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Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes Monday, 7:30 P.M., May 12, 2014

In attendance: Supervisors – Ricki Stumpo, Georgia F. Brutscher; Absent – Matt Read. Mark Knightly, Public Works Director; Richard Jensen, Zoning/Code Enforcement Official.

1. Call to Order: Stumpo called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Announcements: On May 7th Brutscher attended the Public Meeting for the Route 926 Bridge Project hosted by PennDOT. Township Historical Committee requested that stone components from Route 926 Bridge be salvaged and displayed. Jensen noted that every effort should be made to install a traffic signal at Route 52 and Pocopson Road to alleviate traffic congestion resulting from the 926 Bridge closure. Brutscher and Historical Committee members will attend the rededication ceremony of the Indian Hannah monument on May 15th.

3. Public Comment: no public comment.

4. Battle of the Brandywine at Sandy Hollow – John Conklin, Supervisor, Birmingham Township: Conklin invited the Board and the community to attend the event scheduled for May 17th and May 18th. A complete description of the event may be found on the Birmingham Township web site.

5. Winterwood Pre-dedication Punchlist Item: Board tabled for June 9th, response to a written concern from a resident of Winterwood regarding the environmental impact on the community when a stormwater basin is converted to its final state.

6. Route 52 Roundabout Detours: Sarah Mims attended to continue discussion on solutions to traffic concerns on Denton Hollow Road. She presented a list of short-term solutions and long-term solutions. Knightly indicated that the Township will make every effort to implement short-term solutions. He will obtain proposals for the guide rail proposed under long-term solutions. Stumpo reported that the Board received comments from the Township Solicitor regarding closing the road, noting that the Township is not authorized to close the road because of an increase in traffic. A temporary closure of Denton Hollow Road would be permitted only if it was determined to be unfit for travel and the repairs could not be made immediately due to weather or other conditions. Randy Mims requested the Township undertake an engineering study to make Denton Hollow a one-way road and to take measures to mitigate the road hazards. The Board confirmed that Randy Mims should email Stumpo for updates. Brutscher noted that a number of roads in the Township are now heavily traveled due to the detour.

7. Conditional Use Hearing: The Barn at Spring Brook Farm (“The Barn”)/350 Locust Grove Road: representatives from The Barn in attendance included Dan Stark, Robert Adams, Esquire, and Mary Beth Drobish. Stark stated that personnel at The Barn are hyper-vigilant with regard to safety of the children. Specifically, The Barn employs a nurse who is on the site at the same time as the children. He reported that the Board of Directors for The Barn are looking into whether or not, based on their mission and potential limitation on the overall growth and costs associated with compliance requirements, it is feasible to continue at the Locust Grove site. He asked the Board to consider an extension so that The Barn can fulfill the summer camp commitments that begin June 23rd. He distributed photographs of the property offering temporary alternatives to building code issues referenced in the Conditional Use Decision and Order. However, Directors for The Barn continue to evaluate the viability of completing the engineering and fencing investments. Stumpo noted that May 30th is the deadline for The Barn to come into compliance based on the Conditional Use documents. However, to date, The Barn has not submitted paperwork to pull any work permits. Adams dismissed the allegation that The Barn has ignored the Township and reiterated that the program is an asset to the Township and the Directors are evaluating the economics for compliance. Following discussion, particulars for the Township to grant an extension for interior work to June 23rd were identified as: (1) barn door to be left open during summer camp; (2) fire protection to be installed under the ramp; (3) ADA compliant portable toilet obtained for camp counsellors; (4) lighted exit signs and emergency lights to be installed; and (5) activities limited to the first floor. An extension to September 1st is requested for The Barn to obtain proposals and contracts for exterior work including certification for the septic system.

8. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer Report: Jensen reported meeting notification signs near the County Prison will be removed by May 13th.

9. Public Works Report:

a. Resolution 2014-8 Low Bids Paving: Motion: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve Resolution No. 2014-8 acceptance of low bids for paving in place bid proposals as accepted and recommended by the Municipal Cooperative of Southern Chester County; motion approved.

10. Riparian Buffer Ordinance Amendment: The following representatives from the Brandywine Conservancy appeared before the Board: Wesley R. Horner, Senior Advisor for Water Resources, John Theilacker, Associate Director, Municipal Assistance Program and Ann Hutchinson, Senior Director, Municipal Conservation Service, Natural Lands Trust. The representatives appeared to discuss a riparian buffer protection ordinance program as recommended by the Township Planning Commission. The model riparian buffer protection overlay district offers many benefits that will conserve, protect, and restore natural riparian resources. Costs associated with the ordinance amendment are covered by the program on behalf of the participating municipality. In addition, the Township can earn MS4 TMDL credits by implementing ordinance requirements.

Motion: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve municipal participation in the riparian buffer ordinance program as recommended by the Township Planning

Commission and as discussed with Brandywine Conservancy representatives; motion approved.

11. Route 52 Scenic Byways Commission: The following representatives from the Byways Commission appeared before the Board: Michael Lane, Alma Forsythe, Holly Manzone, and John D. Snook. No action required by the Board. Mr. Snook presented the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) associated with the Byway. The CMP is a road map for stakeholders to identify and preserve qualities of their communities while encouraging economic growth. The Scenic Byway seeks to protect vulnerable scenic landscapes. Snook reported renewed interest on the part of West Chester Borough with regard to implementation of a CMP. A description of the Route 52 Scenic Byway and the CMP is shown in the Township Draft Comprehensive Plan Update. Suzy Breiseth, a member of the Comprehensive Plan Update Task Force, will check to make sure that any recommendation to the Comp Plan is not in conflict with the CMP.

12. Old Business

a. Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant Bid Documents: Jensen reported that meetings are ongoing with Melton Architects and Vandemark & Lynch regarding the Wawaset Road park project.

Motion: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to authorize the legal advertising for bids for the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant Project and to approve the bid documents to be submitted as reviewed by Township consultants; motion approved.

13. New Business

a. Appointment –Stumpo announced receipt of a letter of resignation submitted by Supervisor Matt Read. Read indicated in the letter that he will be relocating out-of-state. The Board expressed their appreciation for his professionalism and time of service.

Motion: Stumpo moved, Brutscher seconded, to accept the resignation of Matt Read as Township Supervisor effective immediately; motion approved.

Board discussed the appointment of Barney Leonard. Leonard serves on the Township Planning Commission and is a member of the Comp Plan Update Task Force.

Motion: Stumpo moved, Brutscher seconded, to appoint Barney Leonard to fill the unexpired term of Matt Read until the next municipal election in November 2015; motion approved.

14. Correspondence

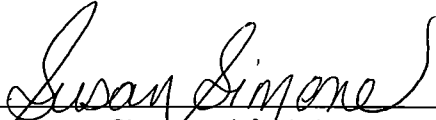
a. Locust Grove Schoolhouse Volunteer Work Day – Board approved request to reschedule the Work Day to Saturday, May 31st.

b. Contract for Red Bridge Lane bridge – Board reviewed and signed the Contract with LTL Consultants for the bridge scour repair work.

15. Treasurer's Warrants: Stumpo moved, Brutscher seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for April 29 – May 14, 2014 recommended for payment by the Treasurer;
General Fund: 16 bills paid totaling \$30,311.43; 2 debit card charges totaling \$112.50;
Highway Aid Fund: 5 bills paid totaling \$7,828.16; **Parks, Rec & Trails:** 1 bill paid for \$277.99; motion approved.

16. Approval of Minutes: Motion: Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the Special Meeting Minutes dated April 23, 2014; motion approved. **Motion:** Stumpo moved, Brutscher seconded, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 28, 2014 by general consent; motion approved.

17. Adjournment: At 9:40 P.M., Brutscher moved, Stumpo seconded, to adjourn the public meeting and convene an executive session; motion unanimously approved.



Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary



Ricki Stumpo, Chair