



Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 30, 2018, 6:30 P.M.

Attendance: Supervisors - Ricki Stumpo, Elaine DiMonte, Alice J. Balsama; Mark Knightly, Public Works Director; Don McKay, Chairman, Historical Committee.

Public in attendance: 10

1. **Call to Order:** Stumpo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Sunshine Announcements:** On April 26th the Board met with Sergeant Christopher Urbany, Birmingham Township Police Department, regarding a security policy.
3. **Announcements:** no general announcements.
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**
 - a. **Barnard House/Feasibility Study** - Loraine Lucas, a descendant and relative of Eusebius and Sarah Barnard, read a statement regarding the feasibility study process for the Barnard House. The statement included a proposed option to enter into negotiations with the Board of Supervisors to restore the Barnard House as a Quaker Heritage Center. Lucas indicated that the intent is to fund the maintenance and improvements to the building with the same minimal level of financial impact to the Township as has been done by the Pocopson Township Historical Committee in their restoration of the Locust Grove Schoolhouse. She indicated that the relatives and friends of the Barnard family have an understanding with the Kennett Underground Railroad Center (KURC) for their occupancy of the park office. KURC representative John O'Neal requested entry to the Barnard House park office for the purpose of accessing KURC items. Supervisors directed that he should contact the Township Office to make arrangements. Supervisors responded that a date has not been set for the public presentation of the feasibility study. DiMonte emphasized that notice of the presentation will be posted on the Township website, will be included in a newsletter to be published in the coming months, will be included on a Board agenda, and will be submitted to the newspaper as a legal notice. She added that the Supervisors recognize the importance of public input and feedback on the feasibility study which includes both the Barnard House and the current Township Administration Building.
 - b. **PA State Police** - Corporal Hoban from the Avondale Barracks/Troop J, was in attendance for general public discussion. Laouessa McNemar asked for clarification as to the laws regarding shooting firearms on private property as residents are concerned about the frequent sound of gunfire in the Township. Hoban urged the public to call the State Police for all firearm concerns and disturbances. Responding officers handle the calls on a case-by-case basis taking into account that the law provides for safe space target shooting on private property with specifics as far as property line distances. At the time of the response, the officers obtain license/weapon information and they make note of the hour of day/night the shooting is occurring. The State Police do not enforce local ordinances such as the Township Noise Ordinance. Balsama agreed that the repeated sounds of gun fire on

any given day or night is concerning for residents and their pets. Terry Gumpper asked if the Board was in receipt of the monthly automated incident management report. Balsama acknowledged receipt of the State Police AIMS Report noting that the Supervisors had inquired as to the 30 domestic checks during March and learned that the checks represent a check of the Pocopson Elementary School. Corporal Hoban clarified that following recent school shootings, an auto-generated check of all schools throughout the region are part of patrol assignments. Balsama stated that going forward, the Supervisors will discuss with law enforcement officials, Township Emergency Management Coordinator, and school district representatives, the plans in place for Pocopson Elementary School in the event of a lock-down or other emergency.

5. **Work Session:** Work Session was cancelled for April 24th.
6. **Statement/Action on Gun Violence:** Stumpo reported that the Township Solicitor reviewed the resolution on gun violence written and read by Democratic Candidate Anton Andrew during the March 26th public meeting. Stumpo read into the record the Board of Supervisors Statement on Firearm Use and Regulation. Secretary is directed to send the Statement to all elected officials.
7. **Alan and Paula Johnson (Applicants) Subdivision and Land Development Application; Northbrook Tax Parcel 63-3-4:** James E. Fritsch, P.E., Register Associates appeared before the Board to discuss the Final Minor Subdivision Plan for the parcel located in the C-1 Neighborhood Commercial District. He reviewed the particulars and the documents that were discussed with the Pocopson Township Planning Commission (PC) during their April 4th public meeting. Fritsch noted that the Applicants are in receipt of the Township Engineer review and comment letter dated April 23, 2018, which indicates no objection to the approval of the subdivision. The Applicants agree to comply with all township, state, and federal requirements as applicable. Board acknowledged receipt of the PC review dated April 12th recommending that the Board approve the subdivision subject to compliance with outstanding comments by the Township Engineer and to recommend that the Board grant the waivers requested by the Applicants. Balsama noted that the Board has reviewed all the documents received to date. MOTION: Balsama moved, DiMonte seconded, to grant Final Approval of the Final Minor Subdivision Application subject to the conditions set forth in the Decision Letter prepared by the Township Solicitor; motion unanimously approved.
8. **Public Works Report:** Knightly indicated that the department is preparing roads for paving. Balsama and DiMonte asked if there was an update regarding Route 52 paving project as the Township has received numerous inquiries from the traveling public regarding the deplorable condition of the road following the milling process, a portion of which was milled months ago. Knightly stated that he had no update beyond the press releases issued by PennDOT and emails received by the Township from the contractor Allan A. Myers, LP. He noted that the portion of Route 52 milled in September was done so in advance of application of an anti-friction surface treatment as part of the paving project. Stumpo read an email from the Tullamore Homeowners Association regarding damaged landscaping. Knightly indicated that Public Works is aware of the damage and will take steps necessary to correct it.
 - a. Resolution 2018-15 - DiMonte reviewed the Municipal Cooperative of Southern Chester County low bids for surface treatment, paving in place, and fuel. MOTION: Balsama moved, Stumpo seconded, to enact Resolution 2018-15 authorizing the purchase of materials and services from the low bidders identified in the March 28, 2018 bid opening; motion carried.
9. **Facilities:** DiMonte reported that as discussed during public comment of non-agenda items, the Supervisors will identify the format for a public presentation once the feasibility study options (Barnard House and Township Administration Building) are

submitted by the consultant. The public presentation will be scheduled for a date and time that will allow for ample advance notice to the public.

10. **Kennett Area Fire and Emergency Services Regional Commission ("EMS Commission") Report:** Stumpo reported that Al Davis, Alternate Commissioner, was not able to attend the meeting. She indicated that payments by the municipalities are up to date. She noted that Cuyler Walker, East Marlborough Township representative to the EMS Commission, has succeeded in providing a platform for Longwood and Kennett Fire Companies to work together in preparing a proposal to be considered by the EMS Commission. Public Comment: Terry Gumpfer voiced concern in what he perceives to be a disparity between ambulance services provided by Longwood Fire Company with that provided by Kennett Square Borough Fire Company. His concern stems from a conversation with the Kennett Square Fire Chief who pointed out that Longwood emergency medical technicians (EMTs) are paid and Kennett Square Borough ambulance is staffed by volunteers. Stumpo responded that the differences in the support staff are based on Kennett Square Borough providing basic life skill services while Longwood EMTs provide advance life skill services. Both ambulance services are part of the EMS Commission and therefore funding considerations are part of the consolidated budget with funding allocations appropriated accordingly. Balsama reminded Gumpfer that the Township participates in the EMS Commission because the Board recognizes that the economics in the mandate to provide emergency services requires a protocol beyond reliance on a volunteer system. Mr. Gumpfer acknowledged that he may have misunderstood the comment from the Kennett Square Borough Chief as it appears, based on the response from the Board, that funds from the participating municipalities are contributed proportionately.
11. **Planning Commission (PC) Report/April 4, 2018 Meeting:**
 - a. PC Activity - Board reviewed the report submitted by the PC.
 - b. Amendment to Code Chapter 147, Parks and Recreation Areas Ordinance - Balsama recommended that the reference in the proposed draft ordinance to "Park and Recreation Board" be changed to "Parks, Recreation, and Trails Committee (PRT)" as the word "Board" implies governance when in fact there exists a PRT Committee. Otherwise, no objections to the text submitted by the PC. MOTION: Balsama moved, DiMonte seconded to authorize submitting the draft Code Chapter 147, Parks and Recreation Areas Ordinance to the Township Solicitor and the PRT Committee for review; motion carried.
12. **Historical Committee Report**
 - a. Volunteer Day at the Schoolhouse - McKay provided an update on the installation of the flooring at the Locust Grove Schoolhouse. He reported no new evidence of termite damage. An XL Catlin Day of Giving is scheduled for Friday, June 8th. The XL Catlin Day of Giving will replace the regular monthly meeting in June. He requested and the Board approved, the coordination through the Public Works Department, the expenditure of approximately \$500.00 for supplies. Tasks for the volunteers include but are not limited to installation of grid pavers, exterior trim painting, removal of the non-functioning oil-burner chimney, and mulching landscape areas. He reported that a good percentage of the bulbs generously donated in 2017 by Lucinda Vermette are now in bloom. DiMonte asked about the next steps to finish the flooring. McKay stated that Randy Mims has enough flooring to do the cloak room. The plaster work, veneer coating, and trim work will be completed by the committee. Other tasks going forward will be sanding the floor, repairs to the lettering on the sign, and installation of portable toilets in order to open the Schoolhouse to the public. Board agreed that the committee is doing an amazing job to rehabilitate the historic schoolhouse. McKay also reported that the Historical Committee is partnering with East Marlborough and East Bradford Townships to

organize public talks on historical topics. Preliminarily, they are working on a September or October presentation on the trolley service that once ran from West Chester to Kennett Square. He also reported that there are 1,900 people (including the school districts) following the Facebook page.

13. **New Business:** no New Business submitted.
14. **Old Business:** Stumpo noted that a letter was sent to the owners of the Pettit Property on Route 52 as a follow-up to the discussion during the March 26th meeting. Secretary indicated that the landowners have not responded to the letter sent by the Township.
15. **Correspondence:** no correspondence submitted.
16. **Treasurer's Warrants:** Stumpo moved, Balsama seconded, to approve the Bill Payment Lists for March 27 - April 30, 2018 recommended for payment by the Treasurer; General Fund: 47 bills paid totaling \$88,860.42; 22 debit card charges totaling \$2,889.49; Highway Aid: 7 bills totaling \$8,025.11; Parks, Recreation & Trails: 1 bill for \$99.33; motion unanimously approved.
17. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** DiMonte moved, Stumpo seconded, to approve the meeting Minutes dated March 26, 2018 as submitted; motion carried.
18. **Adjournment:** At 7:22 p.m., DiMonte moved, Balsama seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion carried.



Susan Simone, Administrative Secretary



Ricki Stumpo, Chairman