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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES MAY 13, 2009

Call to Order:

Chairman Richard Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were Supervisors Nan Latimer, Paul Overton and Eric Brindle. Supervisor Norman Hughes was absent. Also present were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Township Secretary Sharon Norris, and Assistant Township Mgr. Jeffrey Eastburn. There were approximately 5 members of the public in attendance.

Executive Session: Chairman Whipple announced that an executive session was held on May 4, 2009 to discuss ongoing litigation.

Public Comment: Mr. Earl Hatton commented that the cookies were very good.

New Business:

- a. **Eagle Scout Project:** This item was advanced on the agenda because Mr. Woods had another meeting to attend. David Woods is a scout with Troop 18 which is located in New London Township, however David resides in Franklin Township. David gave an overview of his project which is to build a walking trail in Crossan Park. He will construct 4 or 5 benches which will be placed along the trail. He also plans to build a fence of 6x6 or 8x8 posts which will be buried approximately 3 ft. in the ground and will be placed approximately 2-3 ft. apart to keep people from driving into the park after dark. David's time schedule is to get the Boy Scout Council's approval on June 13, 2009; obtain the funds by July 4; have the benches built by July 18; clear the trail by August 22; install the benches by August 29; and build the fence by September 19, 2009. He will have members of his troop and other friends as helpers. Assistant Mgr. Eastburn will work with David regarding how to design and anchor the benches to make them vandal resistant. Supervisor Overton offered to obtain a copy of a bench design used at White Clay Park that is vandal resistant. David is planning on a budget of approximately \$1,000. The Township will provide \$500 and he's hoping to get donations of supplies from places like Lowe's and Pyle's. Supervisor Latimer asked him to consider placing mile markers along the trail.

Approval of Minutes: There was no workshop meeting in April and therefore no minutes to approve.

1. **Resolution 2009-19 authorizing the disposition of records:** Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, to adopt Resolution 2009-19 authorizing the disposition of records. Motion passed unanimously.

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New Business (cont'd):

2. Appointment of Chairman of ASA Committee: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, to appoint Supervisor Nan Latimer as Chairperson for the ASA Advisory Committee. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Appointment of a new Chairperson of the Open Space Committee: Mr. Whipple acknowledged Mr. Phil Geoghegan's long and effective service as Chairman of the Open Space Committee and announced that he has decided to retire from that position. Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Ms. Latimer, to appoint Teddy Price as the Chairperson of the Open Space Committee. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Authorization to expend funds for property located north of Walker & West of Franklin Road – Resolution 2009-20: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, to adopt Resolution 2009-20, authorizing expending funds for property located north of Walker Rd. and West of Franklin Road. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Submission of DCNR Land & Water Conservation Fund Open Space Application: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, to ratify the signing by appropriate Township representatives and the submission of a DCNR Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Open Space Application for a property north of Parsons Rd. Motion passed unanimously.
6. West Chester University Summer Intern: The Township has a large GPS project to complete, i.e., the sign inventory, which requires someone to physically locate every sign in the Township, plot the location with GPS, and inventory the name/type of sign and the reflective properties of the sign. Ms. Latimer advised that Mr. Overton attended a trail meeting in New Garden Township and met Dr. Gary Coutu who is an Assistant Professor in the Dept. of Geography and Planning at West Chester University. Dr. Coutu trains students in GPS and is responsible for an intern program for both graduate and undergraduate students who need intern hours in order to graduate. The Township is required to complete a portion of the sign project by 2010 and the remainder by 2012. The project requires Arc View software which the Township is interested in purchasing and having members of the staff and others trained in its use so that Township maps and other tasks that the Township currently pays Chester County (CC) to do, can be done in-house. The intern would be proficient in Arc View and in addition to working on the sign project, could train the staff and others, on how to use the software vs. paying CC to do the training. Asst. Mgr. Eastburn and Ms. Latimer would review the Township's contract with CC and downgrade to a minimum package probably just Chesco Views. In addition, Dr. Coutu would also provide the

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"GPS Locator", a piece of equipment worth approximately \$30,000, that the intern would be using, which is the same equipment used by CC. The Board authorized Ms. Latimer and Mr. Overton to move forward with their plans and to keep the Board informed of their progress.

7. Advertiser-Funded Newsletter: Township Secretary Sharon Norris and Supervisor Nan Latimer proposed that the Township take advantage of an advertiser-funded newsletter published by an organization known as "Print". Mrs. Norris passed around a sample of a custom-designed municipal directory and map prepared by Print. Print makes their profit by selling advertising to local businesses. They then create a newsletter or a brochure-type publication and an easy-to-use map of the Township based on input provided by Township Staff and Officials. Initially these publications would be published and mailed to all residents at no cost to the Township. A supply would also be provided to the Township for future use. This publication is not intended to replace the regularly published Township newsletter, but rather would act as a handy source of information for newcomers and a reminder of important facts and information for current residents. It was the consensus of the Board that Mrs. Norris and Ms. Latimer should pursue this idea.
8. Application of Anne M. Swan for Ag Security Area: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, to accept an application from Anne M. Swan for the modification of the Franklin Township Ag Security Area via the addition of a 14.7 acre parcel, 72-7-14.9, owned by Anne M. Swan. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Extension of the 2008 Interim Road Maintenance Contract: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Mr. Brindle, that as provided for in the 2008 Interim Road & Maintenance Services Contract, the contract with Yardworks be extended for an additional 30-day period. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Resolution 2009-21 – Appointing Zoning Hearing Board Members: In light of concern on the part of the Township solicitor stemming from litigation in the state of PA regarding the method of appointing and ratifying the appointment of members and alternate members of the Zoning Hearing Board, Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Ms. Latimer, to adopt Resolution 2009-21, appointing and ratifying the appointment of the members and alternate members of the Zoning Hearing Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Mrs. Sue Walker, a resident of Thompson Estates and an advocate for open space and for maintaining the rural character of Franklin Township, asked for clarification on some of the development plans that are in the approval process at this time. Mr. Whipple provided answers to her questions and he and the other Board members encouraged her to become actively involved by becoming a member of the Open Space Committee

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and/or speaking out in favor of the Board and Planning Commission's efforts in that regard.

Mr. Olivier inquired about the location of the Swan property and whether the members of the Planning Commission would be eligible for training in the Arc View software.

Mr. Hatton had questions regarding placing land in a conservation easement or Ag Security Area program. He also suggested that a history book be created while there are still residents available who have the pictures and memories to contribute to such a publication. He complimented the Board on their ability to work together effectively and their significant accomplishments.

Adjournment: Mr. Whipple adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Norris
Township Secretary

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