

**EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SESSION
Wednesday, July 15, 2009**

Those in Attendance:

Hudson L. Voltz, Chairman
Jay G. Fischer, Member
Scott T. Piersol, Township Manager
Mark D. Kocsi, Chief of Police
Matthew T. VanLew, Roadmaster
Mary Beth Smedley, Secretary/Treasurer

Absent:

David A. Kirkner, Vice-Chairman

The East Brandywine Township Board of Supervisors meeting of Wednesday, July 15, 2009 was called to order by Chairman Voltz at 7:30 P.M. at the East Brandywine Township Municipal Complex. Also in attendance was George Holmes, the Milemarker Editor.

Opening of Meeting

Chairman Voltz opened the meeting with a Salute to the Flag.

Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

Chairman Voltz asked if there were comments on non-agenda items. There were no comments.

Minutes: Board of Supervisors – June 17, 2009

Chairman Voltz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the above minutes. There were none. Mr. Fischer made a motion to approve the June 17, 2009 minutes as presented. Chairman Voltz seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Minutes: Board of Supervisors – July 2, 2009

Chairman Voltz asked if there were any additions or corrections to the above minutes. There were none. Mr. Fischer made a motion to approve the July 2, 2009 minutes as presented. Chairman Voltz seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Minutes: Planning Commission – July 1, 2009

The July 1, 2009 Planning Commission meeting was cancelled.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Smedley read the account balances as of July 15, 2009. After Review of the report, Mr. Fischer made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of bills. Chairman Voltz seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Report: Township Manager's Report

Mr. Piersol reported that the settlement for the 60-acre conservation easement acquisition, and the 16-acre fee simple acquisition along the Brandywine Creek of the White Acres farm from the Whittaker family occurred this morning. The net acquisition cost to the Township for these acquisitions was \$318,582.81. Natural Lands Trust obtained grants from Chester County and DCNR totaling \$1,011,000.00 to assist with these open space acquisitions.

Jack Stefferud from NLT is currently preparing the easement documents for the proposed Shelton acquisition for review by the property owners. This property is immediately west of the White Acres Farm on Creek Road west of Dowlin Forge Road. This open space acquisition proposes the purchase of the development rights through acquisition of a conservation easement on the property. We should know more about the grant applications in the near future. We expect the adjacency to the White Acres Farm tract and its open space easements will help score additional points with the grant reviewers.

Kevin Anderson is working to finalize the grant application to the County for the proposed acquisition of portions of the Brown farm on Dilworth Road. Similar to the White Acres Farm acquisition, this project includes a fee simple purchase of a portion of the property adjacent to the Hopewell development to develop a trail connection to the Phase II walking trail, and possibly additional recreation space. Approximately 8 acres of the meadow would be conserved. The grant application is due this Friday, and Mr. Anderson is on track to meet the deadline.

PennDOT recently announced plans to resurface a section of Horseshoe Pike from Bollinger Road to the eastern entrance of Brandywine Village Shopping Center. Mr. VanLew attended a meeting this morning at PennDOT's King of Prussia office about this project. Information was very limited, but it appears that contractor Allan Myers may start work within the next two weeks. Mr. VanLew expects the work will occur during the day. The contractor should complete this work in 2 days.

We recently received our 2007 Recycling Performance Grant award of \$35,081.00, based on the 1,167.1 tons of material recycled during that period. The award is based on a formula based on our 2000 census population and the amount of recyclables reported. These funds are used to control the cost of providing curbside and drop-off collections. The reason this award was only recently received is because PA DEP routinely conducts audits of recycling reports that document less in residual waste in the recyclables, since our contract requires our hauler to report the tonnage net of any non-recyclable material. We expect to receive the 2008 grant award later this year.

The weather cooperated for our Family Day in the Community Park, which was well attended on June 28th. The beautiful weather helped the Cruisin' Classics Car Club with a good turnout of vehicles, an attraction for young and old to view. Our local legislators were in attendance, and we had some new vendors. Mr. Piersol said that the members of our Park and Rec Board who attended felt the event was a success.

The Memorial Garden Dedication held on June 25th was well attended. Mr. Piersol estimates that approximately 100 people participated in the event. He received many positive comments about the dedications at the park. Special thanks go to Sandy Lammey and Dave Summers who put together the event on behalf of the Township.

The final draft of our Comprehensive Plan has been sent to the County Planning Commission for their review, as well as the six adjacent municipalities and the Downingtown Area School District for their review and comment. These reviews are required by the State's Municipalities Planning Code. An electronic copy of the plan document and accompanying maps will be available on line through our web site later this week. A hard copy of the plan document is available to review in the Township Office. We can also make an electronic copy available on CD-ROM to anyone who desires to review the plan at home for a small fee. We anticipate the required public meetings by the Township Planning Commission, and the Board of Supervisors, will occur in September, pending receipt and consideration of comments from the reviewers.

Lastly, Mr. Piersol reported that the formation of the Western Chester County UCC Appeals Board is nearly complete. This is a joint effort to create a pool of qualified individuals to hear appeals from building code requirements, as well as creation of an administrative body to oversee this multi-municipal program. The legislature has created a 15-day timeframe in which a hearing must be held on a matter related to the building code, which can create a compliance issue with the hearing board members' schedules. Most municipalities have not formed a hearing board or panel, which is required by the regulations. To date, fifteen municipalities have agreed to participate in this program. We have two additional municipalities interested who will consider joining this effort. The Township will host a meeting to formally organize the group on Monday evening, August 31st at 7:00 PM. Vice-Chairman Kirkner and Mr. Piersol have been involved in this project since August of 2007.

Report: Building Inspector/Zoning Officer – Report for June 2009

Mr. Piersol read the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer's Report for June, 2009. In June there were fifteen permits issued, two zoning permits, eleven use and occupancy permits issued, and forty-one inspections conducted during the month. The total fees collected were \$6003.30.

East Brandywine Township Police Chief's Report

Police Activity Report – June 2009

Incidents Reported	157
Criminal Arrests	10
Summary Arrests	1
Accidents Investigated	7
Traffic Citations Issued	135
Warnings Issued	18
Vacation House Checks	33

Chief Kocsi reported that the Auditor General's office has been conducting an audit of the Uniform Pension Plan for the past several weeks. The auditor will review his findings and recommendations with the Chief and Vice-Chairman Kirkner once the audit is complete.

There have been recent reports of a paving contractor who may be scamming residents. Chief Kocsi recommended that residents be cautious about contractors going door-to-door and offering to do work and he asked that this sort of activity be immediately reported to the Police Department.

Report: Fire Company's Activity Report for June 2009

Mr. Piersol read the Activity Report for the month of June 2009, as submitted by Fire Chief Michael Conlan. There were fifty-six total incidents. In East Brandywine Township there were ten fire calls and seventeen QRS calls. In West Brandywine Township there were eight fire calls and eleven QRS calls. The Fire Company provided assistance in Wallace Township, Caln Township, Honeybrook Township and Honeybrook Borough.

The next Chicken Barbeque will be held on Saturday, July 18th from 4 to 7 P.M. Tickets are \$10.00.

Additional Public Comment

Chairman Voltz asked if there were additional comments. There were none.

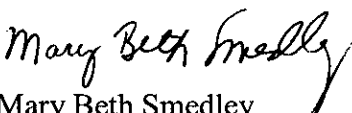
Notice

The East Brandywine Township Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on July 8, 2009 to discuss issues related to the Brandywine Regional Police Commission dissolution, and other legal issues, with their solicitor.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Voltz seconded the motion, with all voting Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Beth Smedley
Secretary/Treasurer