

Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisor Minutes
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The regular meeting of the Honey Brook Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:11 p.m. Supervisors John McHugh, Joe Fenstermacher, and Tracy Olsen were present, as was Township Administrator Toni Antonini and Township Engineer Michael Reinert.

Consent Agenda.

Minutes of May 14th, regular meeting; bills/receipts.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to adopt the consent agenda. All in favor. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report as of May 30,2014

Assets--Gen Fund	\$1,404,137.48
Assets--Cap Reserve	\$1,025,347.72
Assets--Op Reserve	\$350,258.87
Assets--State Fund	\$435,530.94
Assets--Land Pres	\$337,499.50
Assets--Land Pres Fund	\$906,157.05
Total Assets	\$4,458,931.56
<i>total Land Pres</i>	\$1,243,656.55

Assets in Restricted Account	
Gen Fund--Recreation	\$51,211.18
Gen Fund--Hlth Reimb	\$3,962.62
Land Pres	\$1,243,656.55

Liabilities--Gen Fund	\$166,224.32
Liabilities--Cap Reserve	\$1,026,896.00
Liabilites--Op Reserve	\$0.00
Liabilities--State Fund	\$145,538.00
Liabilities--Land Pres	\$2,093,929.48
Total Liabilities	\$3,432,587.80
Equity--Gen Fund	\$1,237,913.16
Equity--Cap Reserve	-\$1,548.28
Equity--Op Reserve	\$350,258.87
Equity--State Fund	\$289,992.94
Equity--Land Pres	-\$850,272.93
Total Equity	\$1,026,343.76

General Fund Receipts	\$256,041.76
General Fund Expenditures	\$113,603.86
Cap Reserve Receipts	\$25,973.31
Cap Reserve Expenditures	\$43,250.00
Op Reserve Receipts	\$43.18
Op Reserve Expenditures	\$0.00
State Fund Receipts	\$53.69
State Fund Expenditures	\$0.00
Land Pres Fund Receipts	\$129,081.30
Land Pres Fund Expenditures	\$49,587.79
Sinking Fund (Loan)	
Assets	\$17,342
Liabilities	\$4,209,976
Land Preservation (Loan)	
Assets	\$0.00
Liabilities	\$1,498,351.00

Departmental Reports

Administration – Toni Antonini stated that she had spoken with Jake Michaels at the Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC) with regard to the trails project. The CCPC is moving forward with approaching farmers whose properties include former

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railroad beds that go through the fields and negotiate moving the railway to the edge of the farm. They are creating a map of which farms that includes.

With regard to the Brandywine Creek Greenway, the Brandywine Conservancy wants to come to the July Planning Commission (PC) workshop with regard to the update of the Comp plan and then present the Greenway plans to the Board at the August regular meeting.

Kristy Deischer-Eddy reported statistics on the Mobile Food Pantry that has been distributing from the Good Foods location on the last Wednesday of the month since January. In that month, there were 269 people who were helped by the pantry; in May, there were 547. It had been planned as a temporary project through June; it has been extended through August.

John McHugh asked for news from the Honey Brook Community Partnership. Kristy Deischer-Eddy stated that the plans are underway for Harmony Day. Two planning meetings have been held so far. The committees are in place and the main venue will be the Honey Brook Elementary Center parking lot. The partnership members had been extended an invitation to be a part of the list of potential advertisers for the planned community map to be released for the Township's Anniversary.

Joe Fenstermacher stated that he had received requests for funding for the Mobile Food Bank. They are looking for any & all entities who can help with funding to step forward. He indicated the food bank is seeking \$15,000 from the Township. John McHugh stated that Honey Brook Township is the first municipality to have a raised garden bed growing food for the Chester County Food Bank (CCFB). When he mentioned it to [Chester County Commissioner] Kathi Cozzone, she wasn't aware of it.

Toni Antonini stated that the Planning Commission Workshops will be moved from the 2nd Thursday of the month due to there being a conflict for the Borough and members of the Brandywine Conservancy. This will be discussed at tomorrow's workshop, and possibly move it to the third Wednesday.

Land Preservation – Chip Jones stated that the committee last met on May 13; the next meeting will be July 15. The committee took action on one 45-acre parcel for the next month's Board meeting agenda.

The committee also moved by consensus that Dave McElhenny be appointed as an alternate member to the LPC. Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to appoint Dave McElhenny to the Land Preservation Committee as an alternate pending receipt of resume and summary information. All in favor; motion carries.

Park & Rec—Therese Mauchline gave the report.

Camps. The first sports camp starts next week and runs June 16th – July 11th for 5-8th graders. These are half-day, so the cost is \$25. The committee has not heard from Marty about volleyball. Tennis camps start June 24 through August 5 with Lee Heller, at 9 am and 10 am. Deb Oldham will have Wednesday kick ball camp starting June 25 through August 6 at a cost of \$10. Toni Antonini stated that she sent information regarding the camps to the Tri-County for their next edition.

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The committee would like to try having bags for dogs at the park but still keep them out of ball fields. The committee recommends that the park rules be changed to allow dogs but that they must be leashed & keep out of playing areas.

The Twin Valley Little League was discussed again. Planning is still ongoing for the August 9 celebration and it will begin at 12 noon.

Planning Commission – Joe Fenstermacher stated that there will be a workshop tomorrow night, primarily for listening to presentations from Mr. John Theilacker from the Brandywine Conservancy.

Roads – Don Johnson-Dir. of Public Works—nothing to report

John McHugh stated that he and Joe Fenstermacher had attended a gathering of residents of Knob Hill on Monday night. They expressed thanks for the fine work of plowing the roads this winter.

Board of Supervisors --

2014 Goals. John McHugh reviewed the goals of the Board of Supervisors for this year including reviewing various ordinances, police task force discussions and review of staffing. A review of the human resources manual would also be conducted.

225th Anniversary Celebration. John McHugh stated that Honey Brook Township was established in 1789 and a celebration gathering will be held at the Township building on August 9 starting at noon. State & Chester County representatives will attend and refreshments provided. There may be a presentation from the Honey Brook Historical Society.

Joe Fenstermacher stated that he and Scott Stilson will be taking an aerial photographic study of the Township to be made available at a nominal charge. It should be available by the end of year.

Announcements.

None.

Open Forum.

Joe Fenstermacher stated he would like to know people's thoughts about the Township helping to fund the food bank. The cost is estimated to be about \$85,000 per year. Bob Witters, Tel Hai stated that most food banks are based on voluntary contributions and that \$85,000 in operating costs sounds awfully steep. Joe Fenstermacher stated it would be used for electricity, rent, and other costs associated with running the program.

Bob Witters mentioned the Twin Valley Mennonite Church runs its food pantry using donations. Therese Mauchline stated that the CCFB had asked her if the food harvested at the Township's raised garden bed could be brought to the mobile food pantry for the June 25 date. John McHugh stated that this discussion should be continued next month. Joe Fenstermacher suggested having Ken Ross attend the next Board meeting, he could possibly answer these and any other questions.

New Business.

Grant/not grant Pleasant View Welding (Tax Parcel Number 22-3-9.11) extension request to August 31, 2014.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to grant Pleasant View Welding's extension request to August 31, 2014. All in favor. Motion carries.

Grant/not grant Lanchester Properties (Honey Brook Community Church, TPN 22-7-72) extension request to October 20, 2014.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to grant Lanchester Properties (Honey Brook Community Church)'s extension request to October 20, 2014. All in favor. Motion carries.

Support/Oppose/Take no Position Ricmar Real Estate/Leon King (22-6-8) Variance.

Mike Reinert stated that this is a residential project proposed by Leon King (who was present) on the Ricmar Real Estate property. There was a recent lot consolidation that happened for this property; a land development is in progress for a future Honey Brook Hardware store. This is a vacant lot located just east of the proposed land development and located in the Industrial district where Mr. King wishes to build a single family dwelling and related improvements. The Planning Commission recommends support of the variance, with the knowledge that the applicant is in full understanding of the land development going on adjacent to his property.

John McHugh asked Mr. King if he had some involvement with the land development project. Mr. King stated he did not. Mike Reinert asked if he was aware of the use going in there. Mr. King acknowledged that he was aware of the proposed project and the pending land development plan.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to support the Ricmar Real Estate/Leon King variance. All in favor. Motion carries.

Approve/not approve forwarding Accessory Apartment Ordinance #174-2014 to Chester County Planning Commission (CCPC) for review.

Authorize/not authorize advertising Accessory Apt Ordinance #174-2014 after CCPC review.

Mike Reinert stated that these are related action items. The ordinance is an amendment to allow accessory apartments in the Agricultural (Ag) & Resource Conservation (RC) districts & has been in discussion at several PC meetings. After review by the CCPC, the Board would need to advertise a hearing at a Board meeting. Toni Antonini stated that the Township is still awaiting comments from the CCPC.

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to approve forwarding Accessory Apartment Ordinance #174-2014 to the CCPC and to authorize advertisement of 174-2014 after CCPC review. All in favor. Motion carries.

Authorize/not authorize advertising of Recycling Ordinance #175-2014.

Joe Fenstermacher stated that the PC has been working on this for quite some time and that Toni Antonini has been working with the DEP rep assigned to the Township for well over a year. Some of it is dictated by law; some of it falls under Township authority. We've kept it as minimally intrusive as possible.

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Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to authorize advertisement of Recycling Ordinance #175-2014. All in favor. Motion carries.

Old Business

Law Enforcement

Study Task Force: John McHugh stated this had been discussed earlier.

Traffic

Rte 322 Speed limit signs—John McHugh announced that speed limit signs have gone up, so now the speed limit on Route 322 is 45 mph throughout the Township and enforced by the State Police.

Intersection of Rte 322 and Birdell Rd – John McHugh asked when the PennDOT study had been done on this intersection. Toni Antonini stated it was 2010. John McHugh asked if there was any activity that we have to look at now or if any additional review was needed. Toni Antonini stated that the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission did the study and then offered up certain recommendations of what could happen if the Township wanted to pursue them. If the Board gave direction to do so, she could contact either Technicon or a PennDOT engineer. John McHugh stated that this discussion can be put on the agenda for next month.

John McHugh stated that concerning the flooding on South Birdell Road, the Township may need to look into a study being conducted. A follow-up with PennDot would be needed. Sometimes the flooding can be excessive. Some say the reason is the removal of the dam at the Icedale Reservoir or that it's been excessive since the bridge went up. It needs to be looked into as to what the cause is. It floods about 6 times a year on average. It is a serious situation when people cannot access their homes or emergency vehicles cannot go through.

John McHugh stated that Tracy Olsen brought up the possibility of putting up signs on the Honey Brook welcome signs to advertise public meetings. Lyn Kemper from Wimpy and Dee's diner had said that he could put something on his sign too. This is something we can follow up on.

Open Forum.

Bob Witters, Tel Hai, stated that the Stoltzfus market sign might be a good place for notices about meetings.

He asked if the Board had any comments about the article in the Tri-County about the "mysterious meetings" with the mayor & the borough council. John McHugh stated that he had written a letter to the editor today about the subject.

Ron Rosciolo, President of the Honey Brook Borough Council, spoke regarding the article.

Joe Fenstermacher stated that he had approached the mayor & the council and West Caln on the subject of a meeting and study.

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John McHugh stated he had asked the editors of the Tri-County why the Township was not getting coverage and was told it was a staffing and budgetary problem.

Toni Antonini announced that the Township office would be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Also, it will be more than likely that the Office will see the fireworks request coming through again and how would the Board like that handled. Toni was asked to notify the Fire Company chief and Fire Marshall when/if a request is received.

Upcoming Meetings: *All dates subject to change*

June 12– Planning Commission Workshop (7:00 pm)

June 19 – Park and Recreation Meeting (7:00 pm)

June 26 –Planning Commission Meeting (7:00 pm)

July 9 – Board of Supervisor Regular Meeting (7:00 pm)

July 15—Land Preservation (7:00 pm)

Joe Fenstermacher made a motion, seconded by Tracy Olsen, to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy J. Deischer-Eddy