

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF KENNETT TOWNSHIP**

**801 Burrows Run Road  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317**

**January 18, 2017**

Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Vice-Chair, Whitney S. Hoffman  
Supervisor, Dr. Richard L. Leff  
Township Manager, Lisa M. Moore  
Public Works Director/Roadmaster, Roger Lysle  
Chief of Police, Lydell Nolt

Absent: Chairman, Scudder G. Stevens

Hoffman noted that she would Chair the meeting this evening as Chairman Stevens left sick for the evening.

**MINUTES**

**Leff made a motion to approve the minutes from December 21, 2016 and January 3, 2017. Hoffman seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

**Executive Session**

Hoffman reported the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session on January 11, 2017 and this evening to discuss real estate and employment matters.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS**

**Chief of Police Report**

Chief Lydell Nolt presented the Chief of Police Report for the month of November 2016:

*The Kennett Township Police Department in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Police provided police services to 412 police incidents in the municipality of Kennett during the month of December 2016. State Police Avondale provided police service to 59 of those incidents.*

*The department continues to enhance the police services provided to our community. In 2017 the department is committed to ensuring the Kennett Township Police is operational seven days a week 365 days per year. The enhanced coverage will increase the likelihood a citizen will receive a quick response for police response from an officer of the Kennett Township Police Department.*

*Chief Nolt reviewed the final 2016 statistics, the report is attached.*

*There will two more Public Safety Forums on 2/14/17 at 10am in the William Penn auditorium at Crosslands and on 2/21/17 at 10am in the William Penn Lounge at Kendall, everyone is welcome. Nolt noted that the topics will focus on crimes affecting senior citizens.*

#### **Discussion:**

Hoffman thanked the Police department for all of their work, adding that it is a new, growing department and they are doing a fantastic job.

Bob Waters noted that the speed limit into the Borough is 25 MPH and immediately goes to 35 MPH at the Borough. He asked if there is a fairer way to transition and wondered if there is communication between the two Police departments. Chief Nolt responded that the speed limit was lowered due to the number of accidents and the Township has asked the Borough to lower their speed limit as well. Nolt noted that there is a 500 foot allowance for a speed limit change.

## **Roadwork Report**

### **Roger Lysle presented the Roadwork report for 12/14/16-1/11/17:**

- 1. Winter work is being done during snow events. After every storm which is any salt event, there is plenty to do. Salt has to be mixed, all equipment cleaned and prepped for the next storm. Material is ordered and restocked.*
- 2. A new control box is being built to replace the one that was destroyed by mice (Rt. 1 and Nursery Lane). This is covered by insurance. The box was replaced today.*
- 3. Christmas morning, we had a pump station go down and crew had to come in to replace some electric components that failed.*
- 4. Tree trimming got under way after Christmas. Our focus will be on roads that will have work done to them this summer. The sub-division of Baneswood Drive and Ponds of Woodward were completed, more will be completed as weather permits.*
- 5. Our yard waste pile is growing as plenty of Christmas trees are being dropped off along with lots of brush.*
- 6. Barkingfield Park continues to have very loyal dog walkers, nothing stops them from coming, cold, rain or snow. Our sign has been updated from "Future Park" to the new photo of future layout.*
- 7. Several jobs are being worked on as issues arise:*
- 8. The light timing at McFarlan was checked after a recent complaint, no issues were found.*
- 9. The new driveway for Anson Nixon Park is being worked on and are close to tying into Walnut Street.*
- 10. Several signage issues, intersections and roadway suggestions around the Township are being looked at/worked on.*
- 11. Our material list is being put together so that we can go out to bid at the end of January.*

#### **Discussion:**

Leff commented that he has received a couple of complaints regarding the light at McFarlan Road and Baltimore Pike and asked if there is any way to adjust the timing of the left turn light. Roger Lysle responded we would need a permit and it would have to be approved by PennDOT. Chief Nolt added that if nobody is coming from the Borough side of Baltimore Pike, the sensor will notify the signal to change.

Hoffman asked if there is a plan for providing water for the dogs at the dog park and also if there are plans for benches. Lisa Moore responded that water and benches are in the plans for the next phase.

Leff asked if there have been any issues other than the gravel parking issue. Roger responded he has not had any other complaints.

## **Burnt Mill Bridge**

Hoffman reported that the Burnt Mill Bridge is now open. Hoffman thanked the State Representatives offices for their support.

## **Kennett Fire Company Report**

No report was given this month.

## **Managers Report**

Lisa Moore reported that there is a grant application open from the County for a Vision Partnership Grant. The Township is working on one that is being completed with eight (8) municipalities for the Library and Municipal center in the Borough and a second, which is an Economic Development Study grant that was just completed. In the next round the Township and Borough will be working on a grant for the funding to update Ordinances that pertain to the Economic Development Study

Lisa Moore noted that she is working with the Railroad on options for a railroad crossing that would allow trails to be extended from Victory Brewing Company to Pennock Park. A member of the Public Utility Commission is assisting with this as well.

### **Discussion:**

Chris Burkett asked if there was any update on Ways Lane. Lisa Moore responded that Ways Lane is part of the Economic Development Study area which everyone can review on the Township website. The consultant came up with some ideas on how to develop the area, but since there is no infrastructure there, we first need to put the Ordinances in place to permit the development. Lisa Moore noted that it has been discussed that hopefully after the Ordinances are updated to allow building, a developer will be willing to come in and possibly work with current land owners to develop the area. She added that other options have been discussed such as possible tax incentives for the area. Lisa Moore also noted that the area is a challenge because, including the road, is owned privately and there are no public utilities. Hoffman commented that Ways lane is part of the proposed BILD

Ordinance. Leff commented that the area is in the TDR receiving area which allows more flexibility than in the past. Hoffman commented on the complexity of Ways Lane comparing it to Maple lane.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Pay Bills**

**Leff made a motion to pay the bills for the month per the bill vouchers. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **Planning Commission Alternates Resolution**

Lisa Moore presented proposed Resolution 2017-8 which would appoint two (2) persons to serve as alternate members on the Planning Commission. These members would be able to sit in and carry out the duties if a member or members are unable to attend a meeting or meetings. The members that would be appointed with this resolution are Cheryl O’Sullivan and Shawn Knudson, both with four year terms ending December 31, 2020.

**Leff made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-8, adding two (2) Planning Commission Alternates. Hoffman seconded the motion.**

#### **Discussion:**

Leff confirmed that more than two are allowed, but we are starting with two.

Hoffman commented that she believes adding alternates is a good idea so that in case someone from the Commission needs to go out on an extended leave, an alternate can step into their place and not leave the Commission short.

**Motion carries unanimously.**

## **SUBDIVISIONS**

### **Clifton Mills-Preliminary Lot Line Change**

Lisa Moore presented the Preliminary Property Lot Line Change for Clifton Mills, noting that this property is located on Old Kennett Road, is identified as tax parcel no. 62-7-16 and consists of 5.81 acres. The applicant is proposing to create a lot line change to redefine the common lot line to create an additional lot. The Planning Commission recommended Preliminary Plan approval to the Board of Supervisors on January 10, 2017. Lisa Moore asked that the Board of Supervisors approve the Preliminary Subdivision Plan for the Clifton Mills Property prepared by Merestone Consultants, Inc. dated 4/4/16, last revised 11/10/16 consisting of 1 sheet with conditions.

**Leff made a motion to approve the Preliminary Subdivision Plans for the Clifton Mills Property prepared by Merestone Consultants, Inc. dated 4/14/16, last revised 11/10/16 consisting of 1 sheet with the following condition:**

- 1) Approval from the Chester County Planning Commission.**

**Hoffman seconded the motion.  
Motion passes unanimously.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Leff made motion to adjourn. Hoffman seconded the motion.  
Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael O'Brien  
Recording Secretary