



## Pocopson Township

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### **Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Minutes Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., December 26, 2012**

In attendance: Supervisors – Stephen R. Conary, Georgia F. Brutscher, Ricki Stumpo; Riverside at Chadds Ford Executive Board – Celeste Scozzafava, Executive President, Scott Kirkland, Treasurer, Vincent Trotta, Secretary, Monika Germono, PENCO Management; Residents – Mary Hastings, Bernard Scozzafava, and Joseph Stumpo.

**1. Call to Order:** Conary called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**2. Public Comment:** no action.

**3. Bamboo in Riverside Open Space:** Conary clarified misconceptions previously raised in various correspondence. Conary reviewed Township Solicitor letter to the HOA dated December 19, 2012 (“Solicitor Letter”) regarding remediation of invasive plant species clearing action. Celeste Scozzafava requested clarification of landowner responsibilities as provided for in the Nuisance Ordinance. Board members expressed the desire of the Township to assist the Riverside HOA in containing the bamboo noting that the HOA landscaper should bear some liability. Discussion ensued regarding the location and dimensions of a trench to be dug by the Public Works Department for the purpose of installing a rhizome barrier. Stumpo provided estimated cost for a 60 mil rhizome barrier at \$2.00 per foot. She noted that annual treatment will also be required to treat the roots. Brutscher noted willingness to agree to the cost of 100’ of rhizome barrier.

Board continues to work with Miller to remediate the bamboo removal action on his property.

At 8:00 P.M. Celeste Scozzafava requested and the Board of Supervisors granted a recess. At 8:05 P.M. the special meeting resumed following the requested recess by the HOA.

Celeste Scozzafava asked that the Township contact Chester County Bamboo LLC to provide volunteer guidance with regard to installation of the rhizome barrier as was offered during the October 22<sup>nd</sup> public meeting. She summarized the terms agreed to by the Riverside HOA Board: (1) Township will dig the trench for the rhizome barrier at the site on the HOA property for the purpose of the Township installing the barrier; (2) Chester County Bamboo LLC will provide supervisory assistance for the installation; (3) Riverside HOA will absorb the expenses to date to remove the bamboo from the HOA property and the Miller property; and (4) Riverside HOA will repair the section of the trail damaged by bamboo root intrusion.

An agreement will be drafted by the Township incorporating the summary and meeting discussion points.

**4. Point of contact for Riverside HOA:** Board requested that going forward, Riverside HOA public comment on action items be submitted by PENCO Management representative to the Township Secretary in advance of the regular meeting. Such advance submission will allow the Board time to prepare a response. The Board will continue to hear public comment from residents and non-action items from the Riverside HOA during the meeting under Public Comment on the agenda.

**4. Other business: Motion:** Stumpo moved, Brutscher seconded, to approve signing of the Miller Agreement to remediate invasive plan species clearing action; motion unanimously approved.

**5. Adjournment:** At 8:15 P.M., Conary moved, Brutscher seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion unanimously approved.

  
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Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary

  
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Stephen R. Conary, Chair