

**Minutes of the**  
**March 15, 2011**  
**Board of Supervisor's Regular Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of The Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 15, 2011 in the Doylestown Township Municipal Building, 425 Wells Road, Doylestown, PA. Members of the Board of Supervisors in attendance included Chairman; Barbara N. Lyons, Vice Chairman; Richard F. Colello, Supervisors; E. Thomas Scarborough, Jr., Barbara Eisenhardt and Cynthia M. Philo. Others in attendance included Township Manager; Stephanie J. Mason, Director of Operations; Richard E. John, Township Solicitor; Jeffrey P. Garton, Chief of Police; Stephen J. White, Township Engineer; Mario Canales

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Presentation of Art Work (Painting of Castle Valley Covered Bridge)

Mr. Robert Upton donated a painting of the Castle Valley Covered Bridged to the township. The painting was owned by his late father and painted by artist, Helen Childs. The Board thanked Mr. Upton and his family for his donation and generosity.

Friends of Doylestown Dog Park

Secretary and Co-Chairman of Friends of Doylestown Dog Park Committee; Christa Tinari and Kathy Brown presented the Board with a business plan, budget and fundraising practices for consideration in the development of a dog park at Turk Park III. The business plan included a design of the park and site locations to include three separate fenced areas for small and large dogs with one acre designated for rotations to preserve the existing grass mixture. The one acre will also be used for educational events, training and agility.

The budget noted three phases. The first phase will cost approximately \$86,425.00 to begin. The plans include the infrastructure of the large and small dog areas and entry system with a walkway. To date, 20% of donations have been collected to equal \$13,000. The committee plans to begin an escrowed maintenance account with a portion of these funds. Phase two will cost approximately \$49,600 to include one third of fences needed to enclose the area, so that the large dog area can be rotated to decrease impact on the turf. The budget also noted items required to assist in the running of the park, such as, a mutt mitt station, garbage cans, twelve benches, three water foundations, water line, twenty trees and sixty shrubs. Phase three's budget will be determined upon progress of the first two phases. However, if needed the plan will include shade structures, agility equipment and a pavilion roof over the lobby area.

An aggressive fund raising project to fund the project is scheduled to include events, brick campaigns, in-kind donations and \$378,000 in naming and recognition opportunities. They will also reach out to school, service and community groups, such as Boy and Girl Scouts of America. Ms. Brown was pleased to announce an anonymous donation of \$35,000 will be provided in the near future. Also, an advisory committee will be designated to coordinate activities and programs.

In conclusion, Ms. Brown stated the business plan presented is designed to provide a safe, functional and visual pleasing area, with a researched and flexible budget as well as a realistic fund raising project. She then requested the Board's approval to move forward with the Friends of Doylestown Dog Park proposed business plan.

The Board was very pleased with the plans and proud of the joint effort between Doylestown Boro and Township in the process of an extraordinary and well thought out plan. Mr. Scarborough suggested the committee look into a licensed agreement with the township upon approval of development. Mrs. Lyons clarified the Friends of Doylestown Dog Park will enter into a licensed agreement with the township upon development approval. Once this occurs many of the details, such as liability insurance and maintenance will be address.

Ms. Philo made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approved the Friends of Doylestown Dog Park Business plan.

Resident; Lee Schwarz of 189 Sunset View Drive commended the committee on their efforts and questioned if the township will provide an extended lease term. Mrs. Lyons responded; currently Bucks County has a 25 year lease with the township and permission was granted to both the Board and committee for their time. Mr. Schwarz then asked if the township will provide funds for construction of the pavilion. Ms. Brown clarified the township only offered design ideas for the pavilion so as to fit within the park.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Ms. Tinari informed the public that all event information regarding the park and donations can be found at [www.doylestowndogpark.com](http://www.doylestowndogpark.com) .

**VISITOR / PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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**MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt to approve the minutes of the March, 2011, Board

of Supervisors Regular meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REPORTS:**

SOLICITOR No Report

POLICE CHIEF: No Report

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER: No Report

TOWNSHIP MANAGER:

Doylestown Township “Doylestown Township; a Great Place to Live, Work and Play” Photo Contest

Ms. Mason was pleased to announce the township will hold a “Doylestown Township; a Great Place to Live, Work and Play” photo contest during Local Government week. Any resident is welcome to submit photos taken of action shots capturing Doylestown functions or anyone taking advantage of parks, services and activities during the month of April. Pictures may also include township staff, commission and Board of Supervisors at work. Entries will close on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, where all photos will be displayed in the township building from April 18<sup>th</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>. Section of winners in different categories and prizes will be distributed on April 28, 2011. Winners are selected by votes and will be announced at the May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Board of Supervisors meeting. Photos can be emailed at [info@doylestownpa.org](mailto:info@doylestownpa.org).

**SUPERVISORS:**

Mr. Colello reported, upon further research from the Parks and Recreation committee, that they are considering creating a sensory trail near one of our walking trails. The system will be beneficial to both visually impaired and autistic residents. Mr. Colello, Ms. Mason and Parks & Recreation Director; Karen Sweeney attended a recent Lions Club meeting where they volunteered their money and labor in the assistance.

Mr. Colello spoke at a recent Central Bucks Chamber of Commerce, Leadership of Advancement program where they promised to watch Doylestown Television and get more involved with the township. Mr. Colello will meet any resident interested in volunteering at the next Planning Commission meeting, scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2011 at 6:50 p.m. to discuss details.

Ms. Philo announced efforts began on lowering the speed limits along Sauerman Road to 25 miles per hour as per the Chapter 61, Section 6109 (b) (2) and the Code of the Township of Doylestown Chapter 46, Section 46-2. She then asked if part of Turk Road will be included. Chief White clarified as part of the first step the Traffic Committee will conduct a questionnaire for Turk Road.

The Zoning Hearing Board will conduct a public meeting scheduled for March 21, 2011 to discuss the appeal in denial to change a billboard located off Route 611 into a flashing and/or moving billboard. Township Solicitor; Jeffrey Garton will attend the meeting to represent Doylestown Township.

Mr. Scarborough wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

Mrs. Eisenhardt had no report.

Mrs. Lyons received a letter from the ACS Census Bureau providing very interesting community statistics regarding Doylestown Township and requested to the information be posted on the website.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Proposed Ordinance Amendment / Subdivision Land Development / Groundwater; Tabled from March 1, 2011

Planning Commission member; Tom Kelso was present to answer any questions regarding the proposed ordinance amendment – Subdivision Land Development for Groundwater. Mr. Kelso explained upon a recent Planning Commission meeting, a neighbor questioned how seasonal high water table was being addressed in relations to basins proposed for new developments. In order to better address this historic problem, the groundwater ordinances were not designed to limited development or make it more difficult for developers or property owners. It applies to new subdivisions or land developments, not existing homes or single lots. The intent is to have developers made aware of the situation and focus on this issue early in the design process by constructing new homes on a better site, raising the home two feet with creative grading and eliminating construction of basements within two feet of a high water table. The purpose of including the proposed groundwater ordinance in the subdivision land development plan was to easily grant waivers in hardship situations when none of the options in the ordinance will work and the installation of sump pumps is necessary.

Ms. Philo questioned if the ordinance will prevent any developer from constructing basements in a new home. Mr. Kelso answered; no, basements are a way of life, but we may see fewer basements in the future, because of the economy.

Ms. Philo made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approved the proposed ordinance Amendment to the Subdivision Land Development for Groundwater Section 153; Article 5.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Gas Drilling Waste Water – Delaware River Basin Commission

The Board agreed by consensus to compose a letter to the Delaware River Basin Commission with their comments regarding effects of recent gas drilling along the Delaware River Basin to drinking water and life. Mr. Garton recommends the Board include resident; Ms. Madeline Rawley of 361 Birdsong Way information for substance.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Authorization to Advertise Amendment to the Subdivision/Land Development Ordinance – Act 167

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Philo the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve authorization to advertise the amendment to the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance for Act 167, as approved by The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and move forward with a public meeting prior to the incorporation requirement of May 23, 2011.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Request to Send Cars to Auction

Ms. Philo made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve *two 2007 Ford Crown Victoria* cars be sold at public auction on April 9, 2011, by J.J. Kane Auctioneers.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Zoning Hearing Board

The Board agreed by consensus to have Doylestown Hospital at 777 Ferry Road request for variance be forwarded to the Zoning Hearing Board without opposition, as per the recommendation of Township Manager/Zoning Officer; Stephanie J. Mason.

Resolution accepting Destination Peace Valley Final Report as part of the Comprehensive Plan as Amended 2008

Ms. Philo made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors accept the Destination Peace Valley Trail Feasibility Study Final Report and incorporation into the Doylestown Township 2008 Comprehensive Plan as amended.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Girl Scout Gold Awards

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Philo the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors have Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania member; Caroline E. Newton be awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award at the Annual Achievement Ceremony on June 12, 2011.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Ms. Philo made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors have Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania member; Jennifer C. Zettler be awarded the Girl Scout Gold Award at the Annual Achievement Ceremony on June 12, 2011.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

New Apostolic Church Waiver of Land Development Agreement

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approved the New Apostolic Church waiver of Land Development Agreement.

Mrs. Lyons questioned if the applicant resolved a tree removal issue and was it included in the waiver of land development agreement. Mr. Garton indicated the issue was resolved and refers in the plan.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Bid Awards – 2011 Lawn Maintenance Bid

Ms. Philo made a MOTION; seconded by Mr. Scarborough the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors award the Law Maintenance Bid to Biase Landscaping, LLC, in the amount of \$76,608.00 for one year, with two, one year extension, as per the recommendation of Director of Operations; Richard E. John.

Resident; Lee Schwarz of 189 Sunset View Drive questioned was the lowest bid accepted and what is the difference in payment from 2010. Mr. John responded; the lowest bid was accepted and due to increase in living expenses there is a \$9,000.00 increase in the price from 2010.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Bid Awards – 2011 Street Sweeping Bid

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Ms. Philo the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors reject the Street Sweeping Bid from Thesing Power Sweeping, Inc., in the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Spring 2011 Street Sweeping program, as per the recommendation of Director of Operations; Richard E. John, due to the Township General Fund budget being insufficiently capable of this work.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

Bid Awards – 2011 Equipment Rental Bid

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors award the Equipment Rental Bid to P.K. Moyer & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$137,782.95 as needed on a time and material basis for various township projects, as per the recommendation of Director of Operations; Richard E. John.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the March 15, 2011, Treasurer's Report.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

**BILL'S LIST:**

Mr. Scarborough made a MOTION; seconded by Mrs. Eisenhardt the Doylestown Township Board of Supervisors approve the March 9, 2011, Bill's List in the amount of \$301,081.46.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5 to 0.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by;

Stephanie J. Mason, Secretary