

**West Vincent Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting**

April 12, 2010

7:30 PM

Attendance: Chairman Kenneth Miller, Vice Chairperson Clare Quinn, Zoë Perkins, Allan Greenwood of Siana, Bellwoar & McAndrew, LLP, Township Solicitor, Police Chief Michael Swininger, Kenneth Yerger, P.E. of Carroll Engineering, Township Engineer, Township Manager James Wendelgass.

Chairman Kenneth Miller called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

The Chairman announced that the Board had held an Executive Session just prior to the meeting to discuss a real estate matter.

Reports:

Township Building: No report.

Township Manager Report: The Township Manager Report for the week ending 4/10/10 was acknowledged as submitted. The Township has received a proposal from Wallace Roberts & Todd to provide architectural services for a review of the sketch plan from the Promenade at Chester Springs at a cost of \$2,800. Perkins made a motion that the Board accept the proposal as submitted. Quinn seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

Active Subdivision List: The extension for the Dunworth application expires shortly. The application is scheduled to be addressed later in the agenda, so no action was taken.

Bills List: The Bills List was reviewed. Perkins made the motion to approve the Bills List dated 4/12/10 in the total amount \$40,038.76. Quinn seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

Ridge Fire Company Report: The report was acknowledged as submitted.

Road Report: There was no report because the Township Secretary was on sick leave.

Correspondence:

A letter dated March 29, 2010 to Chief Swininger from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation was acknowledged as received. It informed the Chief that the **CFF's Cycle for Life bike ride** will be going through the Township on Sunday, October 10, 2010.

A letter was acknowledged as received from the Chester Springs Model Yacht Club. The Club will be holding a demonstration of pond boats and pond sailing on the Township pond during Community Day. The club asked for permission to **use the pond**

occasionally to sail boats and once or twice a month for a regatta. Perkins made a motion to allow the requested use on a non-exclusive basis, weather and fishing permitting. Quinn seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

A letter dated April 5, 2010 from Brian Ignatin, the Event Director of Gran Fondo Philadelphia, LLC was acknowledged as received. They are organizing a **bike ride for Sunday, August 8, 2010 to benefit the American Melanoma Foundation.** There are three routes and one of them will pass through the Township. The Board asked the Township Secretary to post information about it on the web site. The Board had no objection to the event as long as the group coordinated its efforts with the Township Police Chief and with staff and used non-permanent substances to mark the route on the roads in the Township.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from John Hoekstra of Green Valleys regarding the release by the PADEP of the draft report on Green Valley's 2004 petition to upgrade portions of French Creek and Beaver Run to Exceptional Value.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a telecopy from the Ludwigs Corner Horse Show Association seeking to **use the meeting room** on April 21, 2010 at 6 P.M. Perkins made a motion to approve the request. Quinn seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

Subdivision/Land Development:

Oxford Rise: An Application and Certificate of payment was received from W.K. Frame and Sons with respect to the Nantmeal Road Relocation being done by Oxford Properties. This is Application number 3 for \$150,604.65. Perkins made a motion to approve the application. Miller seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried with Miller and Perkins voting yes with Quinn abstaining.

Dunworth Subdivision: The Board was presented with a draft decision in the matter of the Preliminary/Final Subdivision Application of the James and Edwina U. Dunworth Trust for a two lot subdivision of the property located at 1534 Pughtown Road, Tax Parcel 25-5-13. A representative of Conver & Smith Engineering was in attendance for the applicant. The draft consisted of Findings of Fact and Discussion, Conclusions of Law and the Decision and is 12 pages in length. Perkins made a motion to approve the decision as amended. Quinn seconded the motion. There was no public comment and the motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

A proposal had previously been made by the **West Vincent Environmental Advisory Council** to plant approximately 700 trees and shrubs in the area adjacent to the stream on the portion of the former Griffith property owned by the Township on the west side of Route 100. A memo was received from Margot Taylor, Landscape Architect, which

detailed what would be planed and where it would be planted. The planting is scheduled for April 24th and will be done by Girl Scout volunteers. While most of the cost is being covered by the Tree Vitalize program, there may be a need for an additional \$1,000 to \$1,500. Perkins stated that she would contact the West Vincent Land Trust Board to see if it might be interested in supplying the funds. Since the project had already been approved, no action by the Board was necessary.

New Business:

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from **Tim and Janet Moore, 4136 Crescent Drive Tax Parcel 25-10-59**, concerning issues which some residents of Crescent Drive have with the Columbia Gas Transmission facility located on 310 Fellowship Road. The residents had already approached FERC about concerns about gas odors and emissions from the facility. The Board recommended that the residents consider contacting the U.S. Department of Transportation, which has jurisdiction over the operation of such facilities. **Ryan Primanti of 4132 Crescent Drive Tax Parcel 25-10-61** also voiced his concerns about noise coming from the compressor station. Ken Frame stated that the facility had been there over 50 years and asked whether the builder or realtor had ever disclosed to them what the building was. The Township Manager volunteered to supply Mr. Moore with the name and number of contacts as USDOT.

Ken Yerger of Carroll Engineering had supplied the Board with an estimate for the survey, preparing a plan of the existing road centerline profile, and the development of a preliminary proposed centerline profile for a realignment of St. Andrews Lane. The cost would be \$4,800. Miller had asked for the estimate and recommended that no action be taken on the proposal at this time. The Board tabled the matter.

Wendy McLean appeared on behalf of the Flathers to explain to the Board their pending application for relief before the Zoning Hearing Board. The property is located at **1147 Hollow Road, Tax Parcel 25-7-42** and the rear of the property contains a tributary of the Birchrun and wetlands. The application seeks relief from front yard setbacks and from the wetland buffer requirements. There was a discussion of the septic system being proposed, which would be a constructed wetland system with disposal in an above ground bed. Concerns were voiced over the experimental nature of that system. Harriet Stone commented that the maps of the property do not seem to adequately identify the existing streams and wetlands. McLean responded that they were mapped by a wetlands specialist. The hearing begins on April 13th.

Quinn reported that **East Vincent Township** had decided to postpone indefinitely the hearing on its proposed withdrawal from the Phoenixville Regional Planning Group.

Quinn reported that the **Heathcote conservation easement** was successfully closed the previous week.

Wendelgass reported that Acme was discontinuing its program of collecting register receipts and donating 1% of the total to the Heroes Fund. The program is set to end April 30th, so residents were encouraged to bring in any receipts by that date.

Jane Vasile of Horseshoe Trail wished to express her thanks to Supervisor Quinn for organizing and preparing food for the **Soup on Sunday Event**. She got to meet new people and hopes that the event will be repeated.

Barry DiLibero asked if Supervisor Quinn would state her reason for abstaining on the previous application to release payment. Quinn stated that she had concerns over the notarization of the document.

Jeffrey Hester, 1980 Pottstown Pike Tax Parcel 25-3-29.2 asked whether the upgrading of the French Creek would have an impact on the portion of West Vincent along Route 100. He was told that the creek in that area is in East Nantmeal Township.

Miller asked **Maria Holderness, 958 Jaine Lane Tax Parcel 25-3-143.6** about the status of the budget group. Holderness replied that she was waiting until after Community Day to call a meeting and that she had asked for certain financial documents from the Township. **Sara Shick 1201 Davis Lane, Tax Parcel 25-3-131** said that she recalled that at the meeting of this group it was decided that there would be a further meeting before requesting any documents. Holderness said that she wanted to see the documents first. Shick responded that it was not appropriate for one person alone to be requesting the documents. Miller asked whether the group would be open to all residents of the Township. Holderness said yes.

Miller stated that he had met with **Arthur Ewell 972 Fellowship Road Tax Parcel 25-7-31** over the stormwater project being done by Ewell on his property. The Township had previously agreed to supply a culvert and pipe and oversight for the project last Summer. Given the delay in the project and requests by Ewell for additional materials and engineering advice, Miller was recommending that the Township pull its support for the project. Ewell stated that he wanted to continue but that his contractor had been delayed by bad weather. There was a discussion on this matter. Ken Yerger informed the Board that the contractor had recently called him to let him know that the contractor would be pumping water on the site. Instead, the contractor had begun to install pipe without using bedding material. Yerger requested the pipe be removed and the contractor left the job. The Board agreed to take an additional two weeks to review the matter. In the interim, Ewell agreed not to proceed with the work.

Miller announced that there would be an **Executive Session** immediately following the regular meeting to discuss personnel and real estate.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM.