

Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, June 7, 2016 4:00 PM Public Meeting Room

I. 4:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairperson; Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman; Richard F. Colello and Supervisors; Ken L. Snyder, Shawn Touhill and Ryan Manion. Mr. Colello acted as Chairman at this meeting.

Township Staff in attendance included Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations; Richard E. John, Township Solicitor; Jeffrey P. Garton, Chief of Police; A. Dean Logan and Township Engineer; Mario Canales.

A. Pledge to the flag

The Board met in Executive Session, prior to the meeting to discuss matters of litigation.

B. Presentation – Ashby Saunders, Proposed Sculpture for Amphitheater

Ms. Mason informed Artist; Ashby Saunders was unable to attend today's meeting. Upon Mr. Saunders attendance at a March's Park and Recreation Board meeting, he suggested that he'd like to create a sculpture for the Covenant Bank Band Shell. The sculpture is called Jazz Dancers and is of a boy and girl dancing.

However, the Park and Recreation Board informed there is no capacity for further fund raising to create a full size statue. The suggestion is that if a benefactor can be found, the project will be reconsidered. The Board concurred.

C. Visitors/Public Comments

Resident; Lanny Morgnanesi of 58 Radcliff Drive addressed the Board to seek assistance regarding 90 trees and bushes planted along open space behind his home. The trees are clustered along the border and ruins the view of the open space. They are also protected with white tubing, which is an eye sore. Mr. Morgnanesi then complained he was never notified of the project.

Upon several visits from Township staff, recommendations were offered to either paint the tubing, remove some of the trees or tubes from the property line. However, Mr. Morgnanesi was later informed the recommendations could not be completed. Mr. Morgnanesi concluded by requesting Board consideration to either have the tubes painted, relocate the entire cluster of trees to a better location or have the trees spread out along the property line. As a compromise, having the white tubing replaced with green ones will be satisfactory.

Mr. Touhill explained; the tree planting was part of the 2016 Arbor Day planting program with the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC). The location of the planting was identified as a native sensitive area. Additionally, tubes cannot be painted because of the need to be translucent to sunlight while providing protection from deer. Ms. Mason added; the site was selected by the Bucks County Conservation District with the EAC for tree planting as part of the program. Ms. Mason also spoke with a representative at Boucher & James who confirmed painting of the tubes would be a detriment on the photosynthesis. Ms. Mason then explained to switch out the tubes for green ones will have a cost of \$560.00.

Director of Codes Enforcement; Salisbury Sinclair informed, prior to the planting he met with Mrs. Morgnanesi to inform of the project and show where the trees would be placed. At the time, Mrs. Morgnanesi did not voice any concerns.

Upon a question from Mr. Snyder, Ms. Mason explained to order new green tubing will have a total cost of \$600.00. With the grant at its match, the cost will be covered by the township.

Ms. Manion suggested replacing the white tubes with green ones. Consensus was to replace the white tubes with green ones.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- F. Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9AM 11AM Drop off site is located at the New Britain Rd. entrance of Central Park. Please visit our website for more information.

III. MINUTES APPROVAL: May 17, 2016

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Snyder the May 17, 2015 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting minutes be approved.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

IV. CORRESPONDENCES: NA

V. REPORTS

A. Solicitor – TVC- Zoning Hearing Update

Mr. Garton referenced John P. Koopman's of Begley, Carlin & Mandio May 20, 2015 memorandum reporting on his attendance at the May 16th Zoning Hearing Board hearing regarding a TVC Drug Facility application for a proposed rehabilitation center in Fountainville. During the meeting, John Hornick of Bohler Engineering testified on the relevancy of the plan together with a need for a variance. Jennifer Walsh of McMahon Engineering also testified, but was unclear on the number of trips. She indicated the conclusion came upon office and medical use. The next hearing maybe re-scheduled in July of 2016. There was an initiative from one of the neighbors to meet with the applicant.

As a reminder, Mr. Garton stated the Township is only attending meetings to observe and not participate in favor or against.

Mrs. Lyons questioned; if information on the applicant can be revealed. Specially, who is TVC, where are they from, what is their experience. As a resident, Mrs. Lyons requested the information to conduct her own research. Mr. Garton agreed and will investigate.

B. Police Chief

Chief Logan referenced a newspaper article indicating the Central Bucks Regional Police Department reported approximately 30 cars were broken into along the Chalfont Borough area. Chief Logan reminded the public to lock their car doors and remove any valuables before leaving vehicles. This will reduce the amount of complaints reported.

Mrs. Lyons reported; this time last year a number of residential break-ins were reported and reminded residents to also lock their doors. Chief Logan stated all suspicious individuals or actions should be reported to the Police Department.

Mr. Snyder questioned if any break-ins have been reported in Doylestown. Chief Logan indicated one or two break-ins have been reported. When a large amount of break-ins are reported in close proximately, it normally becomes a spree.

Mr. Colello commented; some break ins are games devised by younger individuals with too much free time.

C. Township Engineer

No report

D. Manager

1. Sauerman Park Pond Water Quality Data

Ms. Mason reported upon Budget Work Session discussions, a concern of the Sauerman Park pond arose. The pond was last inspected in the 1990s by Delaware Valley University who suggested to have area around the pond grow naturally. Recently, Mr. John met with Princeton

Hydro, who presented a letter indicating the pond currently has aquatic life and suggest further studies be completed. Princeton Hydro's quote to complete the survey is \$1,860.00.

Ms. Mason recommended the Board refer the matter to the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and the Park & Recreation Board for review and consideration for the budgeting season.

Mr. Snyder commented he would prefer to have an immediate answer instead of waiting for additional comments to be provided. He suggested having the Board vote to approve Princeton Hydro's quote of \$1860.00. Once the results are presented, forward the findings to the EAC and Park & Recreation Board for further action. Mr. Touhill agreed and added interests has been presented by the neighbors in volunteering with clean up for better water quality.

Mr. Snyder made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve Princeton Hydro perform an assessment for water quality along the Sauerman Road pond in the amount of \$1,860.00.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

2. Cross Keys Well – Update

902 Grant - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Ms. Mason reported on a phone call received from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) with regards to the 902 Grant for the Tub Grinder Capital Project. The project has been budged for \$208, 996.20. Doylestown Township was awarded the 902 Grant where DEP will post \$188,097.00. The match for the project is approximately \$20,899.00 and will be shared with Delaware Valley University. This will result in each entity having a total of approximately \$10,500.00 each.

Cross Keys Well Update

Mr. John updated the Board on the status of the Cross Keys wells by reporting on a contamination event with a Perfluorooctanic compounds, as PFOA and PFOS. The materials are normally found in firefighting foams, as well as other over the counter products purchased. Recently, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lowered the standard to 70 parts per trillion, where the township could not meet the perimeters for health advisory. This requirement is not a compound the township normally searches for until now. Prior to lowering the limit, the township was in conformance with the health advisory at .20 parts per billion. Due to the lowered limits, the wells were shut down and a secondary source was implemented with no effects.

The Authority is reviewing options into installing granulated carbon filters at the well house to capture the contaminated, should it be placed back into operation. Additionally, a new primary source of water is being reviewed to feed the Cross Keys area. The area is approximately 3.25 miles of pipe run from Broad Street to Old Dublin Pike and can take over the secondary source.

The Authority is also reviewing options to reactivate the well with carbon filters and will assist in lowering the limits of the contaminate by blending a new clean source of water. The new source will flows into the tank to reduce the amount of contaminates. All options will have high costs and the Authority will keep the township informed as the project moves forward. A possible report may be presented as early as next month.

Mr. John then reported; upon several meetings with DEP, they have taken primacy of the entire Cross Keys contamination project by conducting tests to include private wells.

Mr. Snyder questioned how long has the well been in operation. Mr. John answered; since the construction of the shopping center in the 1990s. Mr. Snyder questioned when testing for PFOA and PFOS began. Mr. John answered; in 2014 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) selected Doylestown Township for PFO testing. The township agreed and in 2015, the 2014 testing results were presented and showed indication of water contamination. Additionally, upon news reports of water contamination from nearby Naval Base, the Authority conducted several tests to determine if the township was affected. Results showed no contamination along the Bristol Road area or other wells throughout the township. Only the Cross Keys area showed contaminates. DEP is currently working on a program to address the issues. Mr. Snyder questioned if any private wells were affected. Mr. John answered; one private well was affected in a minor nature, but above the limit. All information was forwarded to DEP and the homeowner was notified. The chemicals in the compound are capable of forming PFOAs as they mixed together underground. An example of this type of contamination was found at the ChemFab site. The incident can become problematic in the future.

Upon Mr. Snyder's question, Mr. John explained any private well contaminated with PFO will need to contact private contractors to treat their wells. There are only six companies present in the United States and can be obtained by DEP.

E. Supervisors

Mrs. Lyons thanked Mr. Colello for standing in as Chairman of tonight's meeting.

Mr. Touhill thanked everyone who attended and assisted with maintenance of the Native Garden on Saturday, June 4, 2016. Approximately twelve volunteers attended. He then thanked participants and township staff who attended and assisted with the annual Golf Outing event.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NA

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Delaware Valley University Calf Barn – Request Land Development Waiver

Ms. Mason referenced Joseph Guckavan of Delaware Valley University's June 1, 2016 letter requesting a waiver of land development for a proposed calf nursery barn. Mr. Garton added; upon Board approval, a land development waiver agreement is required with regards to future grading permits and other requirements.

With a power point slide presentation, Executive Director of Facilities; Joseph Guckavan explained the proposed calf barn will be located off a stone driveway near the dairy barn.

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors waive land development to Delaware Valley University for construction of a proposed calf nursery barn subject to certain conditions.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

B. Zoning Hearing Board – Triola – 40 Radcliff Dr. – Request a variance

The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors agreed by consensus to forward Michael and Tracey Triola of 40 Radcliff Drive request for a variance to receive relief from maximum allowance of impervious surface of 30% for improvements to a pool deck area to the Zoning Hearing Board, as per the recommendation of Ms. Stephanie Mason.

C. Bills List – June 7, 2016

Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Snyder the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the June 7, 2016 Bill's List in the amount of \$310,043.51.

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IX. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Mrs. Lyons made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the June 7, 2016 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting be adjourned at 4:44pm.

MOTION CARRIED 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted by

Stephanie J. Mason