

WORK SESSION

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DATE – January 25, 2012

@ 1 p.m. – SECCRA – John Robbins

Action Items: Whiteside CU decision, appoint Bill Doyle as Deputy EMC

Out of Office: Mike Elling 1/28 to 2/5

- Lisa** - Sewer Pump Stations Update, Genaurdis/Longwood Crossing Screening, Penns Manor, fire control board member,
- Mike** - roadwork, Status of Scudder appeal
- Bob** - Safety, Sewer Issues
- Scudder** - Ms4, Penns Manor, Longwood Crossing/Giachino, microphones and projector use at public meetings, Regional Planning Commission report, follow up on audit, Status of Security Policy
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF KENNETT TOWNSHIP

801 Burrows Run Road

Downstairs Public Meeting Room

January 25, 2012

The work session was called to order by Chairman Elling with Vice-Chairman Hammaker and Supervisor Stevens all present along with Bob Adams, Solicitor for the Township.

The Chester County Press reporter and Scudder Stevens both announced that they were recording the meeting.

Mr. Elling read the conditions for the Whiteside/Limestone Ridge Conditional Use Hearing decision and moved that it be approved as distributed. Mr. Hammaker seconded the motion and it carried with both Supervisors in favor. Joe Duffy asked Mr. Stevens if he had time to review the decision and he stated no that he just received it 45 minutes prior to the meeting. Mr. Stevens stated that he does have some concerns such as disturbance of rock area is not in the decision. He discussed the important rock outcrops and asked if they are being properly protected. John Jaros, attorney for the applicant, stated that no tests have been done but the applicant plans to avoid the rock outcrops to the best of their ability. John Haedrich, Planning Commission member, stated that it could be viewed as an aesthetic characteristic. Bob Adams stated that it can be addressed

during the land development process. Mr. Stevens asked for the impact the development will have on the water, schools, library, etc. John Jaros explained that the developer is not making any contributions other than the traffic signal. Mr. Stevens asked if sidewalks are proposed and can kids walk to school. John Jaros stated that sidewalks are proposed internally. Mr. Stevens asked if the applicant will register its workers on site to be required to pay the earned income tax. Bob Adams stated that it would be the same process as other workers in the Township. Gwen Lacy, Land Conservancy of Southern Chester County, asked if trails and sidewalks will be installed and Bob Adams stated that no sidewalks or trails are proposed along the front of the property. She asked how to appeal the decision and Bob Adams responded that she should read the decision and then determine if an appeal is necessary. He stated that the decision is the blue print for the proposal. John Haedrich asked for the order in which someone can appeal and Bob Adams stated they can appeal in the Court of Common Pleas. Richard Gaw of the Chester County Press asked if there is a time frame when the project will begin and John Jaros replied that there is no firm time frame. Several residents in attendance were given copies of the decision other copies will be mailed.

The Supervisors discussed the Scudder Stevens appeal and Mr. Stevens stated that it is not a Scudder Stevens appeal it is a Township appeal. Mr. Stevens explained the appeal and stated that he sent a letter to the court asking for a conference with a Judge. Bob Adams stated that the issue has been appealed because the Township is not required to produce something in a form in which it doesn't exist. He stated that the personal and health information cannot be redacted. Richard Gaw asked if Mr. Stevens has access now that he is Supervisor and Mr. Stevens replied that he believes he does except a Security Policy is in place. He also asked who is paying the expenses for court and attorney fees. Mr. Stevens asked for the status of the enforcement of the Security Policy. Bob Adams stated that the policy is enforceable and only Township Manager should have access to personal and health information. He stated that Mr. Stevens is entitled to see financial information but needs to be specific. Richard Gaw asked Mr. Stevens to state for the record why he wants the financial information and Bob Adams stated it is not relevant. Tom Nale asked Mr. Stevens why he refused a printed out copy of the QuickBooks and Mr. Stevens replied that he wants the original and a paper copy is not what people feel should be provided.

Margot Taylor thanked the Board for having an open discussion.

Mr. Elling discussed the proposed appointment of Bill Doyle as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Stevens asked if it is an employee position and Mr. Elling replied no. **Mr. Elling moved to appoint Bill Doyle as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried with all in favor. Mr. Hammaker moved to appoint Bill Doyle as a member of the Safety Committee. Mr. Elling seconded the motion and it carried with all in favor.**

John Robbins of SECCRA discussed the benefits of SECCRA and described the land fill. He stated that they have an application with DEP to expand and increase capacity. Several residents asked questions about Kennett Township's contribution, if the Township website lists what can be recycled and it does and why should they continue to use land to dispose of trash. Joe Duffy, resident, asked if beer bottles go to Allentown and John Robbins replied yes.

Mr. Elling discussed the status of the Creek Road pump station and explained the underground tank removal and stated that soil testings were completed. Bill McLachlan asked if it was contaminated and Mr. Elling stated that he did not have the report present. John Robbins asked if there was a contractor that did the removal and Mr. Elling stated yes. Joe Duffy asked if this issue holds up completion of the project and Mr. Elling replied no. Margot Taylor asked how much this adds to the cost and Mr. Elling replied several thousand.

Mr. Stevens stated that he has a meeting on Saturday morning with residents of Longwood Crossing to show him the area where they feel screening is needed.

Mr. Elling asked who plowed the roads in Penns Manor and no one knew.

Mr. Hammaker volunteered to be the representative for the Fire Board.

Mr. Stevens asked what MS4 is and Mr. Hammaker explained that it is the stormwater management program.

Mr. Stevens asked about Penns Manor bankruptcy. He stated that the projector and microphones would be useful at the Township meetings. Mr. Stevens stated that the Board should review a recording policy and how to deal with it. He stated that he will go to the Regional Planning Commission meeting in February. Mr. Stevens stated that he wanted to get an update from Lisa Moore on her efforts with the State regarding the audits. Richard Gaw asked who will do audit and the Board replied that they have received bids.

Mr. Elling discussed the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) meeting which he attended. He stated that they received an award from America Beautiful which is a nationwide organization. Mr. Elling stated that the EAC will need \$5000 more to start the new project. Bill McLachlan asked if the Township will give them money for the project. Mr. Elling replied that they do have money in the budget for the EAC. Mr. Stevens mentioned the article on the website and asked that the award be scanned and placed on the website.

John Haedrich gave a report on the Brandywine Scenic Byway Commission and stated that there was a bidders meeting last week. He stated that he and Tom Nale met with the Red Clay Scenic Byway to discuss the Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway. John Haedrich stated that PennDOT is still reviewing traffic plans and hopes for construction this summer. He will meet with Longwood Gardens to discuss the project then look at the RFP. Joe Duffy asked if Margot Taylor is on the Brandywine Scenic Byway Commission and John replied no.

Margot Taylor asked to be on the agenda for the next public meeting and Mr. Elling told her to speak to Lisa Moore. She asked who Steve Carter is on the Open Space Advisory Committee. Mr. Elling explained that he works for the Natural Lands Trust and is a resident.

Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Megan Cadreau
Secretary Pro-Tem**

