

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
Thursday, October 1, 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, October 1, 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 and two visitors.

Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

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

Cumberland Ridge - Offer of Dedication of Public Improvements

Mr. Ted Moser from Moser Builders attended the meeting to discuss dedication of property at Cumberland Ridge, Phase 1. He said that the final Letter of Credit has been issued for the 18-month maintenance bond in the amount \$44,875.29. In correspondence dated September 25, 2009 from Yerkes Associates, Mr. Giannantonio stated that the as-built plans were reviewed to determine if the stormwater management basins, storm sewers and monumentation have been constructed and/or installed in accordance with the approved plans and are in compliance with the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. The applicant has revised the plans to comply with this review letter. In addition, Mr. VanLew and Building Inspector Jeff Cantlin compiled a list of items that need to be completed. Mr. VanLew recommended that the Board accept dedication with the assurance that the outstanding items on his list be addressed. Mr. Moser said that there is minor earthmoving work to be completed on one of the swales in the open space. The stops signs are being picked up today and the requested grade adjustments are done. He expects all outstanding work to be completed within the next two weeks. Chairman Voltz asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. Mr. Fischer made a motion to adopt Resolution 19 of 2009 – Accepting Dedication of Cumberland Drive and Englerth Lane as Public Township Roads, Additional Right-of-Way Taking for Buck Road and Certain Storm Sewer Easements. Vice-Chairman Kirkner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Lyndell Bridge

Mrs. Rebecca Corbin, Legislative Aide to Representative Curt Schroder, attended the meeting to discuss the Lyndell Bridge. It is still PennDOT's position that ownership of the Bridge was transferred to East Brandywine Township and Upper Uwchlan Township in the 1970's and that both Townships are receiving Liquid Fuel funds to maintain the bridge. Mrs. Corbin will schedule a meeting with PennDOT and Township representatives to discuss this issue. Chairman

Voltz will attend the meeting on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, as well as Mr. Piersol and Mr. VanLew. Mr. Piersol will also request that Mr. Giannantonio or Mr. Mayhew from Yerkes attend the meeting. Mrs. Corbin stated that the meeting will likely be held at PennDOT's King of Prussia office.

Amending Chapter 399, Zoning Article IV, Natural Features Protection Standards, Section 14, Steep Slope Conservation District and Amending Various Provisions of the Land Use Code, Including Chapter 350, Concerning Conservation and the Four-Step Design Process and Chapter 399, Concerning Conservation and Cluster Development

Mr. Piersol explained that both of these Amendments were previously considered several years ago, but were not adopted. The Amendments are now in a new format and are ready for a final review by the Chester County Planning Commission. Chairman Voltz asked if there were any questions. There were no questions. Mr. Fischer made a motion to forward the above amendments to the Chester County Planning Commission for the Act 247 review. Vice-Chairman Kirkner seconded the motion, with all voting Aye.

Land Use Code Amendments Pending Planning Commission Recommendation – Day care removed from the Village Commercial District, the Village Extension Option Removed from the Village Commercial District and the Subdivision and Land Development Revisions to Article V – Preliminary Plan Requirements.

Mr. Piersol stated that the above amendments will be reviewed by the Planning Commission on October 7th in order to recommend the Board forward them to the Chester County Planning Commission for their Act 247 Review.

Uniform & Non-Uniform Pension Plans – Asset Smoothing Recommendation

Both Thomas Zimmerman from Conrad Siegel Actuaries and David Summers from Eagle Investment Advisors are recommending that the Township consider asset smoothing for the pension plan. Asset smoothing is a method permitted by Act 205 to reduce the volatility of market value fluctuations. Any gains or losses above or below the investment assumption are brought into the smoothed value over a five-year period. State regulations require that the smoothed value be in the range of 80% to 120% of market value. If the Township were to adopt asset smoothing by January 1, 2009, the estimated 2011 Minimum Municipal Obligation will be approximately \$6,000 less than anticipated. Mr. Summers will be invited to the December Work Session to discuss this. Mrs. Smedley will prepare a Resolution for the Board's consideration.

Trash and Recycling Bid

The current Township trash and recycling contract will end December 31, 2009. Mr. Piersol hopes to advertise the bid this month, which will then be opened on November 12th, and awarded on November 18th.

A draft of the bid documents was provided for the Supervisors to review. The options include both single and dual stream collection of recyclables. Currently, A.J. Blosenski only offers the dual stream option, but other waste haulers in the area do offer the single stream option. It is Mr. Piersol's intention to continue using the same recycling containers for whatever option is chosen, since this is more economical than purchasing new containers.

Mr. Piersol discussed offering yard waste pickup four to six times a year for those residents interested in this service. If this is offered, there would be an additional cost for those residents. In the past it was suggested that Homeowner Associations provide containers for their residents to deposit yard waste since those are the residents who have primarily contacted the Township about yard waste removal. To date, Mr. Piersol and Mrs. Smedley are not aware of any developments who have offered this service.

The Township continues to investigate suitable locations for a compost site, but this is at least two to three years away. One location considered is south of the Township Building, but how that location will affect the Guthriesville Master Plan will need to be discussed. If a compost site is found then the Township will need to meet PADEP regulations. Mr. VanLew suggested that drop-off times be strictly enforced to ensure that only approved materials are accepted. Mr. Fischer asked if compostable materials could be sent to Caln Township's facility. Mr. VanLew said they don't have enough room to accept yard waste from another municipality. There is a possibility that if East Brandywine Township has their own compost site we could share equipment with Caln Township or another municipality.

Currently, Mr. VanLew takes leaves to a nearby farm, but there is a cost to the Township. He said that if he were to take them to the Chester County Solid Waste Authority site it would be time consuming and cost prohibitive. It was suggested that composting and possibly a regional center be discussed with Nancy Fromnick, the Chester County Recycling Coordinator.

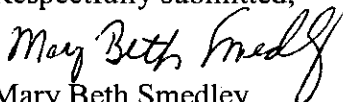
Comments from the Audience

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 8:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Beth Smedley
Secretary/Treasurer

The Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session directly following this meeting to discuss Police personnel issues.