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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

Call to Order:

Chairman Richard Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Present were Supervisors Nan Latimer, Norman Hughes, Paul Overton and Eric Brindle. Also present were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Jeff Eastburn, Assistant to the Township Manager, Phil Geoghegan, Chairman of the Open Space Committee, Ralph Olivier, Chairman of the Planning Commission and Historical Commission and Stephen Ross, Interim Township Manager. There was one member of the public in attendance. Chairman Whipple advised that there have been executive sessions regarding personnel and that there is to be a future executive session regarding personnel.

Public Comment: No public comment.

New Business:

- A. Garden in the Park: Mr. Joe Pitts, an Eagle Scout candidate from Troop #18 was present to discuss his plans for constructing a garden at Crossan Park. Mr. Pitts was assisted by Mr. Eastburn and Ms. Latimer in finding a location for the special project. Mr. Pitts explained his plan to construct a garden near the tennis courts in Crossan Park during the spring of 2009. He plans to use boy scouts from his troop as helpers and is attempting to get all the materials donated. Mr. Whipple signed the form authorizing Mr. Pitts to proceed with the plan.
- B. Parsons Road Property: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, that the Board approve Resolution 2008-17, approving the filing of an application for Chester County Municipal Grant Program assistance for an approximately 93 acre parcel on the north side of Parsons Rd. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.
- C. Application for Open Space Funding: Interim Mgr. Ross explained that the Township staff had investigated the options for borrowing to carry out the Open Space program. This investigation, and associated interviews, indicated that the optimal path, including cost and flexibility, was with the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority (DeVal). DeVal is an agency established in 1985 for the purpose of providing loans to local governments in Pennsylvania, at a lower overall cost than otherwise available, offering both variable rate and fixed rate options, as well as flexibility in debt structure and debt management not typically offered by other lending sources. Since it's creation in 1985, DeVal has provided approximately \$2.5 billion of loans to approximately 390 local governments. Mr. Whipple moved

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that, following through on the intention when the Franklin Twp. Open Space Tax Referendum was approved by 70% of the voters in 2002, the Franklin Twp. Staff is authorized to compile and submit an application to DelVal to borrow funds for Open Space related purposes, with assistance and review as needed from our Twp. Solicitor, Lamb McErlane, said borrowing to be repaid primarily with funds received via the Franklin Twp. Open Space tax which was approved by voters in Nov. 2002. Mr. Brindle seconded the motion. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

- D. Acceptance of ASA Application: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, to accept an application from property owners Rebecca & Michael Kanzer to include their approximately 36 acre parcel, county tax parcel i.d. #72-5-25, into the Franklin Township Agricultural Security Area. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Planning/Zoning

Extensions:

Miller Property to December 31, 2008: On motion by Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Overton, to extend the subdivision/land development application for the Miller Property to December 31, 2008. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Public Comment:

Mr. Ralph Olivier announced that the tool auction at Hill's Auction facility will be held on October 25th.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m. on motion by Mr. Whipple, seconded by Mr. Overton. Motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen J. Ross
Interim Township Mgr.

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