

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP  
Town Hall Meeting  
July 1, 2009

Virginia McMichael, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Vice Chair, William Holmes and Terry Woodman, Township Manager, was also present. Approximately ten (10) people were in the audience.

Topics discussed included:

1. Question about which Verizon channel and what time the Board meetings are broadcast on Verizon cable. The Board members asked Ms. Woodman to investigate and when the information was available to post it on the website along with the channel and broadcast time for Comcast.
2. A question came up about a new township building: will it be an expansion or a new building? Ms. McMichael said the Board, at their July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting would be considering the award of a contract for a Space Needs Assessment and Site Analysis which will determine how much square footage the Township needs and whether or not that space can be accommodated on the current property. Mr. Holmes said for efficiency, it makes sense to bring the Public Works facility onto this property if we can. He also said the current Public Works facility on Planebrook Road is so out dated it is a disgrace. Both members said the Board is being extremely cautious with this process and will keep the public informed every step of the way.
3. Amanda Snyder, a resident of Bryn Erin, said she has two young children and is very concerned about the condition of the playground equipment in Bryn Erin. It is 30 years old; the sliding board is metal as are the other pieces of equipment. She believes that new equipment would be safer. She distributed a packet of information on Playground Safety to the Board members and asked them to consider new equipment. She also said the playground area needs a trash receptacle.  
The Board members told her to talk with the Township's Park and Rec Board and suggested she call Harry Timney, Chair of Park and Rec, to make him aware of her concern and of the fact that the Board asked her to call him.
4. A resident of Spring Road asked about the status of the office building proposed for Old Lancaster/Old Lincoln and Rt. 30, and where the access would be. Ms. Woodman responded.
5. Ann Christy spoke about her concern over the deterioration of the AME Cemetery on Bacton Hill road. She said that in 1989 there were 80 mapped and documented graves with headstones. Today there are only 23. She asked if the Township could enter the property and clean it up and repair the headstones. She wasn't sure who owned the land. Ms. Woodman said it was owned by the Mother Bethel AME Church in Philadelphia. Ms. Woodman said she would search her notes to find a contact there and pass it along to Ms. Christy. Walter Lynn told Ms. Christy that Eagle Scout candidates are frequently looking for projects and might be able to help out with the maintenance of the property.
6. Walter Lynn asked if the Township ever considered taking over the trash business. Both Ms. McMichael and Mr. Holmes said they had discussed this idea briefly but the

conversation was not met with much enthusiasm. They did agree however to review this idea from time to time.

7. Walter Lynn said dust from the AquaPA project in General Warren Village is still a problem. Ms. Woodman said she would ask Bill Steele, Director of Public Works, to look into it.
8. Walter Lynn also said that herbicide had been sprayed along Old Lancaster to Old Lincoln and all of the vegetation is now brown and unsightly. Ms. Woodman said she would direct this complaint to Mr. Steele.
9. Mr. Lynn said he spoke with John Mikowychok, Director of the Chester County Parks Department and was told that the Chester Valley Trail from Rt. 29 west should be opened Spring/Summer 2010.
10. Mr. Lynn also asked if someone from the Township had had a chance to look at the inlet situation at Warren Avenue and Old Lancaster Road. Ms. Woodman said she would follow-up.
11. A resident of DownEast said a neighbor has put a shed over the property line and it is the second shed put in without a permit. The neighbor also has a burnpit and the resident asked if it was legal. Ms. Woodman said she would talk to the Codes Department about this complaint.
12. Chuck Clayman asked if the Uptown Worthington development was in East Whiteland. When told yes, he asked how it would impact the Township economically. Ms. McMichael said it would have a positive financial benefit to the Township.
13. Mike Crowt asked if any improvements were planned to help vehicles from local streets between Rt. 401 and Rt. 29 exiting onto Swedesford Road. He said that at certain times of the day it is almost impossible to leave his development. He was told that none were planned at this time, but, Mr. Holmes said it was important for everyone to contact their local legislators to stress the importance of funding to finish the Rt. 202 improvements and to construct the Turnpike slip ramp so that traffic that should be on those highways would get off of the local roads.
14. In response from a question from Dick McEvoy concerning the construction of a new road from Malvern Borough to Rt. 30, Ms. McMichael said the Township had partnered with Malvern on a grant application to fund a feasibility study to see if a road could be built connecting Pennsylvania Avenue in the borough with South Malin Road in East Whiteland. Mr. Holmes said that when the Board discussed this application at their regular monthly meeting he and Mr. Mott thought it might make better sense to connect the road to Three Tun Boulevard and take the traffic out to Rt. 352 to reduce the potential traffic burden on Malin Road in our Township.
15. Sharon Conner asked about the clean-up status of the Bishop Tube site. Bill Holmes responded that vapor extraction is on-going but the recent rains had raised the ground water level making the extraction more difficult.
16. Ms. Conner made the Board aware of a potentially dangerous situation at the curve on Fahnstock Road where people park on both sides making it difficult to get through. She said there have been times when the school bus had to back down the road. Ms. McMichael and Mr. Holmes asked Ms. Woodman to have the police review this situation and recommend action to be taken, if necessary.

17. A question was raised about the status of speed bumps in General Warren Village. The Board members said the Township Traffic Engineer has been directed to do a study to see, if the speed humps would be appropriate.
18. A request for “deer crossing” signs to be installed on Mill/Sidley Road was made. Ms. Conner said she has seen several near accidents at this location. Board members said they would take this under advisement.
19. Ms. McMichael and Mr. Holmes thanked everyone for coming out and taking part in the Town Hall meeting. This is the last one for the season and both members said they may consider holding them quarterly starting in the fall.

Hearing no additional questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Woodman  
Township Manager