

**LITTLE BRITAIN TOWNSHIP  
MAY 10, 2022**

The Little Britain Township Board of Supervisors held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at the Municipal Building, 323 Green Lane, Quarryville, Pennsylvania. Prior notice of the meeting was given.

Chairman, Jerry Emling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A moment of silence and reflection was followed by the salute to the Flag.

**PRESENT:** Jerry Emling  
Clark Coates  
Richard Brenneman  
David Martin  
Pat Wood  
Christine Jackson  
Margaret DeCarolis

George Osborn  
Marcella Peyre-Ferry  
Giovanna Posey  
Dan Risk  
Tim Trostle

**MINUTES:** Motion made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Ms. Wood and carried to adopt the minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meetings as printed.

**SANITATION:** It was reported that Mr. Stoner collected \$375.00 in sanitation fees during the month of April. No well permits were issued.

**ZONING:** Zoning Officer, Christine Jackson reported issuing 13 zoning, 2 occupancy, 1 driveway and 5 demolition permits during the month of April along with the acceptance of 1 Zoning Hearing Application and 1 Conditional Use Application. Ms. Jackson also advised of the following:

- Zoning Hearing application of Ivan Zimmerman who resides at 472 Kirks Mill Rd. He is requesting a special exception of Section 201.3B and a variance of sections 440.4 and 440.5 of the zoning ordinance. He was previously approved for these exception/variances but has since sold a half-acre of his property, which voided his previously received approvals. Following a discussion of the application, a motion was made by Ms. Wood that the Board support this application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martin and carried.
- Advised of continuing problems with the name change from Sunset Dr to Armstrong Lane for the residents who reside there. She noted there was a delayed response recently on an ambulance call due to the ambulance being directed to an Armstrong Lane in Lancaster before realizing the error and correcting their route. This error occurred due to the address being programmed into google maps on a cell phone while the GPS system on the ambulance was booting up. Practice calls through the 911 call center were arranged utilizing both landlines and cell phones to confirm accurate route directions were distributed to first responders. It was also noted that the 4-digit zip code extension entered at the Nottingham Post Office were noted as the 4-digit code for Chester County in error. Ms. Jackson is working on having that corrected. Resident of Armstrong Lane are also still unable to update their license information as PennDOT is not acknowledging the new road new. Three requests

have been filed with Google to update their systems in an effort to help resolves some of these remaining issues.

- Letter received from the Brandywine Conservancy in 2018 advising of their desire to utilize 3 parcels of Agricultural zoned property bordering the Octoraro for a recreational nature preserve. At that time, they were advised in writing the proposed use of the property was not permitted within that zoning district and should they wish to pursue the matter they would need to seek approval through the Zoning Hearing Board. Upon their outreach to members of the hearing board, they were advised that was unacceptable and to discontinue such efforts and no further discussions were held on the matter. Recently a resident advised of an article in the Spring/Summer edition of the Oxfordian magazine pertaining to grant funding obtained by the Oxford Area Foundation and the Brandywine Conservancy to create a public recreation preserve on over 500 acres of land located within Chester County. The article also noted these groups had obtained \$1,200,000.00 from another funding source and is attempting to match that total so they can purchase the 159 acres of land located within Lancaster County to expand the preserve. Following a discussion on the matter, Ms. Wood motioned that the Township Solicitor send some correspondence to the involved parties advising them the Townships position on this matter remains unchanged and that the use being pursued is not allowed in the Agricultural Zoning district. Mr. Brenneman seconded the motion, which carried.
- Copy of the proposed County Comprehensive Plan was forwarded to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Ms. Jackson noted that she has not been attending meetings due to their being scheduled on Tuesday evenings during her office hours. She noted she is attempting to review the proposed document now but has several concerns, particularly how the plan list goals to be accomplished and the manner in which their success would be evaluated, but no manner of which those goals are to be accomplished. She questioned if the Board was interested in adopting the County Plan or if they still desired to draft and maintain an inter-municipal Comprehensive Plan with Fulton, Drumore and East Drumore Townships as it has in the past. Ms. Wood indicated she found the material repetitive. Mr. Coates stated he is still reviewing the proposed plan. Mr. Emling indicated he had no desire to join the County Plan and felt that doing so would lead the Township down a path that would be regrettable. Following a discussion on the matter, the Board agreed to allow the other township an opportunity to review the draft plan then approach them to confirm their thoughts on the plan and whether they wished to pursue an intermunicipal plan. The matter will be discussed at the next Southern Lancaster County Inter-Municipal Council meeting in June. Mr. Coates will attempt to attend the meeting to obtain more information on the subject.
- Violation hearing of John Beiler was held before Justice Mylin. Mr. Beiler chose not to attend but went to the District Justice's office prior to the hearing and left a written statement saying, "I do not consent to anything this court has said or done, is saying or doing or will say or do." Upon review of the materials presented, the District Justice was advised that the Township would defer to his decision on whatever fines would be assessed. He awarded the Township \$500.00 per day up to \$12,000.00.

**TAXES:** It was reported that due to medical reasons, no report for April had been received from Tax Collector, Agnes Reeder.

**ROADS:** Roadmaster, Dan Risk reported on the following April road crew activities.

- Checked roads.
- Cleaned inlet boxes.
- Checked on Park.
- Filled potholes.
- Dragged dirt roads.
- Performed routine equipment maintenance.
- Opened and reviewed material bids.
- Hauled stone.
- Cleaned side gutters.
- Mowed at the municipal building.
- Attended PSATS Convention.
- Attended and helped at the emergency management drill.
- Worked on lawn mower.
- Prepared for, worked at and cleaned up from Spring Clean-up Day.

Mr. Risk noted that skin patching would begin on Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Wood questioned if road bank mowing had begun and questioned if both mowers were operational. Mr. Risk advised that new mower is fine, however the older mower still needs repairs. He estimates the cost to rebuild the transmission at \$7,000.00 and near \$15,000.00 for all repairs to be made. He noted the equipment has approximately 10,000 hours of use. Following a discussion in which the Board agreed that the machine was worth the repair expense, they requested Mr. Risk obtain estimates for the repairs to report on at the June meeting.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Martin and carried authorizing the payment of General Fund checks 12592 through 12618 in the amount of \$21,206.04.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Resident, Giovanna Posey indicated she had completed the repairs to the stormwater features on her property and advised she would like a letter from the township confirming they will maintain responsibility for the inlet box on Kirks Mill Road. She noted her belief that the lid of the box should be removed to clean the box more thoroughly versus just removing debris from the grates on top. Following a discussion on this, Mr. Emling suggested that liners be purchased for this inlet box to ease the cleaning of the box. Ms. Posey also noted her belief that driveway improvements for the residents on Kirks Mill Road be mandated due to the amount of sediment her yard receives following each rain. She was again advised that those residents were grandfathered under previous regulations and mandating improvements/upgrades to their driveways was not a legal option for the Board. Mr. Risk will review the matter to confirm if the installation of blacktop curbing would help the water runoff matter from these properties. Questions were then presented pertaining to the engineering fees she was billed for and indicated her belief they were not her responsibility as the Township initiated the call to engineer to her property. She was advised that the Township paid the engineering fees for the initial visit. The bills she received were for the inspections that were made for her stormwater feature remediation. It was also noted during the conversation that the Township does and will continue to maintain the storm drain between her property and the Vanderhoef property.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Motion made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried adopting the minutes of the April 25<sup>th</sup> Township Planning Commission meeting as printed.

**Isaac Beiler:** Tim Trostle of Strausser Surveying presented the plan for the addition of another residence on the property. In an effort to expedite the plan and save expense for his client, he is requesting a waiver of land development. Ms. Wood motion the plan be approved as presented and the waiver of land development be granted upon receipt of DEP's approval and acceptance of the Sewage Facilities Module. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, which carried.

**Aaron Kinsinger:** Tim Trostle of Strausser Surveying presenting the plan for the doubling of a dwelling. The action was taken illegally by Mr. Kinsinger's father and he is trying to correct the matter and obtain approval for the structure through DEP. Following a review of the plan, a motion was made by Ms. Wood, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried approving the Sewage Facilities Module and waiver of land development requests.

**RELEASE OF ESCROW:** The Board reviewed the comments provided by Township Engineer, Ed Fisher on the plans below prior to taking the following actions:

**John & Enos Smoker:** Mr. Coates motioned the escrow funding being held on the Schoolhouse Road project be released. The motion was seconded by Mr. Martin and carried.

**Trent Buck:** Motion was made by Mr. Coates, seconded by Mr. Brenneman and carried authorizing the final release of feature escrow being held on the Kirks Mill Road project.

**BLACK AND LITTLE BRITAIN ROADS INTERSECTION:** The Board was advised that per the Township Engineer, Ed Fisher final approval of this project has not yet been received. Mr. Emling requested that a letter be sent to PennDOT inquiring about final approval being obtained and to advise the Board would be happy to meet with them to discuss the project further or provide any additional information that may be necessary to obtain said approval.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:01 p.m., Mr. Emling called for an executive session to discuss a legal matter. The meeting reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

**TRAININGS/SEMINARS:** Upcoming training and seminars were reviewed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:20 p.m., being no further business, motion was made by Mr. Brenneman, seconded by Mr. Coates and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. DeCarolis  
Secretary/Treasurer