

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Work Session**

MINUTES – December 2, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

The scheduled work session of the Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Ed Travis at 6:20 P.M. in Thornbury Township's meeting room. Ed Travis thanked everyone for attending and for all of the hard work throughout the year on the various commissions. Ed wished a happy holiday to all.

II. HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Chris Lang noted that it was an exciting year for the Historic Preservation Commission. The commission has a full complement of members who include:

- Dick Webster, who has architectural expertise,
- Anne Dzamba, a former professor at West Chester University,
- Don MacPherson, who lives overlooking the Cheyney House in a house that was once part of the Dallet Property,
- Molly Morrison, who resides on South Concord Road,
- Eric Burling, who brings a lot of energy and ideas and,
- Tom Spackman, whose family has worked to preserve houses in our Township

The commission launched the Historic Resource Inventory Project in June 2008. We were asked about a year ago to map our resources. We realized that our reports were in poor condition. The Township applied for, and was awarded, a grant by Chester County. The grant eventually reimburses 75% of the necessary funding for the project. When the last study was completed in 1980 it surveyed properties over 75 years of age and included approximately 48 properties. The county and the state are now interested in properties that are over 50 years of age and will increase the number of qualified sites to approximately 150. We are currently inventorying all of our sites.

We have also been communicating with Thornbury Township, Delaware County in an attempt to gauge sites of potential mutual interest such as the Dallet Property.

There is a DVD in the office on the History of Thornbury Township.

III. Parks and Recreation Commission

Karen Mulligan noted that there are six members on the Park and Recreation Commission with one current vacancy. Including Karen, the members include:

Christy Zippi
Steve Zippi
Lauren Durham

Brooks Durham
John Connors

Our next event is the Santa Express, scheduled for Sunday December 7, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and will leave from the Westtown Train Station. The Fall Festival and the Easter Egg Hunt were a huge success. We are hoping in the future to have more activities at the Township building. We will send out a survey to get some ideas.

IV. Zoning Hearing Board

Cary Vargo noted that Mary Zurawski was out of town and sent her best. They had several hearings throughout the year.

V. Planning Commission

Ann Connolly noted that there are seven members on the Commission. Including Ann, the members are as follows:

Jim Jordan, Chairman
Peter DuFault
Brooks Durham

Barbara Iacovelli
Arnie Maguire
Steve Zippi

The Planning Commission has reviewed and approved several projects this year including Sage Hill, CVS, Giant Supermarket expansion, Meadowcroft Church, Smith Medical Building, the Dunkin Donuts, and the Gliechart sub-division. The commission is currently working on three ordinances, Scenic Roadways, Riparian Buffers, and Institutional Zoning. The Scenic Roadways Ordinance is complete and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Mikes Gast wanted to extend his sincere thanks to all for their hard work throughout the year.

Cary Vargo stated that Lou Gagliardi had sent his thanks and appreciation to all of the volunteers on the various commissions and was sorry he was unable to attend this evening.

Arnie Maguire asked the Board members present if there were any particular projects for the future year.

Mike Gast noted that the Township continues to evaluate current recycling efforts in the Township as well as all alternatives to improve those efforts.

Bob Miller suggested that the Township continues to evaluate available options for the Squire Cheyney property with a resolution needed.

Ed Travis suggested that we might look into televising Township meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cary B. Vargo
Township Manager/Secretary