

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

MINUTES – September 1, 2009

The Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors work session was called to order at 6:15 p.m. in the Thornbury Township meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors: Ed Travis, Chairman; Mike Gast, Vice-Chairman, Robert Miller, Board member, Kathy Labrum Township Solicitor and Cary Vargo, Township Manager. An executive session was held after the regularly scheduled work session to discuss real estate.

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion – Recycling

Thornbury Township, Delaware County is a Township of the 2nd class with a population of approximately 8,500. Jeff Seagraves, Township Manager, provided an overview of Thornbury Township’s Recycling Program. Thornbury Township does currently have a solid waste and recycling ordinance. Thornbury Township, Delaware County, contracts with a single hauler, Opdenaker, to provide single stream recycling and the Recycle Bank program. Recycling frequency is every other week. The program is funded through the General Fund and currently costs \$30,000 annually. The Township does not provide solid waste services. The recycling program is advertised using the Township email system and newsletter.

A discussion was held on the various alternatives available for recycling. Subjects discussed included DEP requirements, program structure, funding and implementation.

Moving forward a recycling task force will be initiated with the initial membership including Mike Gast and Township staff. This task force will increase in size and participation as the process progresses. A first step is evaluating a draft solid waste and recycling ordinance.

B. Parking Options – Town Center, Goose Creek Park

A review was conducted of various options available to the Township to increase parking at the Town Center/Goose Creek Park.

Option	Additional Spaces	Total Cost \$ *With 10% Contingency*	Cost per Space \$
A	28	\$139,689	\$4,989
B	26	\$111,983	\$4,307
C	29	\$149,782	\$5,164

Ed Travis presented a fourth option for discussion and review. Mike Conrad will provide a drawing and projected costs for this fourth option.

C. Discussion – Squire Cheyney Property

Kathy Labrum reviewed with the Board the memorandum from Mike Conrad, dated August 4, 2009. This memorandum details the various issues, zoning requirements and permissible uses related to the open space at the Preserve at Squire Cheyney Sub-Division. This material is pertinent to the HPC and the goals for the Squire Cheyney house and barn. The material will be shared with the HPC for review.

Mike Gast noted that he would be in attendance at the meeting of the HPC scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

Bob Miller requested an executive summary of the material that details permissible uses, zoning issues etc.

II. OTHER MATTERS

Mike Gast requested a meeting with Cheyney University in reference to Town Gown relations.

Mike Gast expressed an interest in starting a committee with participants including representatives from various HOA's within the Township. The goal of the committee is to facilitate effective communication and involve the HOA's in the local government process.

Ed Travis inquired about the status of the 3M sign grant.

Cary Vargo reported that the process has been complete. The grant reduced the cost of phase I sign replacement by 6%. Traffic and warning signs will be replaced shortly.

Ed Travis inquired about the feasibility of an advanced flashing warning device to be installed on the west side of Route 202 for south-bound traffic.

Cary Vargo reported that a solar powered unit would have to be used at this particular location, cost – approximately \$9,000. This will be included in the 2010 Capital Budget for review and consideration.

Ed Travis requested a separate meeting to review the proposed 2010 budget. Various dates were considered with Tuesday, September 29 being the established goal.

Ed Travis suggested several locations for the deployment of the traffic counter.

Bob Miller reported that the non permitted solicitors mentioned at the regularly scheduled meeting of August 18, 2009 were in fact contacted by police and removed from the Township. Police contacted the company and advised that all solicitors within the Township were required to be removed immediately. Police also advised company representatives of the required permit.

II. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teresa DeStefano