



## OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the July 18, 2018, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Dea, Morris, Snyder and Torres. Also in attendance were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Historical Commission, HARB Chairman, Paul Lagasse, Manager/Treasurer, Joan McVaugh, Assistant Manager Jeff Eastburn and Secretary Sharon Norris. There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There was an executive session after tonight's meeting to discuss potential litigation.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Supervisor Morris, 2nded by Supervisor Dea the June 20, 2018 minutes were approved. Motion carried 4-0-1 abstention. (Supervisor Dea was absent from the June meeting so she abstained)

**Disposition of Records:** On motion by Supervisor Dea, 2nded by Supervisor Snyder, Resolution 2018-18 was approved 5-0. The motion authorized the erasure of the audiotape from the June 20, 2018 BOS meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** On motion by the Chairman, 2nded by Supervisor Torres, the June 2018 Treasurer's Report was approved 5-0. The report includes the following disbursements and transfers: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$89,169.65; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$10,297.52; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$7,127.17; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$6,882.00; the Emergency Services Fund with disbursements of \$51,930.62; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$1,228,241.91.

**Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report:** Mr. Snyder reported that during the month of June, 10 Permits were issued and 31 building inspections took place. \$2,932.50 was collected in building fees, \$0 in Rec, Open Space, Impact Fees and \$1,960.00 was collected in miscellaneous fees. There are 4 ongoing zoning issues: 1651 New London Road – the homeowner picked up the proper paperwork to begin the permitting process for a change of use permit but has not yet submitted it; 3300 Appleton Road: The property owner was fined \$10,000 for two separate charges and has filed an appeal. The Township has filed an Answer to that appeal. 3327 Appleton Road: The homeowner has been served and the hearing is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 in Kennett; 1620 New London Road – the Township has been working with the property owner to complete the work required of his Conditional Use.

**PC Report:** The PC did not meet in July.

**HARB & Historical Commissions** – These commissions did not meet in July.

**Girl Scout Gold** – Kaitlin O'Reilly, a senior at Avon Grove High School, presented her Girl Scout Gold Project, to showcase Crossan Park and Nichol Park through video highlighting the playgrounds, trails and other features that benefit the community. Previously, Kaitlin will be using a drone to highlight of the features

of the local parks. She hopes to encourage people to take advantage of the parks and participate in more outdoor activities. Kaitlin built a hexagonal shaped, wooden picnic table and planted a tree in Crossan Park for her Girl Scout Silver project. The Board encouraged Kaitlin to proceed with the project and said funds up to \$500 would be available if needed.

**Keen 3-lot property** – The developer of this 3-lot subdivision has completed the project and has requested the release of their escrow funds. The Township Engineer found everything to be in order. On motion by Mrs. Morris, 2nded by Mr. Torres, the Board authorized the final release of \$9,500.00. The vote was unanimous.

These last two items were topics of discussion at last month's Board meeting; however, the Board wanted to allow Supervisor Dea to be a part of the discussion so they appear on the agenda again this month.

**Solicitation in the Township** – the Township continues to receive calls from residents who are disturbed by sales people knocking on doors later in the evening making them uncomfortable, suspicious and angry. Over the years, residents have encountered door-to-door sales people who were rude and whose sales tactics were questionable. The Board stated that this ordinance would not benefit the residents since the Township could not enforce it. Supervisor Dea agreed with the rest of the Board that they should not proceed with a no soliciting ordinance.

**Bamboo in the Township** – the Board reviewed a draft ordinance provide by the Solicitor. After discussion and changes to the draft, the revised ordinance will be considered for advertising at next month's meeting. This ordinance restricts the planting and growing of bamboo and enforces its maintenance within 40' of the road's edge and within 10' of the properties border.

**Public Comment:** Paul Lagasse, Historic Commission Chair, discussed his concerns regarding the property located at 3327 Appleton Road. Since this property is located in the Historic District it is very visible. Neighbors have expressed concerns about vandalism and fire.

There was no other public comment.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:12 p.m.

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