

South Coventry Township

Board of Supervisors Minutes

Monday, April 6, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors of South Coventry Township, Chester County, PA, was held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the South Coventry Township Building with Chairperson Tim Blevins presiding. Mildred Donnell, David Prizer and Scott Yaw from the Township Solicitor's office were also in attendance. Mr. Blevins called the meeting to order.

Minutes – Mrs. Donnell made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 2, 2009 regular evening meeting, the January 30, 2009 and February 27, 2009 morning meetings and the February 10, 2009, March 3, 2009 and the March 24, 2009 special meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Prizer seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Public Comment

1. Ian Proud presented his proposed Eagle Scout project to the Board which consists of installing a walking trail through the fields next to the Ridglea and Bucktown Crossing Developments. He is proposing a trail of crushed stone and mulch and will be assisted by his uncle and scout troop. After discussion, Mr. Proud stated that he and his uncle will meet with the Township's Engineer to review the site's layout and he will come to a future meeting with plans showing exactly where the trails will go and further details concerning construction.

Public Works/Roadmaster's Report

1. Roger Ciebien summarized the March 2009 Public Works Report. The Report is available for review at the Township Office.

Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer's Report

1. Copies of the March 2009 reports, including correspondence, from the Residential Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer and the Commercial Code Enforcement Officer are available for review in the Township Office.
2. The Zoning Hearing Board has approved the Gross School Bus Service request subject to conditions and has approved the application of Jeffery Jones and Ryan Brown (Atlas Flasher) subject to conditions.
3. The Township received the PA Department of Labor and Industry Accessibility Audit Report.

Planning Commission Report

1. Mrs. Donnell summarized the February 16, 2009 and the March 16, 2009 meetings of the Planning Commission. The minutes are available for review at the Township Office.
2. Earth disturbance Inspection Reports were received from the Chester County Conservation District for the Bucktown Crossing, Owen J. Roberts Middle School, Coventry Meadows, Spotts, Saylor Tract and Hultz projects.

Federation of Northern Chester County Communities Report

1. No representatives from the Township were able to attend the February 10, 2009 of the Federation. Mr. Blevins summarized the March 10, 2009 meeting. The meeting minutes are available for review at the Township Office.

Historic Commission – No official meetings on February 9, 2009 and March 9, 2009 due to a lack of a quorum.

Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Oversight Board

1. Mrs. Whitlock summarized the minutes of the March 23, 2009 meeting. The meeting minutes are available for review at the Township Office.
2. Quotes were received to install a concrete walkway, handicap parking area and pad for the port-o-potties. The following quotes were received: Affordable Concrete - \$6,000; Stephen Horosky Concrete - \$6,650; Frank Summerill Paving - \$9,480. Mrs. Donnell made a motion to accept the quote from Affordable Concrete. Mr. Prizer seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

Historic Architectural Review Board (HARB)

1. The minutes of the February 18, 2009 and March 18, 2009 meeting are available for review at the Township Office.
2. Per a suggestion made by the HARB, the Board discussed having a traffic study conducted at Old Ridge Road and Chestnut Hill Road. Mr. Blevins made a motion to accept the proposal from McMahan Transportation Engineer to conduct a traffic study at this intersection for \$1,200. Mr. Prizer seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

Discussion or Business from the Floor – None

Old Business

1. The Board received the results of the Underwater Bridge Study done for the Pigeon Creek Road Bridge. The Board discussed pursuing the repairs needed for the bridge and the question was asked if we own the whole bridge. The Board decided to look into where the border between East Coventry and South Coventry falls.
2. The Board reviewed the proposed revisions to the Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance. Mr. Blevins made a motion to approve the changes to the Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance. Mr. Prizer seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.
3. The Board reviewed the response received from PennDOT concerning the speed limit reduction request for Route 23 at Coventryville Road. PennDOT found that speed was not a problem at the intersection but that motorists failed to pull out far enough to have enough site distance to see oncoming traffic. They recommended painted dotted lines so that motorists would recognize where they should pull out to before turning. Residents expressed concerns because when someone is making a left turn onto Coventryville Road from Route 23 cars following will travel out onto the shoulder to pass the turning car. If people are pulling out farther they would be in that shoulder area. The Board agreed to contact PennDOT and request that “Keep off shoulder” signs and road striping be installed on Route 23.

4. The Township received a copy of the fully executed Grant Agreement for the Woody's Woods Master Plan. Mrs. Donnell reported that Request for Proposals have been sent out and are to be returned by consultants by April 14, 2009. They will be reviewed by the Woody's Woods Master Plan Committee on April 27, 2009.
5. Mr. Blevins made a motion to adopt a resolution to purchase the Kirlin strip of land for a trail to link Woody's Woods to trails located in North Coventry. Mrs. Donnell seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

New Business

1. The Township received a letter from the Chester County Health Department regarding the inclusion of parcels of Woody's Woods in the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program which will occur sometime from late April to late May depending on insect and leaf development.
2. The Township received a schedule for the 2009 Household Hazardous Waste Events for Chester County.
3. Information was received regarding the West Nile Virus Control Program.
4. The Board received information outlining the procedure to declare a disaster emergency.
5. Correspondence was received to purchase 15% of the Township's power from Native Energy. The Board agreed to consider this issue later in the year.
6. A letter was received from the Chester County Health Department about a proposed revision to the Chester County Solid Waste Management Plan.
7. An assessment change notice was received from the Chester County Board of Assessment.
8. A copy of a letter sent out by Mrs. Donnell concerning bid and quote requirements was reviewed.
9. The Board received the Ridge Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association Audit.
10. Information was received regarding the 2010 Census.
11. Correspondence was received from Comcast concerning changing in sports channel numbering.

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

1. January, February and March 2009 logs from the Ridge Fire Company
2. February 2008 Log from Chester County Emergency Services
3. PSATS News Bulletin and PSATS correspondence

Financial Business – Mr. Blevins announced that there was \$59,773.03 in Receipts and \$111,420.11 in Disbursements for General Fund. Mr. Blevins made a motion to pay the bills which was seconded by Mr. Prizer. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Blevins announced that an executive session would be held to discuss land acquisitions. Having no further public business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular monthly meeting will be held on May 4, 2009, at 7:30 PM in the South Coventry Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Shaner
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer