

**South Coventry Township**  
**Board of Supervisors Minutes**

Friday, December 3, 2010

A morning meeting of the Board of Supervisors of South Coventry Township, Chester County, PA, was held on Friday, December 3, 2010 at 7:30 AM in the South Coventry Township Building. Chairperson Tim Blevins called the meeting to order. Millie Donnell, Bill Nesley and Sean O'Neill were also in attendance.

1. Discussion from the Floor – James Stimson was in attendance and asked for some clarification regarding section 1607 of the Township's Zoning Ordinance.
2. Woody's Woods Forest Stewardship Plan – The Board reviewed the final draft of the Forest Stewardship Plan. Mrs. Donnell made a motion to approve the Forest Stewardship Plan prepared by Natural Lands Trust. Mr. Blevins seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.
3. Executive Session – The Board announced an executive session to discuss ongoing litigation. Upon conclusion of the executive session, Mrs. Donnell made a motion to approve the agreement with Fireman's Fund regarding outstanding punch list items for Phase 1 of the Ridglea Subdivision. Mr. Nesley seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.
4. Our Place to Grow, Inc. – Silvana Stamm was present on behalf of Our Place to Grow regarding operating a daycare at 780 Pughtown Road. Ms. Stamm reviewed the outstanding items detailed in the Zoning Officer's memo to the Board of Supervisors dated November 22, 2010. The items that the Board would need to approve included:
  - Changing the drop-off point from the double doors exiting from the dining area to the door located near the restrooms. Ms. Stamm stated that due to building code issues the dining area will be used for infants and having the drop-off there would not be safe.
  - There will be no slats installed on the fence that surrounds the play area. Ms. Stamm stated that originally the play area was going to be located closer to the building but the church requested that it be placed where the existing playground is, which is towards the rear of the property. Ms. Stamm stated that she wanted the teachers to be able to clearly see the children at all items and having the slats would prevent teachers from seeing from one play area into the other.
  - Due to building code requirements the fellowship hall area will be used by children up to 2 ½ years old, therefore it will not be used as an indoor recreation area. Ms. Stamm said she spoke with the Department of Welfare to verify that it is not a requirement to provide an indoor and outdoor recreation area, just one or the other. The classrooms previously being used for younger children (under

2 ½) will now be used for older children.

- Ms. Stamm provided pictures of the barrier fence which the Zoning Officer felt was not fully addressed. She stated that children would be supervised at all times and that the current wrought iron fencing has been installed along the parking lot up to the sidewalk which leads to the new drop-off location. The Board discussed the fence and unanimously felt it was not an effective visual or physical barrier to prevent children from going into the parking lot.

After discussion, Mrs. Donnell made a motion to approve the changes to items 1, 3, 6 and 7 of the Zoning Officer's memo and require that a new fence or shrubbery/plantings with the current fence supplementing until fully grown be installed within 6 months of the date of the Township's Certificate of Occupancy being issued. The fence or landscaping plan should be submitted to the Board and approved prior to installation. Mr. Nesley seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

5. 2011 Budget – The Board briefly reviewed the proposed budget for 2011. A meeting will be scheduled at the end of December to adopt the budget. The Board discussed the Woodridge Sewer Plant which required major repair work this year. Due to the small amount of users and high costs this year, the Board discussed the possibility of charging an assessment to those properties to cover the costs of the repairs.
6. Karl Maier Trail – The Board reviewed correspondence received from volunteers who would like to install the trail connection between Woody's Woods and the trail system in North Coventry. After discussion, the Board decided to contact Longley Insurance regarding this project and Jay Erb from North Coventry.
7. Tucker/Landis Tract – The Board discussed the properties at the corners of Coventryville Road and Old Ridge Road where there seems to be some discrepancy between surveys and the property lines the tax maps show. The Board agreed that these very small pieces of land would be of little benefit to the Township and are currently being used by the neighboring property owners. After discussion, Mr. O'Neill suggested that the property owner(s) have a quit claim deed drawn up.
8. December Agenda Books – The Board briefly reviewed their Agenda Books.
9. Public Works Items – The Board reviewed a quote for a V-plow along with quotes for tires for the backhoe. After discussion, the Board agreed to take no action on these items at this time and consult with the new public works director regarding capital purchases. The Board reviewed a quote to remove a tree located on Cadmus Road. After discussion, the Board agreed to request a quote to just drop the tree. Mrs. Donnell stated that she had just received a proposal from M & S Repair to perform annual inspections for all grinder pumps in Pughtown. After discussion, Mr. Blevins made a motion to accept the proposal received from M & S Repair. Mrs. Donnell seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

10. Executive Session – An executive session was held to discuss personnel and litigation.

Having no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Shaner, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer