

EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AM SESSION
February 5, 2026

Those in Attendance:

Francis X. Taraschi, Chairman
Kyle P. Scribner, Vice-Chairman
Emily Keller, Supervisor
Luke D. Reven, Township Manager
Noah Stribrny, Asst. Township Manager
Derrick Claas, Roadmaster
Jeff Yankanich, Chief EBTPD
Tom Oeste, Township Solicitor
Lisa Taraschi, Township Secretary

The East Brandywine Township Board of Supervisors meeting of Thursday, February 5, 2026 was called to order at 9:00 AM at the East Brandywine Township Municipal Complex and followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening of Meeting

Chairman Taraschi opened the meeting by announcing that this meeting is being recorded.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

There was no public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Scribner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the January 15, 2026 Board meeting. Supervisor Keller seconded the motion. With all members voting Aye, motion passed 3-0.

Treasurer's Report, Authorization to Pay Bills and Approve Payroll

Vice-Chairman Scribner made a motion to authorize the payment of bills and approve the payroll. Chairman Taraschi seconded the motion. With all members voting Aye, motion passed 3-0.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Recommendation of Wesley Wolf to the Open Space Committee

Mr. Reven presented Mr. Wolf's application to the Board. After discussion, Vice-Chairman Scribner made a motion to appoint Mr. Wesley Wolf to the Open Space Committee. Supervisor Keller seconded the motion. With all members voting Aye, motion passed 3-0.

Recommendation of Jack Ousey to the Trails Committee

Mr. Stribny presented Mr. Ousey's application to the Board. After a brief discussion, Vice-Chairman Scribner made a motion to appoint Mr. Jack Ousey to the Trails Committee. Supervisor Keller seconded the motion. With all members voting Aye, motion passed 3-0.

Lafayette College Study: Proposal Strategic Workforce & Compensation Study

This item was tabled to a future Board of Supervisor's meeting.

2026 Cedarville NPDES MS4 Permit Support Services

Mr. Reven presented the 2026 NPDES MS4 Proposal for professional services to the board and requested they authorize staff to execute it. Mr. Reven provided the Board with clarification on who Cedarville is training as well as the BMP Inspection process. There was additional discussion regarding RFPs from other engineers relating to these processes.

Vice-Chairman Scribner made a motion to accept the 2026 NPDES MS4 Proposal and present 3 options of Engineers for 2027 to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Keller seconded the motion. With all members voting Aye, motion passed 3-0.

Bondsville Mill Park: Proposed 2026 Construction Goals & Priorities

Mr. Jim Buczala, Vice-Chairman of the Bondsville Mill Committee, presented a slide show history of committee accomplishments to the Board.

Mr. Bob Watts, Chairman of the Bondsville Mill Committee, presented a proposal to the Board regarding future proceedings for the construction part of the Mill. The Construction crew would like to go through the Mill and conduct a survey to look at the condition in its entirety and not concentrating on a couple of buildings. Mr. Watts stated that the Construction crew would like to be more self-directed and not need to request the Board's direction on how to proceed, in what manner, and in what sequencing.

Mr. Reven initiated a discussion regarding the communicated expectation of deliverables for 2026 set up in the budget process. The goals were to finish the interior of Building A, finish the exterior of Building C, and access the park at grade without using a stair set. There was also some discussion regarding the proposal goals. BVM Committee wishes the Board to grant the Construction crew control of all aspects of the BVM building envelope construction. This includes goals, priorities, objectives, specifications, material selections, techniques, scheduling, and reports. Mr. Reven added that they would like to survey the following items: Mill Race, Building B, Building C, Building D, the area between E & F including the elevator, Buildings E and A, and West Bridge. And finally, if time allows, they finish the main floor of Building A. It was discussed who was going to conduct the surveys. Mr. Buczala stated in house however, an engineer would need to look at the West bridge and possibly other areas. He added that there may be a future request to purchase materials.

There was some discussion regarding the potential of the park becoming a separate entity from the Township, possibly a 501C3.

It was discussed that the Mill has \$20,000 budgeted for 2026. Mr. Stone indicated that money has been allocated for the surveys requested. There was some discussion regarding maintenance costs. Mr. Buczala indicated that using good products would impact the maintenance costs on the buildings in a positive manner.

Mr. Reven presented 3 questions: 1. What is the scope of work in 2026? 2. What will the finished park look like? 3. Who decides? He does not see an issue with the scope of work. Regarding question 2, Mr. Reven states that there is not a consistent vision that will be resolved at the meeting today. For question 3, he wants to know who is responsible for what is happening at the park.

Vice Chairman Scribner suggested that surveys be completed first on the areas that could be the most unstable to the public. He advised the Committee to then come back to the Board to inform them of their findings.

Mr. Buczala asked what the process would look like. Chairman Taraschi instructed the committee to work with Mr. Reven to establish the process.

Mr. Reven continued with his comments regarding the scope of work for 2026. He suggested he heard from the Board that finishing building A is a priority. Mr. Reven stated he heard from Vice-Chairman Scribner that the surveys that affect health and safety are also a priority. Finally, he added that the interior construction for Building D, Building E, and Building A is another priority. Mr. Reven suggested that the Construction Crew's goals be reviewed directly with the Board annually before budget process.

Chairman Taraschi stated that the funding currently in place should not be taken up by Building A. Mr. Stone stated that the surveys will be time-consuming, but they hope to complete them in 2026.

Chairman Taraschi recapped the discussion in order of priority: first, Building D survey, then, Building E survey, next, the bridge, and lastly, Building A survey. Mr. Stone disagreed, saying he cannot commit to an order because it depends on volunteer availability.

Vice-Chairman Scribner stated that public safety is priority #1.

Chairman Taraschi agreed with Mr. Reven that Construction Crew goals should be reviewed annually by the Board before the budget process. Mr. Stone agreed.

Vice-Chairman Scribner reiterated the importance to recognize safety first and survey second. Chairman Taraschi inquired how the survey results will be shared with the rest of the committee. It was agreed that the survey's would be performed and then reported back to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Reven clarified that all surveys are first priority, and finishing the interior of Building A is second priority. Mr. Reven stated he disagrees with this decision; however, he respects it as a good compromise.

Mr. Mark Bevacqua of the Budget Committee, inquired if a survey reveals a safety issue, should that issue be addressed immediately? Charman Taraschi stated that a discussion and decision would be determined at that time.

Subdivision & Zoning Applications

There were none.

Ordinances & Resolutions for Consideration

Ordinance 1 of 2026 Speed Change on Old Horseshoe Pike

Mr. Oeste presented the following ordinance to the Board. A copy Verbatim et literatim is included in these minutes.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST BRANDYWINE, CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF EAST BRANDYWINE TOWNSHIP, CHAPTER 245, TITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 245-1 “SPEED LIMITS,” TO ADD A 25 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT FOR A SEGMENT OF OLD HORSESHOE PIKE PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA VEHICLE CODE, INCLUDING ACT 151 OF 1998.

WHEREAS, East Brandywine Township is authorized under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, 75 Pa.C.S. § 101 et seq., to regulate traffic and establish maximum speed limits on Township highways; and

WHEREAS, Section 3362(a)(1.2) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, as amended by Act 151 of 1998, authorizes a municipality to establish a 25 mile per hour maximum speed limit in a residential district, without the necessity of an engineering and traffic study, where the highway is a local highway, is not a numbered traffic route, and is under municipal jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that the portion of Old Horseshoe Pike addressed herein is a non-numbered local Township highway and is located within a residential district, as that term is defined in the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that establishing a 25 mile per hour maximum speed limit on this roadway segment will promote public safety and the general welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of East Brandywine Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. Section § 245-1. A, Speed limits, of the Code of Ordinances of East Brandywine Township is hereby amended by adding the following row to the existing table of streets and maximum speed limits:

Name of Road	Speed Limit (mph)	Location
Old Horseshoe Pike	25	Entire length

All other provisions, listings, and speed limits contained in § 245-1 shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

Section 3. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is, for any reason, found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts hereof. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors that this Ordinance would have been enacted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon enactment as provided by law.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 5th day of February, 2026.

Vice-Chairman Scribner made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2026 Speed change on Old Horseshoe Pike. Supervisor Keller seconded the motion. With all members voting Aye, motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

There was none.

Notices

Chairman Taraschi announced there will be an executive session following this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Scribner made a motion to adjourn at 10:54 AM. Supervisor Keller seconded the motion, with all members voting Aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Taraschi
Township Secretary