

HONEY BROOK TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors Workshop Approved Minutes
June 2, 2016 --7:00 p.m.

Call to Order by Travis Stacey

1. Act 537 Plan update - Fred Ebert reviewed the attached June 2, 2016 Executive Summary with the Supervisors. Fred reported that it's time for the Northwestern Chester County Municipal Authority and the Supervisors to hold a joint meeting to discuss the Plan options, renovations costs, increased fees to the consumer and what if the preferred option to move forward. Scheduling the meeting will be coordinated with Steve Landes.
2. Brandywine Terrace update – Mike Reinert and Steve Landes provided the Board with a summary of their recent meeting with Rob Holber, Trustee, Rob Kearney, Realtor and Chris regarding the condition and future improvements scheduled for water, sewer and electrical infrastructure; plan for trailer removal beginning with the condemned units, rent collection, squatters etc. We also learned that there is an interested buyer however the offer is currently far below what can be accepted.
3. The Supervisors reviewed the draft June 8, 2016 meeting agenda.
4. Travis Stacey reported that he has been questioned by area businessman whether the current Commercial Zoning – Maximum Impervious Surface Requirements of 50% or 60% with TDR's could be increased. Following discussion Steve Landes and Mike Reinert will provide the Board with requirements from similar municipalities for discussion at a future workshop.
5. Comprehensive Plan Implementation – Steve Landes reported that the Planning Commission at their May 26th meeting tabled the discussion focused on recommending initial implementation item(s) that should be pursued in the short term. This item will appear on their June agenda for discussion.
6. Zoning Update Task Force – The Task Force held a meeting last night and the Intergovernmental agreement was again the focus of much of the discussion. John Theilacker will prepare an amended version that will be presented at the July meeting.
7. Police Discussion – Tracy and I met with the Honey Brook Borough Police Committee to discuss whether the Borough would be interested in providing the Township with part-time coverage on a contractual basis if the Supervisors decide to go in that direction. The Borough is interested and the Chief prepared a proposal for coverage starting in 2017. The Chief also provide his opinion about the benefits of local coverage vs. solely State Police.

Chief Joe Gleason has confirmed that he will attend the July 7th Workshop meeting to provide the Board with his opinions about local coverage, the pros and cons of other types of coverage and to answer any questions that the Board may have. No meeting has been set with the DA to gauge his opinion about coverage in the Township.

8. Ag Security Area 7 year Review - Brandywine Conservancy has presented the final recommendation to both the Township Planning Commission and the Township Land Preservation Committee at their May meetings. Both Board have reviewed the proposal and recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the 7 year review as presented. The Chester County Planning Commission has not responded to date. A Public Hearing is scheduled at the next Supervisors meeting on July 13th.
9. Reduce the dedicated earned income tax for land preservation – John McHugh restated the need to have the process in place to insure that the tax can be lowered for 2017 from .5% to .25%. Steve stated that he is working with the Solicitor and has contacted Keystone who collects the tax to work out the process. A spirited discussion followed concerning whether the tax should be lowered at this time and also if the tax should be used for future park acquisition and development for a community park serving the east side of the Township.
10. Junkyard Ordinance Amendment – The Board received the recent draft of this proposed ordinance amendment for review and comment. Travis mentioned that there appears to be additional sections changed from the current ordinance and would like to know why the changes are proposed. I asked the Board to provide me any additional comments so that a further revision can be made and I'll provide comments describing the changes.

There being no further business to be brought before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven C. Landes
Township Manager