

**Franklin Township
Board of Supervisors Minutes
July 19, 2006**

Call to Order:

Chairman Richard Whipple called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Present were Vice Chairman Teddy Price and Supervisors Norman Hughes, Roger Wilson and Juanita Bennett. Also present were Solicitor Vince Donohue, Sanitary Sewer Engineer Stan Corbett, Planning Commission Chairman Eric Brindle, and Township Manager Stephen Ross. In addition, there were approximately seven people present in the audience.

Public Comment

1. Jane Brown – questioned the reference to the open space ordinance in the Manager’s Report

Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2006

Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mrs. Price, to approve the minutes of June 21, 2006. There was a discussion regarding the second full paragraph on page 2 of the minutes. Mr. Whipple moved, second Mrs. Price, to amend the previous motion by amending two sections of this paragraph:

1. Fourth sentence is to remove all of the wording right after “statement included” and replace with “reference to Mrs. Rembecki’s given reasons for her resignation.”
2. Delete the last sentence of the paragraph.

Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Reports:

- a. Treasurer’s Report – dated June 2006, Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mrs. Bennett to accept the Treasurer’s Report dated June 2006. Approved by unanimous vote of the Board.
- b. Manager’s Report – Mr. Ross advised that he would entertain questions from the Board regarding the contents of his report. His focus was the special report on the half-year status of the 2006 budget.
- c. Solicitor’s Report Mr. Donohue suggested that the BOS consider having a brief executive session following the public meeting.
- d. Zoning Officer/Bldg. Inspector Report – Mr. Ross reviewed the report, noting the number of permits issued and the amount of fees collected.

Old Business

The Manager provided background information on the Chester County 2006 Challenge Grant Program. Mrs. Price explained that Franklin could apply and, if successful, the Board can later decide if money should be spent toward the acquisition of the property in question. Further, the application demonstrates to the County that Franklin Township is making a good faith effort to consider matching its funds with County funds. Mr. Whipple moved to approve the certification of the grant in the amount of \$220,000, seconded by Mr. Hughes. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Resolution 2006-10 is a grant from the County under the Trails Full Fee Acquisition grants category. The resolution assures Chester County that Franklin Township will have available \$22,400 as the required match to complete this project. This is the same property that the Board voted on March 15, 2006 to apply for a DCNR Grant. On motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mrs. Price, resolution 2006-10 was approved with confirmation that the amount shown in the appraisal is the same as stated. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Whipple explained that, under the Landscapes 21st Century Fund Municipal Grant Program Round XVIII, the contract presented authorizes Jack Stefferud of Natural Lands Trust to file the grant application on behalf of Franklin Township. On motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the designated township officials are authorized to enter into the contract between the Chester County Commissioners and Franklin Township Board of Supervisors. Motion carried by unanimous vote. (Note: All documents will be part of the meeting file being separate from the minutes.)

Steve Ross presented a proposed agreement between Franklin Township and Chisel Creek Golf Club. Mr. Corbett was present and he explained the agreement that he drafted and passed on to the Solicitor for his review. Mr. Boxler questioned the title "Sewage Retaining Tank Agreement" and he wanted to be sure that in the future this title wouldn't be confused with holding tanks. It is duly noted that said agreement references portable toilets and not holding tanks. On motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mr. Hughes, the agreement between Franklin Township and the Owner of Chisel Creek shall be executed by the appropriate township officials. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Planning and Zoning

- a. Planning Commission Report – Mr. Brindle provided his report of the brief meeting of the Planning Commission on July 6, 2006.
- b. Extension Letters – Mr. Whipple provided a brief background on the various pending developments, including the following requested extensions:
 1. Banffshire - August 23, 2006
 2. Fox Hunt Farm - August 23, 2006
 3. Mackie - August 31, 2006
 4. McMaster 2 lot - August 31, 2006
 5. iller Farm - September 30, 2006
 6. Godfrey - October 25, 2006

APPROVED

On motion by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mrs. Price, the extensions were approved by unanimous vote of the Board.

Mr. Ross advised the Board that Kohli and Associates provided a recommendation in a letter dated July 10, 2006 to release from the escrow fund \$21,116.50 from the High Pointe Meadow Subdivision. This is release #4. On motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, the Board authorized release of \$21,116.50 from the escrow fund of High Pointe Meadow. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business

Mr. Ross reviewed his memo of July 12, 2006 which included a recommendation that the Board approve the resolution authorizing the disposal of old township records. Because of the heavy storm of July 18, the Historical Commission lacked a quorum and the meeting was cancelled. Therefore, there isn't a recommendation from the Historical Commission to dispose of the designated records. Action was deferred for 60 days.

Mr. Whipple provided background information on the Agricultural Security Area and recent discussions with Robert and David McCleary, along with John Goodall of the Brandywine Conservancy. The McCleary property is four separate parcels located on Hess Mill Road and totals 105 acres. Mr. Whipple moved to accept the application for this 105-acre property to be added to the ASA program, seconded by Mr. Hughes. Motion carried by unanimous vote of the Board.

Route 896 Corridor Study

Mr. Whipple and Mrs. Price provided background information on the 896 Study, which is now in a phase which requires two approvals from the County Planning Commission, including the 247 review and Vision Partnership Program. Once approved by the County, it will require the Township to consider adopting the study as an amendment to Franklin Township's Comprehensive Plan.

Public Comment

1. Jane Brown - 896 Corridor Study and relationship to the Echo Hill development. Also, if there was an explanation on why there isn't video/transcript recording of the meeting.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Ross
Township Manager/Secretary