask NL to plant the trees elsewhere in the preserve, leaving the area along Chesterville Road an open meadow that is mowed several times/year. He also suggested that the Township draft an ordinance regarding the control of noxious weeds and invasive species. The Township is not inclined to interfere in NL's decisions regarding where they plant trees on their property. Chairman Auerbach suggested that Mr. Frank consider talking with someone at the Chester County Conservation District regarding his concerns.

Mr. Bernie Racey, a resident of Colonial Meadows, asked the Board to consider assuming responsibility for two private roads in Colonial Meadows. It was noted that there are two other developments in the Township with private roads, Twin Bridges and Landenberg Highlands. These non-traditional configurations were approved at plan review and any consideration given to Colonial Meadows would create a precedent regarding the other two developments. The Board will look into the technical issues and will get back to Mr. Racey.

Ms. Susie Harris inquired about the Proclamation for School Choice Week that is on tonight's agenda and expressed concern that gerrymandering is being used to establish political advantage.

Mr. Daniel Sage stated that he is against installing speed bumps on Gypsy Hill Road.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

- a. *BOS Minutes of December 20, 2017*: Mr. Auerbach moved, seconded by Mrs. Dea, that the Board approve the December 20, 2017, v3 Minutes, as presented by the Township Secretary. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. *Disposition of Records – Resolution 2018-07*: Mr. Torres moved, seconded by Mrs. Dea, that the Board approve Resolution 2018-07 regarding the Disposition of Records for the December 20, 2017 Board of Supervisors' meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

#### **Reports:**

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- a. Treasurer's Report for December 2017: Mrs. Morris moved, seconded by Mr. Torres, that the Board approve the December 2017 Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$413,465.46; the Park & Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$1,052.38; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,974.10; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$38,170.90; the Emergency Services Fund with disbursements of \$51,674.21; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$668,222.10. Motion passed 4-0.
- b. Zoning Officer's Report: Mrs. Dea reported that during the month of December, 5 permits were issued and 18 building inspections were completed. Building fees collected were \$5,800.00; Recreation, Open Space & Impact Fees collected were zero; and miscellaneous fees were \$1,355.00. Mrs. McVaugh updated the Board on the outstanding zoning issues. To view the entire report, access the Township website at [www.franklintownship.us](http://www.franklintownship.us).
- c. Planning Commission Report(PC): The PC did not meet in January.
- d. HARB/HC Report: These committees did not meet in January. Chairman Lagasse informed the Board that the Oxford Historical Society is presenting a talk on the History of Longwood Gardens at 7 p.m. on January 23, 2018.
- e. Franklin Sportsman's Association (FSA): Mr. Jim German of the FSA reported that due to inclement weather the hunters haven't been hunting and therefore the harvest total hasn't changed and the hunting season ends on Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>. The FSA is waiting for a break in the weather to schedule their clean-up project. In answer to a question from Mrs. Morris regarding the deer population in this area, he stated that Chester County has the largest concentration of deer in PA. In Chester County they allow 70,000 permits vs. 5,000 in Potter County.

### **Business:**

- a. Ellen Kohler – White Clay Creek MS4 Collaboration Project: Ms. Kohler summarized what the MS4 program is about and updated the Board on the status of the Township's permit application which was submitted to DEP last September. She reiterated that the Township, and all the surrounding townships (with the exception of West Grove and Penn) have met their load reduction requirements, and should hear from DEP regarding their permit applications sometime in March 2018. In answer to a concern expressed by Supervisor Dea that this good news only applies to the eastern portion of the urbanized area, Ms. Kohler admitted to not being well informed concerning the Chesapeake Watershed requirements, since it is not included in the collaboration project. She suggested that the Township's stormwater engineer, Linda Cluck, will be able to advise the Board in that regard. She reminded the Board that even though they've met their load reduction requirements for this permit cycle, the streams are still impaired and the Township should continue to identify and implement stormwater management projects. If something else needs to be done for this cycle, she noted that the first step would be to consider projects that have been completed but were not part of this application. In this respect, Chairman Auerbach mentioned the inlet project that the Township has initiated whereby all the inlets have been identified and have been or will be inspected and repaired so that they are functioning efficiently. Shane Morgan updated the Board on the "Catch the Rain" project and the 7 ongoing projects in Franklin which resulted from website postings only. No direct mailings have been done in Franklin which would probably generate even more interest. Chairman Auerbach expressed concern

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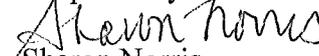
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- regarding the potential need for capital projects requiring substantial budgets and emphasized the need for as much advance notice as possible if that becomes a reality.
- b. Resolution 2018-08 - Paradox Planning Module: Chairman Auerbach stated that AECOM, the Township's Sewage Consultant, has recommended approval of Resolution 2018-08. Mrs. Dea moved, seconded by Mrs. Morris, that the Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution 2018-08 approving the Paradox Vineyard Planning Module for submission to the DEP. Motion passed 4-0.
- c. Chester County Cub Scout Life Size Pinewood Derby Race at Crossan Park: Chairman Auerbach provided a brief summary of the success of the skateboarding events held at the Park over the last 4 years. Mr. Craig Sims, Field Director for the Chester County Boy Scout Council and Ms. Tamara Christensen, Council Activities Director, spoke to the Board regarding a life-sized Pinewood Derby at Crossan Park on May 5<sup>th</sup>. They anticipate approximately 300 cub-scout participants (kindergarten to fifth grade), as well as family members accompanying them and staying for their event. There could be 500 to 600 people coming through the park during the event but that number will not remain constant throughout the event. Mr. Auerbach expressed some concern regarding whether the Park sanitary facilities will be adequate. Ms. Christensen said that the Council will provide portable restrooms. They will also provide insurance coverage, and a full roster of volunteers, including older scouts who will provide supervision and maintenance. They have not experienced any serious safety issues at similar events. She stated that they are very safety conscious and there is always an EMT on site. Hay bales will line the route and separate the spectators from the track. Mr. Auerbach advised that Jeff Eastburn, Asst. Township Mgr., will work with the Council regarding the location of the portable restrooms and parking areas, etc. The Board is supportive of the event.
- d. Proclamation for School Choice Week: Supervisor Torres moved, seconded by Mrs. Dea, that the Board of Supervisors adopt Proclamation 2018-01 recognizing January 21 through 27, 2018 as School Choice Week.
- Discussion**: After discussion, the motion was withdrawn for lack of support from the Board.
- e. Site Improvement Plan: The Board understands that work needs to be done to improve Municipal Lane before work to improve the office can move forward. It was agreed that, if possible, the paving work in front of the building will be done as part of this year's road program. However due to the number and cost of this winter's snow storms, decisions on this year's road program will have to wait until the threat of snow has passed. Chairman Auerbach and Supervisor Torres explained the plan for Mrs. Morris's benefit.

**Public Comment**: Mrs. Morris mentioned that she and Chairman Auerbach have a meeting with the Chester County Open Space Preservation Committee on Monday January 23 and extended an invitation to the other Board members, if interested.

**Adjourn**: The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sharon Norris  
Township Secretary