

Departmental Reports.

Roads – Roadmaster Don Johnson reported that there's about 80-100 tons of salt left, and that's it until the end of the month. The State has shut off any more deliveries until then. They will be using cinders to help with traction on the roads.

John McHugh thanked Don Johnson and the rest of the roads department for excellent work on the roads.

Joe Fenstermacher asked Don Johnson to explain a little bit about the Emergency Operations protocol put in place for the upcoming snow event.

Don Johnson stated that the radio frequencies for all of the Honey Brook Township trucks were given to West Brandywine Township's roads department and vice versa.

Park & Recreation— Therese Mauchline noted that the committee had not had a meeting since October of last year. There are summer plans for kickball, tennis, & Pickleball, but the committee needs more people & ideas for activities for both adults and kids as well as for the 225th anniversary of the township.

John McHugh stated that the committee should be in touch with the Administration office for anything that needs to be put up on the website. Kristy Deischer-Eddy stated that all items on the previous list have been added to the website.

Administration—Toni Antonini stated that Kristy Deischer-Eddy was now attending Honey Brook Community Partnership meetings.

Kristy Deischer-Eddy recapped the meeting. The Chester County Food Bank's Mobile Food Bank is up and running; the first distribution day took place on January 29. It will be repeated on the last Wednesday of the month from noon-6 pm. There are also volunteer opportunities; all details are on the website. The American Legion is sponsoring an Eagle Scout's project in Honey Brook Borough Park for a memorial to veterans. The scout will install the base, and the funds for the actual memorial will then be raised. The Partnership has sponsorship opportunities available for funding their website and other Partnership activities.

Land Preservation—Chip Jones reported that there are no applications at present for farm preservation. The next meeting is March 18 at 6:30pm, but the committee hopes to change their meeting time to 7:00 pm to match all the other committee meeting times.

Announcement.

2014 Township Goals: John McHugh announced that the discussion of the Board's goals for 2014 will be announced at a future date. At the end of year, the Board would like to get some feedback from residents on how it did in keeping those promises.

Joe Fenstermacher stated that the Township declared a state of emergency with the last storm.

Joe Fenstermacher stated that a state of emergency is being put into effect in Honey Brook Township starting 8 pm tonight and lasting through Friday, Feb. 14 at 8

pm. The last e-mail from the County predicts that there could be much as 12 inches of snow coming.

Joe Fenstermacher stated that once a municipality declares a state of emergency, it opens up the opportunity for emergency funding. The real reason to declare one is that with roads crew will be out trying to keep the roads clear. If residents do not need to go out over the next 48 hours, don't go out. If one has to travel to/from work, that's a necessity and an exception.

Open Forum:

Carmella Schmidt, Mount Pleasant Road, asked if there is power loss again, would there be a warming center available. Joe Fenstermacher stated that for this upcoming storm, the West Brandywine Township building is the first go-to shelter. Once it is full, the Honey Brook Township facility becomes a secondary site shelter. We have water, heat, and a small kitchen.

The question was raised as to how that information would get out to people.

John McHugh stated some people still have transistor radios, or one could access the Township's website using a smart phone.

Bob Witters, Tel Hai, asked with regard to the Eagle Scout project, where it was planned for and why the Township didn't get a memorial.

Kristy Deischer-Eddy stated that the project is being planned for the Borough Park and is being coordinated between the scout and the American Legion, so they would know the answer to who is included.

Business.

Approve/not approve deferral of Cedar Craft land development review to West Caln Township. Vic Kelly of Commonwealth Engineering was present to discuss the project, mostly located in West Caln Township with a very small portion located in Honey Brook Township. The Township Engineer prepared a memo regarding the request to defer plan review to West Caln Township because the site improvements do drain into Honey Brook. The memo dated January 16, 2014 recommended deferral to West Caln Township with two conditions based on demonstrating compliance with stormwater requirements. Mike Reinert stated that any development whether partially or fully within a municipality has to go through the review process or defer it to the other based on its location. This project does not have disturbance in the Honey Brook Township but does have stormwater runoff into the Township.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to approve deferral of Cedar Craft's land development review to West Caln Township subject to the recommendations in the Township Engineer's memo of January 16, 2014. All in favor; motion carries.

Support/Oppose/No Position Swampy Hollow [TPN 22-4-70] Zoning Variance Application.

Vic Kelly was present to speak for this applicant also. This is a manufacturing business, which is approved as a rural occupation on Maple Street. This applicant had previously applied for several variances under another application, which were denied by the Zoning Hearing Board last year. This new proposal has significantly reduced the number of variances requests from the previous application.

The applicant is seeking three variances, to expand the principal rural occupation building beyond the maximum square footage permitted, increasing the total area used for the rural occupation beyond the maximum permitted and to allow parking in the front of the buildings.

Mike Reinert stated that the only input from the Planning Commission was that the rural occupation once expanded appears to exceed an accessory use to an Agricultural use. The Planning Commission will support the Zoning variance application if the applicant submits a Land Development plan. The applicant has indicated they are willing to do so.

Joe Fenstermacher stated that he was at the zoning hearing and that there were very good reasons that the original variance application was turned down. Most of the things the Zoning Hearing Board pointed out were addressed in this new application. The only concern left is the parking in the front of the building.

Joe Fenstermacher asked if the applicant would work with the Township Engineer to relocate some of the parking around the sides of the building to reduce the visual impact along Maple Street. Vic Kelly mentioned they would address that as possible in the land development plan submission.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to support the zoning variance application for Swampy Hollow Manufacturing subject to completing a land development plan and adjusting their parking lot plan to reduce the number of spaces in the front of the building. All in favor; motion carries.

Final Open Forum.

John McHugh stated that a Town Hall meeting had taken place the previous night.

Bob Witters, Tel Hai, stated that he thought they had prepared a good agenda and that there is work ahead of us.

Upcoming meetings: all dates are subject to change

February 13th – Planning Commission Workshop CANCELED

February 20th—Park and Recreation Committee (7:00 pm)

February 27th – Planning Commission Regular meeting (7:00 pm)

March 12th – Board of Supervisors regular meeting (7:00 pm)

The Administration Office will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of Presidents' Day.

Motion by Joe Fenstermacher, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted, _____
Kristy J. Deischer-Eddy, Recording Secretary