

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
Town Hall Meeting
October 7, 2009

Virginia McMichael, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair, William Holmes and Member John Mott were also present as was Terry Woodman, Township Manager. Seven (7) people were in the audience.

Topics discussed included:

1. Chester Valley Trail – Virginia McMichael reported that construction has begun on the trail and she said it was a terrific amenity for the community. John Mott said the cost of the trail is about \$1,000,000 per mile and that price is driven by the need to replace/rebuild structures along the trail such as bridges and culverts. Ms. Michael said the Township will start to focus on creating linkages to connect neighborhoods to the Trail, mentioning the Patriot's Path that will link Valley Forge National Historic Park with the Paoli Battlefield in Malvern Borough.
2. Marsha Slifer told the Board that she has an ongoing problem with a next door neighbor who burns wood constantly in the back yard. She shared photographs with the Board and also a compilation of Ordinances from nearby communities where this type of open fire is more highly regulated. The Board directed Ms. Woodman to discuss this matter with the Solicitor.
3. John Mott said he had been made aware of the need to add a street sign to identify where Winding Way begins and Elbow Lane ends (in the vicinity of Beth Lane). Ms. Woodman said she would pass this along to the Public Works Department.
4. Jim McVeigh of 2 Village Way told the Board that a tractor trailer got caught between the guiderail and bridge wall on Village Way and did damage to both sides. He said the guide rail is leaning away from the road and needs to be backfilled or reinforced.
5. In response to a question from Walter Lynn, Ms. Woodman said the Township Engineer has looked at the intersection of Warren/Old Lancaster/Village Way and said the cost of replacing the existing stormwater collection system would be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. The Board asked if there are any cheaper alternatives and Ms. Woodman said that Bill Steele and Dave Suter were going to see if they could find a way to direct some of the water off of Warren Avenue into the stream before it got to the Lynn's home.
6. Jim McVeigh told the Board that Eric Reed, Code Enforcement Officer, had been very helpful in getting the property next to his cleaned up. Mr. McVeigh also talked about the following issues:
 - a. Stop signs at Lantern Lane and Warren Avenue and Village Way need more enforcement. They are constantly ignored by drivers;
 - b. The underside of the bridge in front of his home needs to have motor replaced on the underside. Mr. McVeigh said he can stick his fingers into the cracks in some places.
 - c. The stormwater pipes that cross his property were never fixed by the Township. Ms. Woodman said she understood that Mr. McVeigh did not want to grant the Township a permanent easement along the pipes. Mr. McVeigh said he didn't know that it had to be a permanent easement. Ms. Woodman explained that the Township cannot spend tax dollars to fix areas on private property. Bill Holmes directed Mr. McVeigh to talk

with Veronica Holmes, who was in the audience and is an associate member of the East Whiteland Environmental Advisory Council (EAC), about a grant program that the EAC is working on with the Valley Creek Coalition. Mr. McVeigh said he would talk with her.

5. A gentleman in the audience asked if the Board of Supervisor's meetings were being broadcast on Verizon yet. Ms. Woodman said no, and she has been in communication with Verizon about it. When she finds out which channel and when the shows are broadcast, she will post it on the Township website.

Hearing no additional questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Woodman
Township Manager