

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION
Thursday, July 7, 2005
7:30 AM

Those in Attendance:

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

The Board of Supervisors met in Work Session on Thursday, July 7, 2005.

Opening of Meeting

Chairman Kirkner opened the Meeting at 7:30 A.M.

Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items

Chairman Kirkner asked if there were any comments on non-agenda items. There were none.

Vision Partnership Grant Agreement (3rd Round, Contract 98.09E)

Mr. Piersol reported that the Vision Partnership Grant Agreement is ready for execution by the Board of Supervisors. The purpose of this grant is to provide assistance in updating the Township's Comprehensive and Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resources Plan. Vice-Chairman Fischer made a motion to authorize executing the Vision Partnership Grant Agreement, 3rd Round, Contract 98.09E. Mr. Kirkner seconded the motion, with both voting Aye.

University MedEvac – Aeromedical Helicopter Response Issue

Currently, Chester County's Computer-Aided Dispatch designates SkyCare (based at Brandywine Hospital – 2.1 miles), PennStar 2 (based in the West Chester area at Keystone Helicopter – 8.3 miles) and University MedEvac (based in Limerick) as the Advanced Life Support (ALS) helicopters to serve East Brandywine Township. University MedEvac, serving Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia and The Lehigh Valley Hospital, recently placed a unit designated as "MedEvac 6" in the West Chester area. This unit is located 7.2 miles from our community. According to Mr. Hal Spatz, Director of University MedEvac, Pennsylvania Department of Health protocols require EMS personnel to request the closest available air ambulance when the service is needed. This would make MedEvac 6 the second closest ambulance service to East Brandywine Township. Mr. Piersol sent a letter to Mr. Spatz stating that he would review the information Mr. Spatz provided with the Officers of the East Brandywine Fire Company, and consider revisions to the CAD stream later this year for implementation in 2006.

Historic Commission

Mr. Piersol stated that with the recent death of Historic Commission Chairman John Kessler, there were three openings on the Board. The Historic Commission has been interviewing candidates for the past several months to fill the vacancies and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. In addition, the Historic Commission does need to recommend a Chairperson to replace Mr. Kessler.

Mr. Voltz entered the meeting at 7:45 A.M.

Wawa Update

Mr. Skip Brion, attorney for Wawa has asked that the Township write a letter stating preliminary plan approval was granted for Wawa's land development application with the understanding that it would involve demolition of the former Mama Lena's restaurant. The Board of Supervisors are willing to write the letter stating that preliminary plan approval was granted, but once again asked that the applicant submit a demolition permit for the building. If the demolition permit is approved, that action will signify the Board's formal approval of the demolition.

Roadmaster's Report

Buck Road Bridge

Mr. VanLew stated that there was a pre-construction meeting on June 30th on site. Adam Sauers from the Chester County Conservation District, Mike Mayhew from Yerkes Associates, Scott Garson and Vinod Menezes from Atlantic Subsea and William Gray from BridgeTek attended the meeting. Mr. Sauer wanted to ensure that the silt fence is kept in good condition, the wetlands are protected, and disturbed soil is stabilized.

PECO is to relocate their pole on July 11th and Verizon will relocate their wires by July 19th.

Bondsville Mill

On June 17th we received the bridge reports from Bob Lubbers of Cassio Engineers. The east bridge has been unrated, meaning it can carry any load. Mr. Lubbers is recommending the railing and asphalt wearing surface be replaced. He also states rip-rap should be placed to protect the bridge footing and trees and undergrowth be removed. He has estimated the total cost of repairs at \$9,100.00.

The west bridge is said to be in poor condition and needs considerable work; it has been rated at 13 tons. Mr. Lubbers recommends removal of trees and brush, re-pointing stone, repairing concrete encasements, replacing railing and placing rip-rap to protect the bridge at an estimated cost of \$56,500.00. Vice-Chairman Fischer asked if the report assumed there would be vehicle traffic using the bridges; foot traffic may extend the life of the bridges.

Mr. VanLew recommended that we proceed with preliminary repairs to both structures. This would consist of installation of rip-rap and vegetation removal that would be completed by

Township Road Crew. The re-pointing, replacement of asphalt wearing course and railing replacement would be sub-contracted and he is recommending they be scheduled for the following year. These repairs would help prolong the life of the bridges until a future decision is made for their uses.

Mr. VanLew sees a value in saving both structures, one as a foot bridge and the other for vehicular traffic to a parking area. The cost to replace either bridge would be many times the cost of repairs.

Cassio's report under "Channel Protection" states that a GP-11 Bridge Maintenance Permit will be needed from DEP in order to install rip-rap along the stream channel. Mr. VanLew has requested a cost estimate from Cassio Engineering to obtain the GP-11 permit from DEP. This estimate should include meetings and/or inspections needed prior to and after installation. Mr. Piersol asked if permits were needed to remove trees, work along the stream bank or to do stream bank restoration. Mr. VanLew will check into this.

The Supervisors approved obtaining estimates for all recommended work. They felt it was important to preserve the lower bridge and begin removing vegetation around the other bridge as soon as possible. There may be grants available to help with the restoration work.

Verizon Fiber Optic Installation

Mr. VanLew provided the Supervisors with a copy of the locations that Verizon needs to repair throughout the Township. There are many roadways that Verizon subcontractors have raised during their installation of the conduit for fiber optics. This list was recently sent to Dennis Coyle of Verizon for a second time. He has received responses from Verizon's sub-contractors that these repairs will be completed within the next few weeks.

Any residents that have complaints about driveway or yard restoration should contact Dennis Coyle of Verizon at 302-736-7151.

Building Committee Update

Brandywine Regional Police will be moving into the Laird Building at 110 Hopewell Road today. East Brandywine Township personnel will be moving this weekend. A pre-bid meeting for construction of the new municipal complex is scheduled for next week with opening of the bids scheduled for July 28th at 4:00 P.M. at the East Brandywine Fire House. Mr. Piersol stated that Yerkes Associates is in the process of reviewing the final construction plans. After demolition of the buildings at the municipal complex, McCausland Hall will be winterized and electricity will be shut off.

Fire Company Update

Mr. Piersol, on behalf of the East Brandywine Fire Company, provided revised contracts for emergency service response to West Brandywine Township Manager, Ronald Rambo, Jr. to review with the West Brandywine Board of Supervisors. To date, little progress has been made in having the Supervisors make a decision about the contract. The East Brandywine Township Board of Supervisors recommended that if this issue isn't resolved by September 1st West Brandywine Township should be put on notice that emergency services through the East Brandywine Township Fire Company will cease December 31, 2005.

Overlook Road Farm – Pulte Homes Project

At last night's Planning Commission meeting, Ray Grochowski of Pulte Homes reviewed the final plan for Overlook Road farm. Several issues from the Yerkes review letter were answered by the applicant, particularly the number of proposed units.

After the meeting adjourned, Mr. Piersol, Mr. Rawlings and Mr. Cushman reviewed the proposed layout. Mr. Piersol was asked to determine if the Board would favor suggesting a change in the plan to remove 16 town homes in the upper sections to open the views in the interior of the clusters. Specifically, it was suggested that units 509 – 514 and 374 – 379 on Road A, and units 168 – 171 on Road D be relocated. This would be a treatment similar to what was done along the main entrance boulevard, where they relocated several of the homes so the homes did not front on the main entrance boulevard.

It was suggested that the parties discuss moving these town homes to the eastern most portion of the site (Road R) on the east side of Bondsville Road. After reviewing the plan, the Supervisors authorized Mr. Piersol to discuss this plan change with Mr. Grochowski. In addition, the Supervisors would like to discuss moving the intersecting roads along Bondsville Road to another location so they can be aligned, and discuss how the bridge repair on East Reeceville Road can be done in conjunction with constructing the underground tunnel.

Old Business

Mr. Carl Walker would like to address the Supervisors again about his runoff issue. The Supervisors asked Mr. Piersol to write a letter to Mr. Walker inviting him to discuss this issue at the August 4th Work Session. They asked that he limit his discussion to new information only.

Ripley Conditional Use

Mr. Piersol advised the Board that an appeal has been filed regarding the Ripley Conditional Use decision by Mr. and Mrs. William Schwartz and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Welk. Mr. Piersol will speak to Township Solicitor John Halsted about this. In addition, Mr. Welk registered a complaint that contractors for Dr. Ripley were using the common driveway. Mr. Piersol stated that Dr. Ripley has agreed to ask his contractors not to use the common driveway.

Pension Committee Meeting

The Non-Uniform Pension Committee meeting originally scheduled for July 7th has been rescheduled until August 4, 2005 at 8:30 A.M.

Public Comment

Chairman Kirkner asked if there were any comments from the audience. There were none.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Voltz moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice-Chairman Fischer seconded the motion, with all voting Aye. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Smedley
Secretary/Treasurer
East Brandywine Township