

**ELK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2011**

The Elk Township Board of Supervisors Meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Elk Township Building, Lewisville, PA. The following Supervisors were present: Palmer Durborow, Estace Walters and Albert Jezyk, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There was no public comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/PRESENTATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

John Goodall, Brandywine Conservancy - Oxford Gun Club Proposal

John Goodall of the Brandywine Conservancy gave a presentation on the Conservancy's efforts to preserve the Oxford Gun Club 56.7 acre property. John referred to Brandywine Conservancy memo dated June 6, 2011 stating the gun club is willing to sell the development rights for 50% of the value, the proposed easement would restrict the 56 acre property, and that the first step is to have an appraisal done. John stated that the costs to the Township for the conservation easement would probably be \$2,000 to \$3,000 per acre.

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Albert Jezyk, the Board agreed for Brandywine Conservancy to proceed with an appraisal of the Oxford Gun Club 56.7 acre property. The motion was unanimous.

Bob Barker, Friends Group of State Line Serpentine Barrens Conservancy

Bob Barker of the Friends Group of State Line Serpentine Barrens Conservancy (SLSBC) gave a presentation on the volunteer efforts in the Chrome Barrens Preserve. Bob referred to The Nature Conservancy correspondence dated June 2, 2011 alerting the Board of safety concerns in the Chrome Barrens Preserve. The SLSBC recommends redesigning the parking lot so that it may be seen from the road, placing large boulders to keep ATV's out, periodic checking of the parking lot, hiring a temporary security service, and having an official contact the game commission. SLSBC will mark the boundaries of the property and report back to the Board in five to six months.

Liberty Towers, LLC Conditional Use Application for Construction of Commercial Communications Tower UPI# 70-2-22 3303 State Road – Application Withdrawn

Pal Durborow referred to Attorney Lemanowicz's May 19, 2011 correspondence stating the Liberty Towers, LLC Conditional Use Application is withdrawn.

Agricultural Security Area Proposal for Wilson King Property UPI #70-3-22

Pal Durborow referred to a Proposal for The Creation or Modification of an Agricultural Security Area received for Wilson King Tax Parcel #70-3-22.

Audit Report of Union No. 1 Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Association

Pal Durborow referred to Department of the Auditor General correspondence dated May 13, 2011 stating the Department is concerned by Union Firefighters' Relief Association's

failure to correct a previous audit finding of officials not maintaining a complete and accurate roster of equipment owned.

2011/2012 Application/Permit to Hunt in the Chrome Barrens Conservancy

Pal Durborow stated that the amount of Chrome Barrens Conservancy Hunting Permits to be issued has not been set. Pal referred to a draft 2011/2012 Application/Permit to Hunt in the Chrome Barrens Conservancy providing residents of Elk Township first priority, residents of East Nottingham, New London and Franklin Townships second priority, and residents of all other Chester County Townships/Boroughs third priority. The Board agreed that permits must be displayed in cars and that all tree stands must be removed.

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Al Jezyk, the Board approved the 2011/2012 Application/Permit to Hunt in the Chrome Barrens Conservancy. The motion was unanimous.

Peacedale Court Subdivision

Pal Durborow stated that he would meet with a Penn DOT representative to discuss lowering the speed limit on Route 472. The Board agreed to request that the State Police patrol Route 472.

The Bluffs at Big Elk Creek Subdivision

Pal Durborow stated that the Township is still waiting for the Developer to submit the Maintenance Agreement for The Bluffs at Big Elk Creek Subdivision.

2011/2012 Roadwork Material & Equipment Rental Bid Packages

Pal Durborow referred to the draft 2011/2012 Roadwork Material & Equipment Rental Bid Packages. Estace Walters will follow-up on an estimate of hours/materials for the bid packages.

Township Building Septic Tank Pumping

Pal Durborow stated that Bob Pierson would pump the septic tanks for the Township Building.

July Board of Supervisors Meeting

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Al Jezyk, the Board agreed to reschedule the July 4th Board of Supervisors Meeting to July 11th. The vote was unanimous.

Special Meeting May 24, 2011 – Andy L. & Ruth L. King 3-Lot Minor Subdivision Plan (East Nottingham Township & Elk Township)

Pal Durborow stated that a Special Meeting was advertised and held on May 24, 2011 to take action on the Andy L. & Ruth L. King 3-Lot Minor Subdivision Plan.

STAFF REPORTS

Secretary's Report

On a motion made by Estace Walters, seconded by Albert Jezyk, the May 2, 2011 Meeting Minutes and May 24, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes were approved. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

On a motion made by Al Jezyk, seconded by Estace Walters, the Bills to be Paid for June, with the exception of Roadmaster Payroll, were approved. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion made by Al Jezyk, seconded by Pal Durborow, the Bill to be Paid for Roadmaster Payroll was approved. Estace Walters abstained from the vote.

Tax Collector

Real Estate: \$6,244.76

Planning Commission

Pal Durborow referred to the May Planning Commission Meeting Minutes stating Spence Andress was present to answer questions on the May 11th submission of TOJO Mushrooms Preliminary Plan, and the cell phone tower on State Road has heights of 150' and 160' recorded on the first page.

Zoning Hearing Board T-Mobile Northeast LLC Variance Hearing for Co-location on Existing Tower at 170' Elevation UPI #70-3-3 253 Mt. Olivet Road

The Zoning Hearing Board Attorney has not yet scheduled the T-Mobile Northeast LLC Variance Hearing for co-location on existing tower at 170' elevation UPI #70-3-3 253 Mt. Olivet Road.

Zoning Officer

Pal Durborow referred to the May Zoning Officer Report stating six inspections were performed, twenty inquiries were received, and two permits were issued.

Roadmaster

Roadmaster Estace Walters reported that he weed-eated Route 472 and Kings Row Road, Snyder & Sons trimmed trees, and street signs for State and Chrome Roads would be reviewed by the State.

Post Office Committee

Pal Durborow referred to Mary Gruber's June 6, 2011 e-mail stating the Post Office Committee voted to replace the signs on the Township Building and they would like to have the mildew power washed off the siding.

Open Space Committee

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Springlawn Road Trail

Pal Durborow stated he would coordinate with Robert Gregg for cutting vines and logs in the Springlawn Road Trails. Al Jezyk stated that the DeFrank girl-scout project should be starting soon.

Chrome Barrens Preserve

The Board agreed to get additional signage for the Chrome Barrens Preserve.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Luker asked how to proceed on a filed complaint if everything was not done. Pal Durborow stated she should contact the Zoning Officer.

Donna Ellingsen asked if there is a littering Ordinance. Pal Durborow stated there is not a specific litter ordinance and she should contact the State Police.

Suzanne Dougherty stated Dougherty Drive needs a “no outlet” sign.

Meeting Adjourned at 8.25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Kukoda
Secretary/ Treasurer