

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KENNETT TOWNSHIP**

**801 Burrows Run Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317**

February 7, 2018

Hoffman called the meeting to order at 7:0 p.m.

Present:

Chairman, Scudder G. Stevens
Vice-Chair, Whitney S. Hoffman
Supervisor, Dr. Richard L. Leff
Township Manager, Lisa M. Moore

MINUTES

Leff made a motion to approve the minutes from January 17, 2018. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lisa Moore announced that the Board of Supervisors held an executive session this evening at 5pm to discuss the personnel matters, legal matters and the possible acquisition of real estate.

OLD BUSINESS

100% Renewable Energy Letter

Leff presented information on a multi municipal group, Chester County Clean Energy Leaders that is working on lowering the carbon footprint in our communities with a goal of being carbon neutral by 2050. Some ways the group can help is grant applications, street lighting evaluations and group power purchasing.

Leff noted that the goal is to do this as close to cost neutral as possible and during one of the meetings he attended, Kennett Township lights up on the map.

There is a support letter that Kennett Township is being requested to sign, this letter does not make any commitment, only to show support of looking into the matter forward.

Discussion:

Amy Heinrich asked if the goal is for Township costs/expenses or the entire community. Leff responded that it is specifically for Township costs but could lead to infrastructure in the area that could benefit resident's personal property.

John Wilkens noted that making a long-term commitment not know all of the paths should be studied initially.

Stevens and Hoffman commented on their support of the initiative.

All Action Deferred.

NEW BUSINESS

Five Points Intersection Roundabout-Presentation

Moore introduced Derrick Kennedy from Remington & Vernick, Township Engineer, who presented the option of an oval roundabout for the Five Points intersection at the intersection of Old Kennett, Union, Hillendale and Kaolin Roads. Kennedy presented some concepts and a simulation of what the roundabout would look like at the Five points intersection. It was discussed that the next steps are to apply for grant funding and then get into a more detailed design.

Kennedy spent time reviewing option “D” which is an elongated oval shape noting that this is the best option and is the recommendation of PennDOT. He noted that the project is estimated to cost \$2.6 million. Moore and the Board of Supervisors commented that grants would be sought after to assist with the funding and could drastically lower the cost.

Stevens commented that at this point, the Township needs to ask itself: Do we leave the intersection as status quo and noted that he has not heard from anyone during the discussion who thinks so.

Moore commented that property owners who have land that would likely be affected have been notified and met with during the conceptual processes. She stated that the Township would purchase the land at fair market value after receiving appraisals on the property, Moore expressed that the Township would not use eminent domain for the acquisition of property.

Moore noted that it will be at least the Fall before we would hear from the State in regards to being awarded any grant money to proceed.

Members of the public including John Wilkens, Amy Heinrich, Joanne Donlick, Mike Guttman, Josie Marsh, David Lewis, David Moorehead, Carol Krawczyk (Kennett Borough Planning Commission), Richard Gaw, David Maxwell, Thomas Mento, Glen Becker and Jim Angelucci commented on the presentation regarding road closures, detours, timing, financing and funding, effect on neighboring properties, bicycle and pedestrian pathways, traffic into the Borough and the Kennett High School.

Hoffman made a motion to move forward exploring grant options to make proposed improvements to the 5 points intersection. Seconded by Leff.

Motion passes unanimously.

Official Map Amendment and discussion for ordinance authorization

Lisa Moore presented an updated Official Map that includes both the Lord Howe and Barkingfield Park properties owned by the Township.

Hoffman made a motion to allow the Township Manager to create and advertise a proposed Ordinance to adopt a revised Official Map. Leff seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Tina asked if this effects the farming on the land. Moore responded it will not.

Motion passes unanimously.

Rosedale Road Streambank Rehabilitation Bid Award

Lisa Moore presented the low bid recommendation for the Rosedale Road Streambank Rehabilitation project noting that the Townships Engineer put the project out to bid and Guardian Environmental Services came back as the lowest bidder out of 11 bids, the bid price is for \$114,425.00.

Leff made a motion to accept the bid by Guardian Environmental Services for \$114,425.00. Hoffman seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Leff asked clarification on why there would there is such a variance in bid pricing. Lysle explained some possibilities in the bid differences.

Diane McGovern asked if this will require closure of Rosedale, Lysle responded that it will not.

David Lewis asked for clarification on the purpose of the project and what state it will be brought back to and if it is trout grade.

Motion passes unanimously.

Appointment of Diane McGovern-Historical Commission

Lisa Moore introduced Diane McGovern, a resident of the Township noting that she has attended several Historical Commission meetings and would like to serve on the Commission. Moore asked the Board of Supervisors to appoint McGovern as a member of the Historical Commission.

Leff made a motion to appoint Diane McGovern as a member of the Historical Commission. Hoffman seconded the motion.

Discussion:

The Board thanked McGovern for her service.

Motion passes unanimously.

Lord Howe TDR Severance Deed

Moore presented the Board of Supervisors with a Deed of Transferable Development Rights to sever the transfer of Development rights from the Barkingfield Park property to be banked for future use/sale. Moore explained the Transfer of Development Rights ordinance and how it works.

Leff made a motion to execute the Deed of Transferable Development Rights severing the transfer of development rights which will be banked by the Township for future use. Hoffman seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Amy Heinrich and David Lewis commented on the process of Transfer of Development Rights and the Townships ordinance. Discussion between Moore, the Board of Supervisors and the public ensued.

Motion passes unanimously.

SUBDIVISIONS

Cannery Row Escrow Release #2

Lisa Moore presented Escrow Release #2 in the amount of \$317,921.63 for the Cannery Row land development with a remaining balance of \$205,088.38 which have been reviewed and approved by the Boroughs Engineer, Pennoni.

Leff made a motion to approve Escrow release #2 in the amount of \$317,921.63 for Cannery Row. Hoffman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Kennett Square Specialties Escrow Release #15

Lisa Moore presented Escrow Release #15 in the amount of \$56,383.93 for the Kennett Square Specialties (Ways Rental, LLC) Land Development with a remaining balance of \$262,446.38 which have been reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer.

Leff made a motion to approve Escrow release #15 in the amount of \$56,383.93 for Kennett Square Specialties. Hoffman seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Hoffman made motion to adjourn. Leff seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael O'Brien
Recording Secretary