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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES JULY 8, 2009

Call to Order:

Chairman Richard Whipple called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Present were Supervisors Nan Latimer, Norman Hughes, Eric Brindle and Paul Overton. Also present was Solicitor Mark Thompson. There were 2 members of the public in attendance and a court reporter.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes to approve.

Executive Session: The Chairman announced that there would be an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss ongoing legal activities with the Solicitor.

Old Business:

Interim Road Maintenance Contract Extension through 9/2/09: Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Ms. Latimer, that the Board approve an extension of the Interim Road Maintenance Contract with Yardworks, Inc. through September 2, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Open Space Success Stories – Public Hearing: Solicitor Thompson opened the Public Hearing and advised that it is a requirement of the Open Space Lands Act that the Township hold a public hearing to consider certain public open space acquisitions (including easements) where funds were procured under the Open Space Lands Act. The properties identified in the public notice which was placed in the Daily Local News were as follows: Latimer property; Davis property; Howard property; Goodwin property; Banffshire property; Pierson property; and the Mackie property. Solicitor Thompson identified two exhibits as follows: The Public Notice – Exhibit T1 and the Franklin Township Open Space Map dated 6/8/09 as Exhibit T2. Ms. Latimer made comments as a representative of the Open Space Committee, identifying the current acquisitions on the open space map and expressing particular enthusiasm for the acquisition of the Mackie property. She indicated the Township's appreciation for the support of the Wilkinson organization and Mr. Bill Romanelli of Wilkinson Builders expressed his thanks to the Township for their efforts to reach this final result. Regarding the success of the Township's Open Space Program, Ms. Latimer stated that if all of the projects currently in the pipe line come to fruition, the Township will preserve approximately 1,500 acres by the end of 2010.

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Chester County Challenge Grant Program – Resolution 2009-32: This Resolution is required every year by the County to confirm the Township's agreement to participate in the program. Mr. Whipple moved, seconded by Ms. Latimer, that the Board adopt Resolution #2009-32, a Certification of Township Matching Funds for Chester County Challenge Grant Program for 2009 Program Year. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Mr. Ralph Olivier determined that the Open Space Map was produced by Chester County through the Township's membership in the Chester County Consortium. He made suggestions regarding the colors used to identify subdivisions.

Bill Romanelli thanked Jeff Eastburn, Duane Brady and Norm Hughes for their help late into the evening of Thursday July 2, in locating a completed CO for a new house that was scheduled to settle Friday July 3rd, when the Township would be closed.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Norris
Township Secretary

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