



## OFFICIAL UPDATE

This is a summary of the March 20, 2019, Franklin Township Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting.

Chairman Auerbach called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. In attendance were Supervisors Dea, Morris, Snyder and Torres. Also in attendance were Solicitor Mark Thompson, Township Engineers Pete Eisenbrown and Glen Kelczewski, Manager/Treasurer Joan McVaugh, Assistant Manager Jeff Eastburn, HARB/HC Chairman, Paul Lagasse and Secretary Sharon Norris. Ellen Kohler and Shane Morgan were also present. There were 6 members of the public in the audience.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Announcements:** The Chairman announced that there would be an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss legal issues.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

**Approval of Minutes:** On motion by Supervisor Morris, 2nded by Supervisor Dea, the February 27, 2019 v2 minutes were unanimously approved.

**Disposition of Records:** On motion by Mrs. Dea, 2nded by Mrs. Morris, Resolution 2019-08, authorizing the erasure of the audiotape from the February 27, 2019, BOS meeting was adopted. The motion carried 5-0.

**Treasurer's Report:** On motion by Supervisor Snyder, 2nded by Chairman Auerbach, the February 2019 Treasurer's Report was approved 5-0. The report includes the following disbursements and transfers: The General Fund with disbursements and transfers of \$147,611.37; the Park and Recreation Fund with disbursements of \$1,775.38; the Open Space Fund with disbursements of \$6,553.17; the Capital Reserve Fund with disbursements of \$9,298.00; and the Fire Hydrant Fund with disbursements of \$580.80; leaving a balance in all funds totaling \$626,052.29.

**Zoning Officer/Building Inspector Report:** Supervisor Torres reported that during the month of February 5 permits were issued, and 26 building inspections took place. \$354.00 was collected in building fees, \$-0- in Rec, Open Space, Impact Fees and \$1,450.00 was collected in miscellaneous fees. There are 3 zoning issues: 1620 New London Road will be resubmitting a Conditional Use Application; 206 Fox Run Road has been sold; the house was demolished and the residents are very pleased. 3327 Appleton Road – the homeowner and Township went before the Court of Common Pleas on March 12<sup>th</sup> and no decision has been rendered. The solicitor opined that the Township could expect a decision in a few days. The District Court Judge continued that case until the Court of Common Pleas Judge makes a ruling. The entire report can be reviewed on the Township website ([www.franklintownship.us](http://www.franklintownship.us)).

**PC Report:** Having no business before them, the Planning Commission did not meet in March.

**HARB & Historical Commissions** – The HC/HARB did not meet in March. Chairman Lagasse reported that the New London Area Historical Society and Franklin Township Historical Commission presented a program on “Preserving Family Stories with Your Smartphone.” The speaker was Paul Lagasse himself! By the end of the program, attendees knew how to use a couple of free smartphone apps to record and share oral histories. A guide with the PowerPoint slides that will walk you through the process can be found on the Historical Commission page on the Township website or pick up a hard copy from the office.

**Library Representative** – The Township should have two representatives on the Avon Grove Library Board. Up until Mrs. Lisa Zawada stepped up to volunteer, there had been a long standing vacancy. Mrs. Zawada currently works in the Library at the Penn London Elementary School and is enthusiastic in her support of the Avon Grove Library, noting that the library is an important community resource. There is currently a silent auction fundraiser going on there through March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Board appreciates how the library continually reinvents itself & was also very appreciative of Mrs. Zawada’s volunteerism.

**Resolution 2019-09** – On motion by Mr. Snyder, 2nded by Mr. Torres, the Board adopted Resolution 2019-09, issuing a hunting license to the Franklin Sportsman’s Association for the 2019-2020 hunting season. Motion carried 5-0.

**Eagle Scout Project** – Ethan Shovlin from Troop 10 in West Grove presented his plan to build a bridge to connect the Keen Trail to the Wyndemere Open Space. This is a public trail and not just for Wyndemere residents. Board members discussed having Ethan’s volunteers build ramps on an already existing bridge on the trail. On motion by Supervisor Torres, 2nded by Mr. Snyder, the Board authorized funding this project up to \$3,500.00. Mr. Auerbach noted that this was the most ambitious Eagle Scout project any scout has undertaken in the Township and asked Ethan to confirm that his Scout Master is on board with his plan.

**MS4 Permit** – this agenda item deals with the **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer** system permit that the Township is required to submit to DEP. The permit cycles are every 5 years. The last permit application the Twp. submitted was rejected by the DEP (as were most other municipalities). An extension to the permit submission was granted to June 15, 2019. Due to advertising requirements, this only amounts to one extra month of review. After a very lengthy discussion, the engineers now have a path forward on how to revise the permit application. The revised permit application will come before the Board at the April meeting with the goal at that time of advertising it for 30 days for adoption at the June 19, 2019 meeting. The Township will be 4 days late for the DEP deadline. Ms. Ellen Kohler and Shane Morgan participated in this conversation.

**Township Clean Up** – The Township-wide cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 from 8-Noon with a raindate of Sunday, April 14 8-Noon. The Township Contractor has donated use of his pickup truck again this year. If you or your neighborhood would like to participate, contact the Township Office for supplies. This year we have bags, gloves and safety glasses!

**Planning Consultant** – The Chairman discussed the TND (Traditional Neighborhood Development) Zoning District and employing the services of a Planner to assist with the discussion. The Grafton Association came highly recommended from two London Grove Supervisors. The Board directed the Manager to contact Mr. Grafton and get a cost estimate for a fair share zoning review.

**Public Comment:**

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:26 p.m.