

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
Thursday, September 3, 2009

Those in Attendance:

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

The East Brandywine Township Board of Supervisors meeting of Thursday, September 3, 2009 was called to order by Chairman Voltz at 7:30 A.M. at the East Brandywine Township Municipal Complex. Also in attendance was George Holmes, the Milemarker Editor.

Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

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

Appointment to the Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is recommending that Ray Crossan be appointed as a member of the Commission. Mr. Crossan, an eight year resident of East Brandywine Township, is an engineer and has been an ex-officio member of the Planning Commission since 2008. Vice-Chairman Kirkner made a motion to appoint Mr. Crossan to the Planning Commission. Chairman Voltz seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

East Fisherville Road Bridge Engineer's Report

Mr. Piersol reported that Caln Township will be doing inspections of the bridge on an annual basis unless the inspection detects significant issues that require more frequent monitoring.

Mr. Piersol asked the Supervisors' opinion as to whether East Brandywine Township should request that the Caln Township Engineer allow school buses and emergency management services vehicles to cross the bridge. Mr. Piersol has asked Krapf Bus Company to provide the weight of empty and full school buses to assist the engineer in making a decision. There would be approximately six bus trips across the Bridge during the week by school buses and EMS vehicles will cross on an as-needed basis. The Board agreed that Mr. Piersol should request that the Bridge be opened to this traffic.

Mr. Piersol presented an invoice from Cassio Engineering for the Bridge Inspection Report for the Supervisors to review. Mr. Piersol said that the Township agreed to pay ½ of this invoice, as well as the cost of the concrete median barriers and the previous engineer's inspection on the ability of the bridge structure to handle live and dead loads. The Supervisors approved payment of \$375.00 to Caln Township for the inspection. Payment of future inspections will be discussed at a later date.

Lyndell Bridge

A letter received today from Upper Uwchlan Township Solicitor John Good suggested that the Townships write just one letter to PennDOT regarding ownership of the bridge. Mr. Piersol provided a draft letter for the Supervisors to review. This letter has also been sent to Mr. Good. Mr. Piersol and Mr. VanLew asked for the Board's final approval to send the letter to PennDOT in order to schedule a meeting with their staff. The Board gave permission to send the letter.

East Brandywine Township's position remains that unless the PennDOT can produce an agreement between the Department, East Brandywine Township and Upper Uwchlan Township, PennDOT is responsible for the maintenance of the bridge.

Due to the current condition of the bridge, East Brandywine Township and Upper Uwchlan Township have agreed to continue to make temporary repairs to the concrete deck. These repairs are not to be construed as either Township accepting ownership or responsibility for ongoing maintenance of the bridge and will be done without prejudice to such position.

East Reeceville Road Bridge Update

Work on the bridge deck occurred last Thursday morning beginning at 4:30 A.M. There was no notice given to the Township. Mr. Piersol contacted the project superintendent that afternoon after receiving a resident complaint about the early start. The superintendent explained that they were trying to pour the concrete bridge deck before the heat; otherwise completion of the project would be delayed. Mr. Piersol explained that the Township has limitations on the hours of work, which was mentioned during the pre-construction meeting for this project. Mr. Piersol requested that in the future, if exceptions need to be made, the Township should be provided with prior notice so that residents can be informed, if possible.

Bridge construction is scheduled to be completed in early October, per the latest information provided by PennDOT to Pulte Homes, who are coordinating their golf cart tunnel and utility work with PennDOT. The bridge is expected to open by mid-to-late October.

Applecross Country Club – Easement & Maintenance Agreement for Township Pedestrian Trail

Mr. Piersol met with Sam Carlo of Pulte Homes and Lou Colagreco from Riley, Riper, Hollin and Colagreco earlier this week. They wanted to discuss issues related to the pedestrian trail and an easement across property which will be owned by the Chester County Water Resources Authority. Pulte will offer the trail for dedication to the Township. Mr. Piersol said that he doesn't recall this offer of dedication of the trail being discussed and asked the Board whether they would consider accepting dedication. The Board agreed that this has not been discussed in the past and it was never contemplated that the Township would accept dedication of the trail system. As is the case with other trails in the Township, the Board believes they should be owned and maintained by the development's Homeowner's Association.

Pulte Zoning Amendment Request

Pulte Homes expects to file a zoning amending request for the townhouse section along Bondsville Road. Mr. Colagreco indicated they are proposing revisions which create a "Village Residential District" as opposed to the language contained in the current VC District, to create a distinction between the two zoning districts.

Mr. Colagreco also mentioned that Pulte is in the process of creating another amendment to the settlement agreement for revisions proposed for the northern tract of the property. Their engineer is currently working on plans for the Township to review.

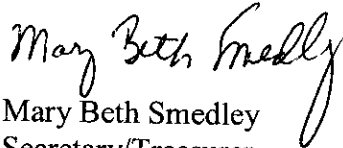
Comments from the Audience

Chairman Voltz asked if there were questions or comments from the audience. There were none.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Kirkner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Beth Smedley
Secretary/Treasurer