

DOYLESTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

REGULAR MEETING

June 15, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road, Doylestown, PA. Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman; E. Thomas Scarborough, Jr., Supervisors: Barbara Eisenhardt and Richard F. Colello. Others in attendance included Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations; Richard E. John, Township Solicitor; Jeffery P. Garton, Chief of Police; Stephen J. White and Township Engineer; Mario Canales

Absent: Supervisor: Cynthia Philo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITOR/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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MINUTES APPROVAL:

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to accept the June 1, 2010, Board of Supervisors meeting minutes, seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt with corrections.

Page 3 under Visitor/Public Comments paragraph; Change sentence to read – ordinances will be advertised in June as required by law.

Page 7 under the last paragraph; Change Mr. Lyons to Mrs. Lyons.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

REPORTS:

SOLICITOR: No Report

CHIEF OF POLICE:

Chief White informed the Board, after a recent meeting, the Warminster Glenside RC Club has confirmed a field in Plumstead Township to fly their remote control aircrafts.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER: No Report

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Ms. Mason informed the public Wells Road will be closed for one (1) year beginning on June 28, 2010 in regards to the Route 202 Parkway construction.

Cell Tower Ordinance

Doylestown Borough Public Works & Administration Committee is holding a meeting on Wednesday, July 7, 2010, 7:00 p.m. at the Doylestown Borough Hall in regards to the consideration of a potential cell tower near Shady Retreat Road. A letter has been sent to Doylestown Township residents near the area.

County Community Development Block Grant

On Monday, June 14, 2010 the township received a letter from the County Community Block Grant regarding a funding grant for the handicapped signal improvements at Barn Plaza. Ms. Mason requested the Board have appropriate officers executed the agreement.

SUPERVISORS:

Mrs. Eisenhardt responded to rumors by indicating it was not the intention of the Board to remove the Warminster Glenside RC Club from flying in place of a dog park.

Mr. Scarborough informed the public with regrets, the passing of Bucks County Recorder of Deeds; Edward Gudknecht last week. Mr. Gudknecht was also the founding members of the Doylestown YMCA and Athletic Association.

Warminster Glenside RC Club

Mr. Scarborough recently spoke with the Chairman of the Warminster Glenside RC Club; Joseph Hudak who indicated although the club appreciates the township's offer to negotiate a new contract, the club's located a new 55 acre field in Plumstead Township that includes a barn to hold equipment.

Mr. Colello informed the public of several pending items to include...

- 1) The Traffic Advisory Committee has finalized a speeding issue in Doylestown Hunt Community with the assistance of Chief White. The information has been recorded and letters will be forwarded to the residents of Doylestown Hunt.
- 2) The Bike and Hike Committee recently held a Destination Peace Valley trail meeting. Mr. Colello was very excited to announce, in the near future residences will be able to ride their bikes or walk to Montgomery Mall.
- 3) At the Environmental Advisory Committee meeting, Township Engineer; Mario Canales and Director of Operations; Richard John explained the new storm water regulations will be installed in 2011. Mr. Colello then asked Mr. Canales to explain the BMP updates in detail.

Mr. Canales explained there are two storm water management issues that will be presented in the near future.

- 1) Once Bucks County adopts the Neshaminy Creek Act 167 Plan, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) must approve the plan. Upon approval, municipalities will have to revise their township's storm water management ordinance within six (6) months to implement the Act 167 Plan.
- 2) The permit for the MS4 Program is due for renewal by September 2010, for a fee of \$250.00. This will be due in part to the new Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) regulations for sediment in Neshaminy Creek and additional monitoring for all Best Management Practices (BMP), if not monitored by residences.

Mrs. Lyons questioned if educational practices will be in place for residences and Board. Mr. Canales answered; the Environmental Advisory Board has volunteered to provide their services.

Mrs. Lyons informed the public of the June 11, 2010 rain garden dedication at Delaware Valley College in conjunction with Doylestown Township and the Bucks County Conservation District and urged residences to stop by and take a look. Rain gardens are the best natural way to regulate storm water and information on how to create your own rain garden will be posted on www.doylestownpa.org in the near future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Doylestown Dog Park – Status Report

Co-Chair of Friends of the Doylestown Dog Park (FDDP); Kathy Brown presented the Board with an updated Dog Park proposal and requested their approval to provide a letter to the Bucks County Commissioners indicating a possible use of land in the area of Turk Park III for the proposed dog park.

Since March of 2009, the committee has been actively researching a plan and location for a dog park. They have found Turk Park III to be the best choice, due to the open space, parking, and water source along Almshouse Road, proper fencing, gate system, signage, and waste disposal. In May of 2010 the Bucks County Commissioners gave their permission for the use of the Turk Park III location for a dog park, but first required a letter from the Board of Supervisors indicating approval of Turk Park III as the proposed field for a dog park, since the park is leased from the county by the township.

Ms. Brown concluded since there is support from the Bucks County Commissioners, Doylestown Boro, Park and Recreation Board and neighbors, she requested the Board of Supervisors to consider Turk Park III designed for a dog park.

Mr. Garton suggested a relationship in writing be drafted. Ms. Brown indicated the dog park facility will become part of the Township Park system and therefore the management of the park will be under the Doylestown Park and Recreation Department. Mr. Scarborough requested clarification if the members of Friends of the Doylestown Dog Park will pay for the maintenance of the park as stated in their proposal. Ms. Brown answered yes, and the committee is looking into ways to contribute to the maintenance of the park, such as annual membership fees, have dog businesses come to the park for training classes and with fund raising events the committee has raised over \$5,000.00.

Mr. Colello questioned how a trail will be designed. Ms. Brown answered; the distance to the dog park will not be an issue. Mr. Colello then questioned if additional parking will be provided. Ms. Brown indicated if need be, funds for parking will need to be raised. However, once the Board of Supervisors approved to designate Turk Park III for a dog park, a final plan can be provided to answer all questions.

Although Mrs. Eisenhardt supports the dog park, she questioned if members will be required to provide liability insurance. Ms. Brown answered; liability is not an issue. Ms. Tinari added a waiver will be required not to hold the township liable for accidents that may occur. Mr. Garton indicated with the waivers provided by the club and township insurance there should not be an issue.

Mrs. Lyons agreed with Mr. Garton's suggestion that a relationship in writing be established to define each party's responsibility, due to the uncertainty that the dog park be considered a park or activity. The township's budget cannot bear the maintenance of another park and it should be defined who will cover the cost of ongoing maintenance. Ms. Brown asked if this will hold up the process of opening a dog park. Mrs. Lyons indicated once these concerns are addressed there shouldn't be a delay.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION to have the Board of Supervisors provided a letter to the Bucks County Commissioners indicating a possible use of land in the area of Turk Park III for a proposed dog park, seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Gross Tract

Mr. Garton informed the Board and public of recent developments with regards to the Gross Tract. A judge ruled in favor of the Township to deny development of 25 homes, due to the developer not joining an access street to the adjacent street in order to install a traffic light.

Neamand Tract/ White Eagle Labs – Historic Designation for Residential Property

Mr. Garton provided the Board with a proposed resolution adding the farm house located on Neamand Tract, 2015 Lower State Road to the list of significant historic properties within the Township. Mr. Garton amended Paragraph 3 of the resolution to state; this resolution shall become affective upon the funding and execution of development of financial security agreements by the developer of project, which depicts 32,000 square feet of office space and ten (10) townhouse use in additional to the farm house in accordance to the proposal presented to the Board of Supervisors on March 16, 2010. Upon a conversation, the attorney for Neamand Tract had no objection with the revision.

Mrs. Eisenhardt made a MOTION to approve the resolution to add the farm house located on Neamond Tract, 2015 Lower State Road to the list of significant historic properties within the Township, subject to Resolution No. 1526, seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Neshaminy Manor Bicentennial Celebration – Permit Waiver Request.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION to waive a \$200.00 special zoning permit request for their Bicentennial Celebration event on June 23, 2010, seconded by Mr. Scarborough.

Mrs. Eisenhardt informed the Board she is working on several recommendations for waiver request guidelines to be presented at the July 20, 2010 Board of Supervisor meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

2010 Pipe and Inlet Bid

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION to approve the following bids for the B.C. Consortium Storm Inlet Materials, seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt.

Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	\$2,500.00
Kennedy Culvert	\$13,845.50
Rahns Concrete	\$24,331.00

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ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by;

Stephanie J. Mason, Secretary