

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORK SESSION**

MINUTES – March 10, 2015

The Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors' Work Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Thornbury Township meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Robert Anthony, Chairman; Jim Benoit, Vice-Chairman; Mike Gallagher and George Stasten. Also in attendance were Judy Lizza, Interim Township Manager; Kathy Labrum, Township Solicitor; and Teresa DeStefano, Secretary.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Squire Cheyney Walking Trail/Landscape Buffer

Bob Anthony noted the Township has a Grant to fund the buffer project on College Hill Road. A walk through is to be scheduled to decide on the type of trees and shrubs.

2. Pavilion/Squire Cheyney park

Bob Anthony noted that the Township is considering building a pavilion at the Squire Cheyney Park. This was a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Committee. Township Engineer, Mike Conrad, will review the plans from Goose Creek Park and provide cost estimates for the April meeting.

3. Chester County Tax Collection Resolution

Bob Anthony noted that Resolution 2015-09 be a mended due to the change of personnel for voting delegate (C).

4. Commercial Vehicle Inspections Participation

Bob Anthony noted that this has to do with WEGO implementing inspections. This will not affect Thornbury Townships PPU's.

5. Springhouse/ Tree Removal Proposals

Bob Anthony noted that the Board received feedback that the tree was damaging the Springhouse.

Molly Morrison stated that the HPC has spoken to Dale Frens and he feels that removing the tree would do more damage than not. No Board action at this time

6. Road Striping

Bob Anthony noted the Township has created a striping inventory of Township roads. Township Engineer, Mike Conrad should add the striping of William Penn Road to the 2015 Road Program bid package. This bid package is expected for Board review in April.

7. Park Maintenance Proposals

Bob Anthony noted that the Township received 4 bids and will award the contract at the March Board Meeting.

8. WCUSC/Status Update

Bob Anthony gave a brief update on the WCUSC status. The Board will discuss this again in April. The Township Engineer is compiling additional information.

9. Preserve at Squire Cheyney Status Update

Bob Anthony noted that there are a number of outstanding items on the punch list. No Board action at this time.

10. Springhouse/Restoration Plans

The HPC is charged with reviewing the newest set of plans for the roof restoration. The HPC will suggest any additional or deletions to the plans. (HPC Meeting March 19, 2015) Supervisor Jim Benoit is to be the pin point Supervisor for the project. Township Engineer, Mike Conrad is to develop the bid package and have it prepared for the Board of Supervisors April meeting. The bid package would have two alternate bids: standard framing or oak joists; cedar shake or metal roofs materials. Mike should also verify that the number of rafters is sufficient support either roof material choice.

11. HPC Ordinance Chapter 155-136

Bob Anthony noted that this discussion is a result of a building permit submitted by a resident. His house is over 50 years old which placed it on the Inventory list and would trigger an additional review process with the HPC.

The Board discussed the value of having certain homes on the inventory list that really are not historic other than age. The discussion continued with reviewing Ordinance 1999-5 and how to amend the categories on the current Thornbury Township Historic Resources Inventory.

Thornbury Township Solicitor, Kathy Labrum, will review Ordinance 1999-5 and provide some alternate solutions for the Board's consideration. The HPC will also review the Ordinance and provide feedback.

The Board will consider waiving the additional HPC review process for 215 Red Lion Road at the March Meeting. HPC members attending the meeting support the waiver.

OTHER MATTERS:

Bob Anthony noted that the contract for Road Maintenance/Neff Construction is due for extension. This extension will be the last of the contract (3 of 3). It will be an action item at the next Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Bob Anthony noted that he has been working on the new Personnel Handbook. This adoption of the handbook will be an action item at the next Board of Supervisors Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Destefano, Secretary