



OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the May 17, 2017, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Schenk, Snyder and Torres. Supervisor Dea was absent. Also in attendance were Solicitor Mark Thompson, PC Chairman Dave Hoffman, Manager/Treasurer, Joan McVaugh and Secretary Sharon Norris. Shane Morgan was present representing the White Clay Wild and Scenic Organization. There were 4 members of the public present.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

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

Announcements: There was an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss legal issues.

Approval of Minutes: On motion by Supervisor Schenk, seconded by Supervisor Snyder, the April 19, 2017 minutes were approved 4-0.

Disposition of Records: On motion by Chairman Auerbach, seconded by Supervisor Torres, Resolution 2017-11 was approved 4-0. The motion authorized the erasure of the audiotapes from the April 19, 2017 BOS meeting and the April 6, 2017 Planning Commission meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Snyder made a motion, 2nded by Ms. Schenk to approve the April 2017 Treasurer's Report which includes the following disbursements: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$370,814.98; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$6,567.26; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,974.10; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$48,127.74; the Emergency Services Fund with disbursements of \$34,999.20; the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$1,248,733.16. The Report was unanimously approved.

Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report: Supervisor Torres reported that during the month of April, 3 permits were issued and 19 building inspections took place. \$644 was collected in building fees and no Recreation, Open Space, or Impact Fees were collected. \$225 in miscellaneous fees was also collected. There are 3 ongoing zoning issues. Manager McVaugh updated the Board about the abandoned vehicles complaint on Pennock Bridge Rd. and informed them that the trailer at 308 Heather Hills Drive has been removed. The entire report can be reviewed on the township website www.franklintownship.us

PC Report: PC Chairman Dave Hoffman summarized the May 4, 2017 PC meeting where the PC recommended approval of the Conditional Use Application for 1620 New London Rd with conditions. The PC also reviewed several options for the owners of the Appleton Glen subdivision who wish to sell the parcel identified as Lot 5. The owners plan to submit a lot line change for the PC to review in June. The PC also

briefly discussed the Flood Plain Ordinance and decided to have a more detailed review at their June 1, 2017 meeting.

Historical Commission/HARB Report: These two commissions did not meet in May.

MS4 Collaborative Project Update: MS4 is a DEP mandated program for stormwater. The goal of the MS4 Program is to reduce the nitrates, phosphates, sediments and eventually bacteria (loads) in the waters. The Township is participating in a collaborative effort with neighboring municipalities to not only accomplish larger, more effective projects, but to keep the costs down. Participating partners are: West Grove and Avondale Boroughs, London Grove and New London Townships. London Britain has applied for a waiver; however their representatives have been attending the meetings. . Shane Morgan summarized different projects that have large appeal such as stream restorations. She summed up the goals of the collaboration which are: 1) understanding loads – where they are coming from and what they are; 2) implementing BMPS (best management practices) and 3) reducing TMDLs (total maximum daily loads). It is a complicated topic and the Board is appreciative of Ms. Morgan’s enthusiastic approach to stream health and restoration. On Thursday, May 18 the municipal engineers and the project team will be meeting to discuss the load responsibility for each Township and projects will be identified. Ms. Morgan and Ellen Kohler will be back to the June BOS meeting to discuss the outcome of collaboration to date. Ms. Morgan also encouraged residents to sign up for the ***Catch the Rain*** program which gives those located in the White Clay Watershed (WCW) grant money to install some of the recommended BMPs in their own yards. Visit <http://whiteclay.org/catchtherain/> for more details and to see if your property is located in the WCW.

Escrow Release – Keen 3 Lot Subdivision - On motion by Mr. Snyder, 2nded by Mr. Auerbach, the Board unanimously approved Escrow Release #2 in the amount of \$65,000. The Township Engineer has reviewed and approved this release. The motion passed unanimously.

4 Post Deer Treatment Stations: The Township currently owns 8 treatment stations and purchases corn for residents to pick up and use in their stations. The resident hosting the feeder purchases the supplies for the feeder (paint rollers) and the permethrin (tickicide). Currently a total of 10 residents host feeders (2 have purchased theirs privately). 2 residents are on the waiting list and the Board feels that more will want to host a feeder if the opportunity is presented to them. The Board agreed to purchase 4 more. Public comment on this topic was heard from Ms. Nancy Morris, Mr. David Gerstenhaber and Dr. Dave Hoffman. Mr. Gerstenhaber hosts a feeder on his property. Dr. Hoffman wondered if the feeders are effective in combating Lyme disease and if the deer could become resistant to permethrin (similar to antibiotic resistance) thus, causing other problems. Ms. Morris stated that the feeders should be strategically placed. Mr. Greshaber was pleased to be hosting a feeder on his property. If you are interested in hosting one of the two available feeders, please contact the Township Office at 610-255-5212 or via email at <mailto:info@franklintownship.us>

Cell Tower Ordinance: Supervisor Schenk led the discussion regarding tower and non-tower based wireless communication facilities. The Board wants to allow the necessary antennas to improve cell service, capability and reception but also want to make sure they protect the residents from cell tower companies that will want to put these unsightly mini towers in someone’s front yard. The proposed ordinance allows for these towers to go on feeder and state roads in non-residential areas. Currently the Courts have ruled that the cell tower companies do not have public utility status; however, this ruling is being challenged. The Solicitor advised that while the Townships are able, we should get an ordinance in place. The PC will review this at their July meeting.

Public Comment: Ms. Morris commented about the unsightly Basics Gas Station. The Board has agreed to cut the grass since we are not able to reach the owners at this time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.