

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS  
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322  
MINUTES OF MEETING – NOVEMBER 21, 2006

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2006, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brod-headsville. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice-Chairman), Leigh Kane (Supervisor) and Atty. Joseph P. McDonald, Jr.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Mr. Baker.

**Executive Session.** None.

**Unit Care Agreement.** None.

**Batting Cages.** Chuck made an announcement that although the batting cages were well intended, there is no reason to spend more time or money on this issue. This matter is closed.

**Public Comment.**

**Resident Mike Vianello.** What happened with the batting cages? Chuck said it was well intended but it did not work out. The employee in charge of this is no longer with us.

**Resident Marie Sottile.** Lives on Buffalo & Bonser. Water problem next door with construction of new home by Sunrise Homes. Conservation District was out to view the site. The Township is still waiting on our Engineer's assessment of this issue.

**Resident Al Bourke.\*** Why is Heller's Gas continuing their Zoning Hearing Board Appeal? Atty. McDonald said they have every right to ask for a continuance if they are not ready to come before the Board. They have a current covenant on their land development plan that limits them to two (2) tanks. They want to modify their plan to place a third tank. They challenged the Zoning Officer's denial of this. Also, their prior conditions of their plan in 2002 still have not been satisfied.

**Resident Carmen Billizzi.** Sun Valley is getting worse. He spoke of several neighbors with unsightly problems. Chuck said later in this meeting we will be appointing enforcer's of the new Nuisance Ordinance that will help in this matter.

Resident Mike Vianello. Said our web site is better with the draft agenda posted on it. Mike spoke of a free operating system for computers, and Lake Mineola Road. Mike asked about last year's tax increase. Chuck said there has not been a tax increase in the last 11 years the 2 mil tax increase is broke down as follows:

½ mil for general fund operating expenses

1 ½ mil for debt service for the 2006 bond. (The bond is for Lake Mineola road realignment and open space.)

**Minutes.** On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2006 meeting, as distributed. (3-0) On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2006 meeting, as distributed. (2-0) (Maureen was absent)

**Correspondence.**

Letter from John Mostafa. He sent a letter of resignation from the park committee. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to accept this letter and to thank him for his time dedicated to the park. (3-0)

Chestnuthill Township Park Minutes. Are available for all to read.

Letter from Atty. Wolfe. Sent a letter summarizing the meeting held on November 20<sup>th</sup> with Atty. McDonald and Engineer McDermott. Atty. Wolfe asked the Board to hold another work session. A brief discussion ensued and it was suggested to hold a work session on December 11, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. Dave is to schedule. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to have Atty. McDonald draft a letter to DEP in support of the Senior Apartment project and if anything can be done to hasten the review time. (3-0)

Invitation. Jonas Mtn Preservation has invited the Board to celebrate Phase II on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Big Creek Vineyard.

E-Mail. From Kettle Creek for a roundtable on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. with the Townships and the School District to share their idea's.

Regional Master Site Plan. There will be a meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Ross Township. Following that meeting will be the West End Park and Open Space Commission at 7:30 p.m. A Public Meeting to present the plan will be held the end of January. To be announced.

Workers Comp Safety Committee. They have met for the past year and have been officially certified and will now receive a 5% discount on the workers compensation insurance.

DCED Grants. The Safety Committee had recommended two grants that deal with safety issues and we have been notified that they are being processed. They are AED's for \$5,000.00 and Park Security Camera's for \$8,320.00.

Recycling Center. We have received a check from DEP for \$231,000.00 for our transfer station facility.

DEP Letter. They have conducted an inspection of the Burnley site and it is compliance.

Road Master. Road department items for sale several bids were received. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the recommend bid prices per the sheet. (3-0) (Sheet is attached)

Township Manager. Dave would like authorization to bid aluminum cans. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve this request. (3-0)

Park Committee. Has recommended Ally Kilheffer fill a vacancy on the park committee. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to approve this recommendation. Ally will fill Mr. Fisher unexpired term. (3-0)

### **Old Business.**

Enforcement of the Nuisance Ordinance. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to recommend the Zoning Officers, Solicitor Clark Connor, Engineer HRG, and Lehigh Valley Inspection Service. (3-0) (The Zoning Officers will process the complaints and will be able to call any of the above for their expertise as per the situation.) (3-0)

### **New Business.**

Sewage Appeal. A date has to be chosen for an appeal to the Board of Supervisors on the Sewage Officer's denial of a permit. After a brief discussion, on motion made by Maureen, seconded by Leigh it was voted to hold a hearing on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building. (3-0)

2006 Audit. Cathy asked the Board to authorize Atty. McDonald to draft a public notice to receive bids for the Township's intent to hire a CPA to audit the 2006 books. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was authorized for Atty. McDonald to precede. (3-0)

2007 Budget. The 2007 budget has been prepared and the management team would like authorization from the Board to put it out for public inspection. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to put the budget out for public inspection. The adoption of the budget will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> at the regularly scheduled meeting. (3-0)

**Bills.** On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to pay the bills. (3-0)

**Plans.**

Wentz, Jessica. (Preliminary Land Development)Keystone Engineering. It was asked via phone to table this plan tonight. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this plan tonight and to have it placed on the December 5<sup>th</sup> agenda. (3-0)

**(open ended waiver)**

Kal-Tac Inc. (Land Development Plan/Reverse Subdivision Plan) Effort Associates. In for final approval. It was asked via phone to table this plan tonight. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this plan tonight and to have it placed on the December 5<sup>th</sup> agenda. (3-0) **(open ended waiver)**

Atty. Joe Hanyon-Rte 209 proposed right-of-way extension. It was asked via phone that this issue be tabled tonight. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this until the December 5<sup>th</sup> agenda. (3-0)

Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins (Land Development) Kenderian-Zilinski. In for final approval. It was asked via phone to table this plan tonight. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this plan tonight and to have it placed on the December 5<sup>th</sup> agenda. (3-0) **(open ended waiver)**

Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins (Minor Subdivision) Kenderian-Zilinski. In for final approval. It was asked via phone to table this plan tonight. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this plan tonight and to have it placed on the December 5<sup>th</sup> agenda. (3-0) **(open ended waiver)**

Weis Markets. (Prelim/Final Plan)First Capitol Engineering. In for final approval. It was asked via phone to table this plan tonight. On motion made by Leigh, seconded by Maureen it was voted to table this plan tonight and have it placed on the December 5<sup>th</sup> agenda. (3-0)**(waiver received until 12/7/06)**

**Adjournment.** There being no further business, on motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. into executive session on a real estate issue. No further business will be conducted. (3-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy A. Baker  
Recording Secretary

\*Note: added "to ask for a continuance" per correction made at BOS meeting held on December 5, 2006.