

South Coventry Township Board of Supervisors Minutes

Monday, April 7, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of South Coventry Township, Chester County, PA, was held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the South Coventry Township Building with Chairperson Tim Blevins presiding. Mildred Donnell, David Prizer and Sean O'Neill were also in attendance. Mr. Blevins called the meeting to order.

Minutes – Mr. Prizer made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 29, 2008 morning meeting, the March 8, 2008 regular evening meeting and the March 11, 2008 special meeting as presented. Mrs. Donnell seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

1. Cathie Whitlock was present for the Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Oversight Board. After meeting with the Norchester Red Knights, Mrs. Whitlock recommended that the Township postpone the closure of the field at Connie Batdorf Park. Larry Challenger was present from the Red Knights and asked that the Board consider postponing the closing of the field for at least one year due to the closing of the Owen J. Roberts Middle School fields during construction. The Red Knights have agreed to add topsoil, seed and water the field immediately so that the field will have some improvement from its current condition. The Board stated that the parking at the field will be reconfigured and a berm and fence will probably be installed next to the parking area along Route 100. The Board agreed that if the Red Knights started the seeding process in the next two weeks, remove the poles and provide the system to water the field, they would be permitted to use the field for this year.
2. Three residents of the Coventry Meadows Development were present to express concerns and their opposition to releasing any escrow funds to Rotelle Development. Concerns included the current state of the retention basin, motorcycles being driven on and next to the basin, the future maintenance of the basin, failing on-lot septic systems and the pooling of water due to lack/misplacement of drains. Mrs. Donnell has tried to assist the residents in resolving the septic problems but issues still persist. The Township will request that Rotelle move forward on retention basin repairs and will ask to have the maintenance procedure substantiated for the basin prior to dedication. One of the residents also asked what the Township's policy was regarding dilapidated cars. Mrs. Donnell stated that two unregistered cars are permitted on a property.

Public Works/Roadmaster's Report

1. Roger Ciebien summarized the March 2008 Public Works Report and stated that the crew had recently cut patches and will be repairing them with hot patch macadam when the weather permits.

2. Mr. Ciebien reported on the Traffic Study he conducted at Coventryville Road and Old Ridge Road. He made a recommendation that the “except right turn” sign be removed from the stop sign at Old Ridge Road to resolve the conflicting right-of-way with oncoming traffic from Coventryville Road. Mrs. Donnell made a motion to remove the “except right turn” sign at Old Ridge Road which was seconded by Mr. Blevins. The motion was unanimously passed.
3. A special meeting will be set to discuss proposed roadwork for 2008.

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer’s Report

1. Copies of the March 2008 reports, including correspondence, from the Zoning/ Residential Code Enforcement Officer and the Commercial Code Enforcement Officer are available for review in the Township Office.
2. A Zoning Hearing meeting was held on March 18, 2008 to hear the application of Christopher Cox regarding property at 1831 Pottstown Pike. The decision will be announced April 29, 2008 at 7:30pm.

Planning Commission Report

1. Mrs. Donnell summarized the minutes of the March 17, 2008 meeting. The minutes are available for review at the Township Office.
2. An escrow release request for \$73,434.77 was received from Rotelle Development regarding Coventry Meadows Subdivision. The request was reviewed by the Township Engineer who recommended a release of \$14,400.23. After further discussion, Mrs. Donnell made a motion to release \$14,400.23 which was seconded by Mr. Prizer. It was passed with all ayes.
3. Correspondence was received from Short Brothers requesting an escrow reduction for the Bucktown Crossing development. Mr. Blevins made a motion to release \$40,336.55 which was seconded by Mrs. Donnell. It was passed with all ayes.

Federation of Northern Chester County Communities Report

1. Mr. Prizer summarized the March 11, 2008 meeting. The minutes are available for review at the Township Office.

Historic Commission

1. Amanda Shaner summarized the minutes of the March 10, 2008 meeting. The minutes are available for review at the Township Office.

Historic Architectural Review Board

1. The minutes from the March 19, 2008 meeting are available for review at the Township Office.

Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Oversight Board

1. Mrs. Whitlock summarized the minutes of the March 24, 2008 meeting and reported on the Parks & Recreation Roundtable held on March 27, 2008.

Discussion or Business from the Floor – None

Old Business

1. A letter was received from Green Region stating that we have been recommended for a grant of \$9,900 for the Woody's Woods Master Plan.
2. Mr. Blevins made a motion to approve the resolution to make an application to DCNR for an acquisition grant with North Coventry and Warwick Township. Mrs. Donnell seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.
3. Mrs. Donnell made a motion to approve the resolution to make an application to DCNR for aid in the preparation of a Master Plan for Woody's Woods. Mr. Blevins seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.
4. Mr. Blevins encouraged residents to sign up for Smart Power.
5. A thank you letter was received from Green Valleys Association for the Township's donation towards Envirofest 2008.
6. The Board discussed the proposal of Comcast regarding the educational/government access channel. Comcast is proposing a 3-year extension to the franchise agreement or a \$3,000 grant in exchange for providing the channel. After discussion, Mrs. Donnell made a motion to ask for a 2-year extension. Mr. Prizer seconded and it was carried with all eyes.
7. The Board reviewed a letter received from Bob Waters regarding concerns raised at the February 2008 Board of Supervisors meeting and the response letter sent to him from Ms. Shaner.

New Business

1. Correspondence from PECO was received regarding an increase in natural gas bills.
2. A letter from Chester County Solid Waste Authority was received concerning their Spring Compost Bin Promotion.
3. The Board reviewed the routine maintenance contract received from M & M Mechanical for maintenance of the Township Building. Mr. Blevins made a motion to approve the contract which was seconded by Mrs. Donnell. It was unanimously passed.
4. A letter was received from the Ridge Fire Company regarding the annual Fireman's Banquet.
5. A letter was received from the Chester County Health Department regarding the Chester County Municipal Waste Management Plan.

Correspondence – The Township is in receipt of the following correspondence:

1. March 2008 log from Ridge Fire Company
2. PSATS NewsBulletin

Financial Business – Mr. Blevins announced that there was \$79,430.89 in receipts and \$72,430.89 in disbursements which the Board unanimously approved.

Having no further business, Mr. Blevins thanked all those who were in attendance and the meeting was adjourned. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on May 12, 2008, at 7:30 PM in the South Coventry Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Shaner
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer