

THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Work Session

MINUTES – March 02, 2010

The Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors work session was called to order at 6:08 p.m. in the Thornbury Township meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors: Mike Gast, Chairman; Robert Miller, Vice-Chairman, Ed Travis, Board member, and Robert Anthony, Board member. Also in attendance were Brody Bovero, Township Manager; Teresa Destefano, Township Secretary; Kathy Labrum, Esq, Solicitor (via telephone).

MANAGERS REPORT

- Due to the heavy snowfall this year, the billing for snowplowing services year-to-date totals \$112,320. The budgeted amount for 2010 is \$62,100. Through Chester County, the Township is pursuing a \$40,300 federal reimbursement for the February 12-13 snow storm. If reimbursement is granted, the County indicated that the funds will most likely arrive in April.
- Two federal appropriation applications were submitted to Congressman Sestak's offices. One is for the stabilization and restoration of the barn and farmhouse at Squire Cheyney Park (\$2.2 million project). The other is for the Cheyney University-Thornbury Township Sewer Project (\$9.3 million project).
- Due to the projected cost escalation of planned improvements to Waln Run Park, we have explored the possibility of using the \$200,000 grant from DCNR on other park improvements. They have indicated that under certain circumstances, other communities have amended grant awards in the past. We will continue to investigate our options.
- Westtown Township has expressed interest in combining municipal waste and recycling pick-up services with Thornbury Township and East Goshen. Ed Travis and Brody Bovero met with Westtown Township, who uses a single hauler for solid waste and recycling pickup. This would primarily apply to detached single-family home service only. I have attached a brief summary of Westtown's current service.
- Brody Bovero and Ed Travis made an inspection at the Town Center space that was previously leased to Mom & Pops Coffee Shop. Some internal work needs to be done to return it to a leasable condition. The Township is working with potential tenants on future improvements to the space.
- Another shredding event is scheduled for Saturday April 24th from 10am to 1pm. This is a joint activity with Thornbury, Delaware County. All residents are welcome to drop off their documents. At the last event, Township residents recycled approximately 4,500 pounds of paper.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Town Center Agreements

- **Goose Creek Grill**

1. There was a discussion on the terms of the lease extension for the Goose Creek Grill.
2. Township responsibility during the lease was discussed, also the parking extensions.
3. We have received two estimates for doors and windows.

Brody Bovero met with the owner of the Goose Creek Grill and mentioned to him that we need to move forward with the lease.

Mike Gast suggested that Kathy Labrum, Bob Anthony and Brody Bovero work together to get the new lease done.

- **846 E. Street Rd (Former Mom n Pops)**

Brody Bovero discussed the condition in which the space was left after the store closed. As the landlord, the Township needs to ensure that it is repaired before it is rented out. The question is who is responsible for repairs. The Board indicated the need to resolve the issues, get the list of needs from the potential new tenants, and get the lease signed.

B. Upcoming Contracts

The following is a list of current contracts that need to be addressed:

1. Snow & Ice Control

- The Groundskeeper contact expires May 31, 2010 with a 1-year option. The discussion indicated they are doing a great job there is no need to change.

2. Janitorial Services

- Brite Facility Solutions LLC contact expires March 31, 2010. The discussion indicated they are doing a good job and just renew their contract for another year.

3. Roadside Mowing/Waln Run Park

This contract was already approved and passed at the last Board of Supervisors meeting. The Township signed up Ralph Jennings again for another year.

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4. Park Maintenance

- Moore Outdoor Rejuvenation, Inc contract has expired. They mow the Town Center and Goose Creek Park.
- Brody Bovero will get quotes for a new contract.

C. Township –Wide Park Improvement Issues

There was a discussion concerning the following:

- How many parks does the Township need
- How many active recreation facilities do we need in the Township

The discussions continue on the amount of parks and acreage needed in the Township. There was also a discussion on whether Waln Run Park should be left as open space, sold, or just let it continue to be a park as is.

The Board suggested we have the Planning Commission, Park & Recreation and the Historic Preservation Commission present there options and concerns on the parks in the Township. They also suggested we have general public input.

The Board suggested several options for the Squire Cheyney Park

- A walking trail
- Pictures and text describing the History of the park and area
- Make the barn a Historical ruin
- Sell the house, but maintain it as a historic property
- A gazebo or pavilion
- Benches

II. OTHER MATTERS

No other matters

II. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa DeStefano