

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2009

Chair, Virginia McMichael called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. William Holmes, Vice Chair, John Mott, Member, Bereth Graeff, Township Solicitor, Terry Woodman, Township Manager, Eugene Dooley, Police Chief, William Steele, Public Works Director, and Mary Lou Knight, Assistant Township Secretary, were present. There were approximately eleven (11) people in the audience at the onset of the meeting.

Everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Mott made a correction on page 43 of the Minutes indicating that the second sentence should read "...Volunteer Fireman Keith Braun..." Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2009, as corrected. Mr. Mott seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

COMMUNITY SERVICE RECOGNITION

Ms. Woodman introduced Christopher Ian Gorman. As part of Mr. Gorman's Eagle Scout project, he built an eight foot trail connecting his neighborhood to the Chester Valley Trail. He worked with representatives of Liberty Property Trust. The Board congratulated Mr. Gorman and presented him with a plaque in recognition of this achievement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. McMichael indicated that the Chester Valley Trail is moving forward, and she gave an update on its progress.
- Ms. Woodman reported that Firefighter Calvin (Tom) Renfroe, who also serves as a firefighter in the U.S. Naval Reserve, has been called to Kuwait for active duty for approximately four months.
- Ms. McMichael stated that Secretary of Transportation Al Biehler has announced that US Route 202, Section 300 is fully funded for construction in the next round of the Commonwealth's Capital Improvement Program. Construction is expected to begin in 2011.
- Ms. McMichael indicated that the following Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events are scheduled as follows:
 - September 19th at the New Garden Township Building, 8934 Gap Newport Road, Landenberg, PA. Hours of collection are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (no computers)

- October 10th at the Chester County Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Rd., [Westtown Rd. exit from southbound Rt. 202] West Chester. (computers accepted)
- Mr. Holmes announced that a Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.
- Mr. Holmes announced that input is being sought from the residents on a name for the Township newsletter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

Mr. Mott announced that the Fire Company will hold a spaghetti dinner on September 12th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Woodman summarized the Treasurers Report. Mr. Mott made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report dated August 31, 2009. Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND PAYROLL

Mr. Holmes made a motion for approval of General Fund Voucher No.2009-9G, Sewer Fund Voucher No. 2009-9S, and Payroll Fund Voucher Nos. 17 and 18. Mr. Mott seconded. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Status Update on Completion of Fieldbrooke Improvements – Bo Erixson was present representing Benson Companies. Mr. Erixson gave an update on all completed work. In response to an inquiry from Mr. Erixson, the Township Solicitor confirmed that their letter would be forthcoming confirming that the number of trees as designated on the plan, not their placement, constitutes compliance on the part of the builder. Speaking on behalf of the Fieldbrooke community at the August meeting of the Board, Linda Furey requested that the storm water basins not be fenced. In response to this request, Mr. Mott made a motion to waive the requirement for fencing and thorn bushes around the storm water basins. Ms. McMichael seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- b. Status of Zoning Ordinance Regulation Revisions for Signage and Alternative Energy Generators – Ms. Woodman indicated that the Ordinance is with the Chester County

Planning Commission for their review. It will then go to the Township Planning Commission. It is expected that it will be ready for a hearing at the October meeting of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Advertise Public Hearing – Ms. Woodman summarized the necessity of amending the Ordinance pertaining to the Firemen Employees Pension Plan. Mr. Mott made a motion to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing to be held on October 14, 2009 to consider an amendment to the Firemen Employees Pension Plan. Mr. Holmes seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- b. Advertise Public Hearing – Ms. McMichael recapped the need for regulation of alternative energy systems. Mr. Holmes made a motion to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing to be held on October 14, 2009 to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to define regulations for alternative energy systems. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- c. Advertise Public Hearing – Ms. McMichael summarized the rapidly changing sign technology and the need to update the Township Ordinance to incorporate these changes. Mr. Mott made a motion to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing be held on October 14, 2009 to consider amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to amend regulations regarding signs, adding a new section addressing the processing and storage of materials, and modifying the Tables of Permitted Uses in the Mixed Use, Industrial, and Residential Zoning Districts. Mr. Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- d. Advertise Public Hearing – Ms. Woodman outlined the request from Swedesford Road Partners. Discussion ensued. Mr. Holmes made a motion to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing to be held on October 14, 2009 to consider the Conditional Use Application filed by Swedesford Road Partners pursuant to Section 200-71 (Reserve parking) of the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- e. Discussion of the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniform, Police, and Firefighters pension plans for 2010. – In compliance with State law, Ms. Woodman presented memos to the Board dated September 9, 2009 informing them of the Township's anticipated 2010 obligations to the Police Pension Plan, the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and the Firefighters Pension Plan. These calculations will appear in the Township's 2010 Budget. Discussion ensued.
- f. Meeting Dates – Mr. Mott made a motion to reserve October 21, 2009 and November 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building as meeting dates for discussion of the Draft 2010 budget. Ms. McMichael seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- g. Advertise Meeting - Mr. Holmes made a motion to authorize advertisement of the Town Hall meeting to be held on October 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

- h. Soccer Field – Battle of the Clouds Park – Ms. Woodman described the poor condition of the soccer field at the Battle of the Clouds Park. Mr. Steele has investigated the situation and is recommending that sod be placed on the section bare of grass. He suggests doing the repair work in October and expending the needed funds from the Park Development Fund. Discussion ensued. Ms. McMichael made a motion to authorize the expenditure of funds from the Park Development Fund to sod, as needed, the soccer field at the Battle of the Clouds Park, expenditure not to exceed \$20,000. Mr. Mott seconded and the vote was unanimous.

PLANS

- a. Revised Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan – Lawrence Dunn – Charles Differ was present representing the applicant. He summarized the plan for an office building to be placed on the site and indicated that the Planning Commission has given its approval to the plan. Considerable discussion ensued. Mr. Mott made a motion to approve the Lawrence Dunn Revised Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan for a new 9,250 sq. ft. office building on the north side of Rt. 30 west of Rt. 401 (Buoy One Billiards). Mr. Holmes seconded and the vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, Ms. McMichael made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Holmes seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m...

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou Knight
Assistant Township Secretary