

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

MINUTES – May 7, 2013

The Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors' Work Session was called to order at 6:10 p.m. in the Thornbury Township meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Bob Anthony, Chairman; Jim Benoit, Vice Chairman; Mike Gallagher, and Mike Gast. Also in attendance were Brody Bovero, Township Manager; Kathy Labrum, Solicitor; and Teresa DeStefano, Administrator. An executive session was held before the regularly scheduled meeting to discuss real estate.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. BOARD ROOM PRESENTATION SETUP

Brody Bovero noted that in 2012, the Board authorized \$5,500 for IT upgrades in the office, which included a presentation set up for the board room. The original plan included the installation of a projector and screen. We have since decided that a monitor/TV would be a better option given the limited space in the board room. The monitor would eliminate the issue of shadows during presentations, and would make for an easier installation.

The discussion continued regarding the screen size and location.

2. UPDATE ON SQUIRE CHEYNEY PARK PHASE 1 PROJECT

Brody Bovero noted that the first draft was presented and the Board was not satisfied with the stormwater plan. The update would show the changes made to the stormwater plan. Ms. Labrum was able to contact Chester County to determine the plausibility of the Township either granting a waiver of the stormwater requirements, or allowing for an alternate method of determining the stormwater management requirements. Ms. Labrum was able to get clarification that the Township would only be required to manage the stormwater from the new impervious trail and parking areas. The runoff from the undisturbed agricultural area would not be included in the calculations. This should greatly reduce the size of the stormwater basins.

Brody Bovero also noted that during a discussion with the Squire Cheyney House & Barn Subcommittee, the issue of access to the property, if owned by a private party, arose. The Squire Cheyney House and Barn currently have access from Freedom Rider Trail and Cheyney Road. The question arose as to whether a private owner/resident would want to share access with park users in order to access his/her property through the existing driveway on Cheyney Road. The alternatives include the elimination of the access from the driveway on Cheyney Road, or relocating the parking area so users of the trail enter at a different location. The discussion

continued with different options for the private driveway and the public parking that are outlined in Phase 1.

Mike Conrad presented an updated version of the plan with the changes to the stormwater and the parking area. The township conducted soil testing of the park in April, and it turned out favorable. Mike noted that the basins are still a work in progress.

Scott Hattersley was concerned about the buffering/landscaping near his property.

Matt Bradley, from Simone Collins Landscaping, presented the landscaping plan for the trail and the different trees and bushes that might be used. Matt noted that, around Mr. Hattersley's property, he took into consideration the buffering of his pond.

The discussion continued noting that the proposed plants and trees would all be native to the area; also where the sitting areas would be placed. Matt also showed the screening of the College Hill Drive properties that back up to the trail.

Mike Gast stated that a proposed cost for this plan needs to be determined in order for the Board to see what we can get for the money we have put in the budget for Phase 1.

Brody suggested that the Board prioritize the landscaping, starting with the pond area, the College Hill resident's side, and maybe half way around the cul-de-sac.

3. REPORT ON 2012-2013 WINTER SNOW & ICE CONTROL

The 2012-2013 winter seasons brought little snowfall and moderate temperatures, making for a lighter financial burden on the Township. Throughout the course of the season, the Township conducted two brine applications and five salt applications. There were no plowing events this year. In order to improve winter maintenance service to residents, and to conduct our snow and ice control in a more efficient and environmentally respectful manner, Brody recommended to the Board of Supervisors that they consider a permanent roof structure over our salt storage facility. Brody noted that he will be working with the Roadmaster to present a proposal that complies with the 2013 budget.

4. ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION REPORT

The Roadmaster and the Township Manager conducted an annual road condition assessment. They toured the entire township, examining the condition of the paving,

stormwater systems, and ice control systems. Brody noted that, as the roads are being repaired, the stormwater systems on those roads, if any, will be done at the same time.

Mike Gast inquired about chip sealing

Brody Bovero noted that Thornbury Road would be the only candidate, since it is more of a rural road.

5. REVIEW SNOW & ICE CONTROL CONTRACT EXTENSION

Brody Bovero noted that this would be the second of three extensions on this contract. There is no change in pricing except there will be a flat fee for the brine and salt applications.

II. OTHER MATTERS

Brody Bovero mentioned that our current SPCA contract does not provide for pick up of strays, but Chief Bernot is changing the policy and leaving it up to the officer's discretion as to whether or not to transport an animal.

Karin Crooks will be requesting an extension for her subdivision plan.

Brody Bovero noted that there was an incident involving resident keeping chickens on their property, and they do not have five acres. So, the question came up of whether our ordinance should be amended.

Brody will work with Jim Benoit to put together a draft of an amended ordinance to submit to the Planning Commission.

Mike Gast noted that the noise from fireworks at the Penn Oaks Country Club is starting to disturb the nearby residents. Also, the owners of the Country Club talked about enlarging and revising the parking areas but parking is still an issue in the development.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Destefano, Secretary