



Board of Supervisors

Regular Meeting

~ Minutes ~

425 Wells Road
Doylestown, PA 18901
<http://doylestownpa.org/>

Stephanie Mason
215-348-9915

Tuesday, December 4, 2012

7:00 PM

Public Meeting Room

I. 6:15 PM INTERVIEWS –Doylestown Dog Park Advisory Board

II. 7:00 PM REGULAR MEETING

Chairman Barbara N. Lyons: Present, Vice Chairman E. Thomas Scarborough: Present, Member Richard F. Colello: Absent, Member Shawn Touhill: Present, Member Ryan Manion: Present, Solicitor Jeffrey Garton: Present, Township Manager Stephanie Mason: Present, Director of Operations Richard John: Present, Chief of Police Dean Logan: Present.

A. Pledge to the flag

1. Doylestown Dog Park Advisory Board

Mrs. Lyons indicated that the Board met at 6:15 PM to interview candidates for the Doylestown Dog Park Advisory Board.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors elect Ms. Ada Popek, Ms. Helen Neuman and Ms. Kathy Brown as members of the Doylestown Dog Park Advisory Board.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

Mrs. Lyons announced Buckingham township resident; Greg Hayes will be involving himself as a non-voting member of the Dog Park Advisory Board.

Mrs. Lyons encouraged all Doylestown residents to attend any Board and Commission meetings. All schedules can be found at www.doylestownpa.org.

B. Visitors/Public Comments

Resident; Lee Schwarz of 189 Sunset View Drive had questions. First; Will the Board announce the adoption of the Township Budget at their December 18th Regular meeting? Second; Will the Supervisor's compensation be announced at the January Board of Supervisors Reorganization meeting? Third; If Byer's Choice will match \$25,000 of fund raising monies raised to maintain Kid Castle. Mrs. Lyons Answered; yes, Byer's Choice will plan to contribute \$25,000 if fundraising for Kid Castle reaches \$25,000. Mr. Touhill will speak to it later. Mr. Schwarz then encouraged all residents to donate towards the maintenance of Kid Castle.

Mrs. Lyons indicated the Supervisor's compensation is not on the January 7th Reorganization meeting agenda. However, if any Supervisor would like to bring up the topic, they may do so. Ms. Lyons then announced the Doylestown Township Budget adoption will be included in the December 18, 2012 Board of Supervisors Regular meeting agenda.

Resident: Joseph Paternostro of Houk Road attended a recent Pool's Corner\Route 202 Parkway meeting where it was stated the Township, Doylestown Borough and Buckingham Township recommended a Park and Ride lot be constructed along the new parkway. He then asked what member of the Board made the

recommendation. Ms. Mason answered; the recommendation was presented by the Bike & Hike Committee to be utilized as a trail head, when former Board member; the late Walter Berry served on the Board.

As per resident's preference, Mr. Paternostro suggested instead of a park & ride, either the bike & hike paths be extended or a skate board park be constructed. Mrs. Lyons responded, all skaters can utilize the skateboard park located at the YMCA and the newly constructed trails off Route 202 can be used to walk there.

Upon Project Manager; Mike DiBello's arrival, Mrs. Lyons extended her apologies to him and the Eckman firm for her tone with conversations regarding to the completion status of the Lower State Road Bridge over the last few months. Once construction began over a year ago, there was a promise of a December, 2012 completion date. Her tone was due to the frustration over the last six weeks where no construction progress seemed to be made. Mrs. Lyons then asked Mr. DiBello to assure the public, construction of the bridge will be completed prior to Christmas. Mr. DiBello answered; weather permitting; only the Lower State Bridge construction should be completed by New Year's Day. The bridge deck is completed, which was a major hurdle of the project. Currently, the roadway drainage on both sides of the bridge is being worked on. Next week as the bridge concrete approach slabs are being installed, a roadway on both sides of the bridge will be constructed. Weather permitting all work should be completed by New Year's Eve.

Mrs. Lyons questioned; how many days will be needed to pour concrete. Mr. DiBello answered; the concrete on the bridge's approach slabs need to be poured on either side. They will need a total of seven (7) nonconsecutive days to pour the concrete then to harden and cure. However, the black top road will require 35 degree temperatures to pour over a three (3) day period. Mrs. Lyons questioned if concrete and the blacktop can be completed at the same time. Mr. DiBello indicated yes. However, realistically Mr. DiBello doesn't believe the roadway will be completed by Christmas.

Mrs. Lyons then questioned if the barrier and the roadway are being completed at the same time. Mr. DiBello answered; yes, both a construction and roadway crews will be working at the same time. Mrs. Lyons was dishearten to heard the project will be completed weather permitting, since the township has experienced pleasant temperatures since Hurricane Sandy and a light winter in 2011. Ms. Manion agreed, adding she witnessed several days of no activity along the project site. Only during the recent weeks did she see more workers.

Mr. Touhill commented on behalf of the Board, they would appreciate anything that can be done to complete the project prior to Christmas. Mr. DiBello commented it's very typical for a contractor to wait until the last minute to complete a project. He projected the project will be completed prior to New Year's Day, not Christmas.

Resident; Joseph Paternostro questioned why couldn't the contractors informed the Board earlier work would not be completed by the end of December. He then commented construction should be done around the clock to complete the project by Christmas. Mrs. Lyons indicated she should have been more aggressive six months ago instead of anticipating the project completion date of December 25th. Mr. DiBello stated it's too early to anticipate the contractors will not abide by their promise.

Resident; Kenneth Snyder of 50 Fox Croft Drive questioned if there will be consequences and/or incentive implemented if the construction is not completed. Mr. DiBello answered; the word of the contractors is on the line. Upon his recent conversation with the contractor's project manager, it's the understanding they need to live up to their word and the favor provided by the township. They are willing to work overtime and on weekends and know what needs to be done.

Resident; Lee Schwarz questioned what will be done to reduce the speeding along the Lower State Bridge intersection off Almshouse Road. Ms. Manion responded she will address the issue at the next Traffic

Advisory Committee meeting.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2012, 7:00 pm. The Board will vote on the 2013 Doylestown Township Budget.
- B. Leaf and Yard Waste Recycling – December 15th, Central Park. 8:00 AM -12:00 Noon- Doylestown Residents Only.
- C. Citizens interested in getting Township News email alerts should join our Google group. You can do so by visiting our website doylestownpa.org and entering your email for the Google group.
- D. Santa Claus will arrive at Kids Castle on Saturday, December 8th, 9:30am to assist with Fund Raising Campaign of the castle.

IV. MINUTES APPROVAL – Regular Meeting – November 20, 2012

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the November 20, 2012 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisor's Regular Meeting minutes be approved.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

V. REPORTS

A. Solicitor

No Report

B. Police Chief

Chief Logan thanked Mr. DiBello for his assistance with the construction of the newly opened Route 202 Parkway and reminded everyone the speed limit is 40 miles per hour as a reduction in speed coming off the existing Route 202 bypass. There is a shared use path where motorist should use extra precautions by keeping the speeds down to avoid accidents. Mrs. Lyons questioned if the road will be heavily patrolled? Chief Logan indicated the force will do its best to patrol the parkway.

C. Township Engineer

No Report

D. **Manager**

1. Request for Training – APMM Winter Workshop 1/18/13

The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors agreed by consensus to approve Ms. Stephanie Mason and Ms. Sandra Zadell's attendance with an overnight stay at the January 18, 2013 APMM Winter Workshop in Carlisle, PA.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

2. Notice of Employee Retirement – H. Reeser

Ms. Mason reported Doylestown Township Road Department employee; Harold Reeser announced his retirement effective December 21, 2012 after twenty two years of service.

3. Committee Member Resignation – D. Borden from Park & Recreation

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion. The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors accepts Mr. Donald Borden's resignation from the Park & Recreation Board with regrets.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

4. Grant Award – Destination Peace Valley Pedestrian Trail and Bridge

Ms. Mason reported Destination Peace Valley Pedestrian Trail and Bridge project has received a grant award in the amount of \$200,000 from the Community Conservation Partnership program administered by Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

Resident; Lee Schwarz questioned how much will it cost the township to maintain the Pedestrian Trail and Bridge. Mrs. Lyons answered; Destination Peace Valley Pedestrian Trail is a multi-municipality owned project. Mr. Schwarz then requested a projected cost of what the township will spend for maintenance. Mr. John answered; costs will be minor until the blacktop of the trail wears down.

5. Chem Fab Update – 11/27/12 Meeting

Ms. Mason reported Township Assistant Manager; Sandra Zadell attended the recent ChemFab Citizens Action November 27th meeting at Doylestown Borough. A report from the EPA should be completed shortly with regards to clean up and removal of soil to reduce condiments. The Staff and Mr. John will continue to monitor the situation and report to the Board periodically.

E. Supervisors

Mr. Touhill reported on the impressive work witnessed from the Kids Castle volunteers from a great quality of people. He encouraged anyone interested to get involved and all information can be found online at www.doylestownpa.org. Financing and fund raising will be ongoing and essential to the project. As a reminder, Mr. Touhill announced Santa will be arriving at Kids Castle, Saturday, December 8th at 9:30am to bring awareness and fundraising efforts. It will also encourage participation from the youths along the community.

Mrs. Lyons asked Ms. Manion to report on her special project. Ms. Mansion reported as President of the Travis Manion Foundation she will attend the Army/ Navy game this Saturday, December 8th. Also, Ms. Manion will accompany 28 wounded warriors from Walter Reed on a tour of Philadelphia. Then, she and the solders will join a round table discussion with Joint Chief of Staff; General Dempsey and business leaders from around the Philadelphia area to discuss how to move forward with re-integrations of veterans.

Mr. Scarborough reported on his attendance at the Route 202 Parkway ribbon cutting, well attended with over 300 people. He credited the township staff for their dedication in following through with projects and believes the goal to connect the trails will make driving along the area much easier.

Mrs. Lyons noted; the trail head is named after former Board of Supervisor member; Walter Berry who had a pivotal role in the creation of the Route 202 Parkway project. The trail heads are an important gathering for alternate methods of transportation, where it's encouraged for everyone's use. The trail head off of Pool's Corner is a benefit for residents to park so they may use the trails for walking or biking.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Water & Sewer Advisory Board – Amendment to Resolution - Terms

Mr. Garton reported on his preparation of a resolution to amend the prior resolution to extend the Public Water & Sewer Advisory Board's terms of office from one to three years. The resolution is also to

provide for staggered initial appointments to have four terms expiring after three years and four year terms after two years and three year terms after one year.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors adopt Resolution # 1656 to extend the Public Water & Sewer office terms from one to three years.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

B. 2013 Agreement to Prepare 2012 Recycling Performance Grant

Ms. Mason reported on the Board's approval to use Hough Associates in preparing the Recycling Grant, where they assisted in the township receiving an award of approximately \$40,000. Ms. Mason requested permission to utilize the same service for 2013. The township will pay 4,639.00. 25% of anything over the initial threshold of \$29,000.

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Touhill the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the township utilizing the Hough Associates services in preparing a Recycling Grant for 2013 as per the recommendation of Mr. Mason.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

C. Conestoga-Rovers Proposal for Scope of Work and Cost Estimate of 2013 - Stormwater

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve Conestoga-Rovers' proposal of \$23,275.00 for the scope of work and cost estimate of the 2013 stormwater survey and studies performed.

Resident; Lee Schwarz questioned the cost of Conestoga-Rovers' report in 2012. Mr. John answered; the cost was approximately under \$25,000.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

D. PECO Green Region Grant – Neshaminy Greenway

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the Bike & Hike Committee submit an application by resolution for the opportunity to apply for a \$10,000 PECO Green Region Grant for the Neshaminy Greenway.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

E. Eagle Scout Proclamation

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors award Boy Scout Troop 6 member James Duncan Brasa the rank of Eagle Scout.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4 to 0.

F. Bills List

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Manion the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the December 4, 2012 Bill's List in the amount of \$35,609.87.

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The December 4, 2012 Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors Regular meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.