

**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR  
WORK SESSION**

**MINUTES – March 5, 2013**

The Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors' Work Session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Thornbury Township meeting room. In attendance were Supervisors Bob Anthony, Chairman; Jim Benoit, Vice Chairman; Mike Gallagher, Mike Gast, and Bob Miller. Also in attendance were Brody Bovero, Township Manager; Kathy Labrum, Solicitor; and Teresa DeStefano, Secretary. There were seven (7) signed-in guests.

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. DISCUSS POSSIBLE SALE OF WALN RUN PARK PROPERTY**

Bob Anthony gave a brief history of the Waln Run Park property and provided some background information as to what the Board of Supervisors stated, regarding the purchase of the property, back in 1999. At the time, it was the vision of that Board to hold the property for a period of time but not forever. Bob noted that this Board is just looking to see what the Township's options are and what would be the right thing to do with the property.

Bob Miller noted that no one here is happy to sell open space but the Township's revenue is flat and expenses are always going up. The Board is just looking for alternatives to generate revenue without raising taxes. This Board just wants to do what is right for all the residents.

Bob Anthony opened the floor for public comment even though this is a work session. He pointed out that comments will be limited.

The following residents were in attendance and were opposed to the sale, or development, of the property and would like to see it stay as a park:

1. Gail Marinaro - 830 Bainbridge Drive
2. Andrew Dunn - 863 Echo Hill Road
3. Bob Cicconi - 1250 Westtown Thornton Road
4. Rob Morris - 1275 Westtown Thornton Road
5. Dennis Asselin - 1352 College Hill Drive
6. Chris Lang - 1375 S. Concord Road
7. Mark Litwack - 850 Echo Hill Road
8. Debbie Jawad - 810 Bainbridge Drive

Mike Sweeney, 870 Echo Hill Road, in principle, has no objections to the sale and stated that the Township can control the wording of the agreement between the buyer and the Township, so the Township can have control over what is built on the property.

The discussion continued with the residents and the Board reviewing the property and all the options that a buyer could do with it and also, the value of keeping open space in the Township. The discussion reviewed what a buyer could and could not do with this property and would a variance be possible to allow the buyer to put multiple homes on the land.

Bob Anthony noted that this Board has to take into their consideration of this matter, all of the 1163 homes in the Township that the Board has to answer to. Bob stated that all the Board members take their jobs very seriously and want to make the best decision for the Township.

## **2. 2013 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM**

Brody Bovero presented a few scenarios that could be used to meet the paving needs of the Township through the year 2018.

Brody inspected roads that were Chip Sealed in other Townships and stated that he was not convinced that chip sealing was the right application for Thornbury's roads.

The discussion went over two different ways to complete the paving for the Township. The Township receives \$75,000 from the State and the Township puts in \$20,000 for paving to stay on track. In conclusion, the Board compared the options and what would be the best for the current roads needing to be paved.

Bob Anthony suggested that this topic should be discussed at the COG meeting to get the input of other Townships and how they address road paving for their Townships.

The Board members indicated that their preference was to fund the paving project based on the current budget, under a pay-as-you-go approach. This approach meant that paving of Woodbine Road would be delayed until both Cricklwood and Deerpoint Roads were resurfaced, due to the condition and traffic volume of those roads.

## **3. 2013 FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT**

Brody Bovero noted that this is just another amendment to the current fee schedule. The goal of the Township is to ensure that the permit fees cover all costs related to the permits, and not to make money. This schedule works with LTL Consultants and the way they will be billing the Township for permits.

## **II. ADJOURNMENT:**

Bob Anthony noted that prior to the Work Session there was an executive session to discuss Real Estate Matters and the Board will convene an additional executive session to discuss Contracts and Real Estate Matters.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Destefano, Secretary