

September 11, 2013

The East Nantmeal Township Board of Supervisors held their regular meeting on the above date at the Township Building. Present were Supervisors Jenkins, Cochrane, and Wren. Solicitor Oeste was also present.

**ORDINANCE HEARING** -- Opened at 7:30 p.m.

A hearing was held to receive public comment on an Ordinance amending the Township Zoning Ordinance. The Ordinance adds a definition of institutional use, adds a new ceremonies and receptions accessory use in the EI Educational/Institutional zoning district to be authorized by conditional use and adds standards for the new accessory use. There was a question from Mrs. Bedrick regarding whether churches could continue to have ceremonies and receptions without conditional use approval. Mr. Oeste indicated that churches would not need conditional use approval to use their properties for ceremonial and reception uses which are typical accessory uses to a church.

At the conclusion of the hearing, on motion by Mr. Wren, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to adopt Ordinance 2013-1. All in favor. The Board enacted the Ordinance.

**OPEN SPACE HEARINGS**

A hearing was held to provide information and receive public comment on two proposed open space acquisitions. The Township proposes to participate in the purchase of conservation easements on 162 acres owned by the McAfee Family Limited Partnership. The properties are on the north and south side of Conestoga Road (Rt. 401), east and west of Fairview Road – UPI Nos. 24-9-11, 12, 31 and 32. 120 acres would be subject to an agricultural conservation easement held by Chester County; 42 acres would be subject to a conservation easement under the Chester County Preservation Partnership Program to be held by Natural Lands Trust. The total cost of the easement is \$973,972. Funding will be provided by The Nature Conservancy, Open Space Institute, Chester County and East Nantmeal Township. The Township proposes to contribute \$308,419 toward the purchase of the easements to be paid in 5 annual installments and \$25,450 in expenses. The open space benefits include the preservation of agricultural land and scenic views and the protection of soils, woodlands and streams. There were no public questions or comments.

At the conclusion of the hearing, on motion of Mr. Wren, seconded by Mr. Cochrane, the Board authorized the expenditure of \$333,869 from the Township Open Space Fund to be paid in five annual installments toward the purchase of conservation easements on the properties of the McAfee Family Limited Partnership as described at the hearing. All in favor.

The Township also proposes to participate in the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement on 91 acres owned by the Nestorick and Heilner families. The properties are on south side of Conestoga Road (Rt. 401), east of Fairview Road – UPI Nos. 24-9-33, 33.1, 33.2, 33.3 and 33.4. The 91 acres would be subject to an agricultural conservation easement held by Chester County and the French and Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust. The total cost of the easement is \$634,000. Funding will be provided by The Nature Conservancy, William Penn Open Space Institute, Chester County and East Nantmeal Township. The Township proposes to contribute \$319,500 toward the purchase of the easement to be paid in 4 annual installments and \$17,100 in expenses. The open space benefits include the preservation of agricultural land and

scenic views and the protection of soils, woodlands and streams. There were no public questions or comments.

At the conclusion of the hearing, on motion of Mr. Wren, seconded by Mr. Jenkins, the Board authorized the expenditure of \$333,600 from the Township Open Space Fund to be paid in four annual installments toward the purchase of conservation easement on the properties of the Nestorick and Heilner families as described at the hearing. All in favor.

**The hearing closed at 7:55 p.m.**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. by Chairman Jenkins.

Motion by Wren and seconded by Jenkins to approve the minutes of August 14, 2013 Regular meeting. All in favor.

Motion by Cochrane, seconded by Jenkins to accept the treasurer's report. All in favor.

Chuck Cutlip delivered a routine building inspector and zoning officer's report. Details can be found in the August 27, 2013 Building & Zoning report filed in the Township office.

**Committee Reports:**

Planning Commission -- Ed Bacon reported that the Planning Commission has a clear agenda and the September 12, 2013 meeting will be canceled.

Historic Commission – Kristine Gordon-Watson reported that they will have their regular meeting on September 18, 2013. She also announced that the speakers for October 16<sup>th</sup> will be Scott Wade and for November 20<sup>th</sup> speaker will be Noah Lewis.

Motion by Wren seconded by Jenkins to approve the logo for the East Nantmeal Township Historical Commission in the styles presented at the meeting and authorize the Commission to use the Township's postal address for official business. All in favor.

Ordinance Review Committee – Mr. Wren stated that the committee did not meet last month and their next meeting will be on Monday, September 23, 2013.

**Old Business**

Mr. Dzuban gave an presentation on the design for the historical marker for Bulltown.

Motion by Wren, seconded by Jenkins to approve the preliminary design of the historical marker for Bulltown as presented at the meeting, subject to final review and approval by the Board of Supervisors of the final design, colors and text. All in favor.

A motion by Jenkins and seconded by Cochrane to award International Salt our salt contract since we were not able to meet Ocean Port requirements. All in favor.

Motion by Wren and seconded by Cochrane to pay bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$111,260.13, Open Space Fund in the amount of \$612.50 and State Fund in the amount of \$81,370.30. All in favor.

Motion by Wren and seconded by Cochrane to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All in favor.

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Kathy Brumfield, Secretary/Treasurer