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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA

March 26, 2008

Call to Order 7:30 p.m.

1. Public Comment (Maximum 30 minutes)
2. Board's Announcements:
 - Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. there will be an **"Informational Open Space Bond Referendum Meeting"**, hosted by the Buckingham Township Agricultural Preservation Committee, in the Buckingham Room of the township building.
 - **"Family Fun Friday"** sponsored by the Buckingham Township Park and Recreation Commission continues with the following upcoming event: **John Cassidy Magic and Balloon Show**, Friday, April 4th, 7 p.m., Buckingham Friends School – tickets are required – they are free and available at the township building.
 - **"Keep Buckingham Beautiful"** – April 26 & 27, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. bring your household trash to the Township Maintenance Building located at 4991 Upper Mountain Road.
 - Bucks County's **Household Hazardous Waste and Old Computer Collection** will be July 19, 2008 at the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology located at 2740 Old York Road.
 - Volunteers are needed year-round to sell tickets at various events for the 1957 White Thunderbird being raffled during the Annual Concours D'Elegance. Contact Al Pincus or Ralph Tompkins for information.
3. Consideration of approving the Payroll for the week ending March 16, 2008 and the Bill List for the meeting of March 26, 2008.
4. Consideration of approving Supervisor's Minutes of the January 7, 2008 Reorganization Meeting and the February 27, 2008 Regular Business Meeting.
5.
 - a. Consideration of accepting the Dedication Agreement between The Cutler Group, Inc. and Buckingham Township for **"The Reserve at Holicong, Phase I-A and Phase II"**, and accepting the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$482,472.44.
 - b. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2043** Accepting the Wastewater Utilities and Associated Improvements in the Subdivision of Lands Known as **"The Reserve at Holicong Phase I, Accepting the Holicong Road Gravity Line"**, Accepting the Improvements to Pump Station No. 4, and Accepting Improvements to the Buckingham Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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c. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2044** Affirming the Acceptance of Roadways and Stormwater Management, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Access and Open Space Easements in the Subdivision of Lands Known as The Reserve at Holicong Phase I-A.

d. Consideration of approving **Resolution No. 2045** Affirming the Acceptance of Roadways and Stormwater Management, Sanitary Sewer and Open Space Easements in the Subdivision of Lands Known as The Reserve at Holicong – Phase II.

6. Consideration of approving Revised Final Major Subdivision Plan (plan dated “rev. 1/29/08”) of the “**Estates at Forest Grove (Smith Pfeiffer) aka Mill Creek**”, Township File SA 2001-05B, submitted by Gilmore & Associates, Inc. on behalf of Toll Brothers, Inc., T.P. 6-23-1, 6-23-4, 6-23-13, 6-23-13-5, 6-23-14 & 6-23-17, Dark Hollow Road / Smith Road / Forest Grove Road, 183.1 Acres, 71 Lots, in the AG-1 Zoning District. Extended 90-day Review Period Expiration date May 31, 2008. (Note: Wastewater Planning Modules were approved by PA DEP 12/22/05.)

7. ~~Removed from agenda per applicant's request. Consideration of approving Preliminary Major Subdivision submitted by Hibbeln Engineering Company on behalf of Henry Lindenmeyr, IV, “Lindenmeyr Tract”, Township File SA 2006-05, T.P. 6-14-63, Ash Mill Road, 29.25 acres, 5 lots, in the AG-2 Zoning District. Extended Ninety (90) day review period expires June 30, 2008.~~

AND

Consideration of approving Act 537 Plan Revision for the “**Lindenmeyr Tract**”, Township File SA 2006-05.

8. Consideration of accepting the Agreement to Extend the Residential Development Contract and Water and Sanitary Sewer Development Agreement to April 25, 2009 from David B. Anderson of Toll PA L.P., for the “**Buckingham Forest, Phase I**” Subdivision, Township File SA 97-01.

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11. Consideration of awarding the Bid for “**Buckingham Pump Station Upgrades – Grinder Systems, Contract BT-08-01**” to GS Developers of Doylestown, PA in the amount of \$137,500.00.

12. ESCROW RELEASE:

“Buckingham Friends School”, Township File LD 2000-07	ER # 3, Site	\$7,497.10 recommended for release
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13. Additional Business / Manager's Items:

- Consideration of request submitted by Kathy Pinchick, on behalf of Circle of Friends Nursery School, to waive the George M. Bush Park pavilion usage fee set forth in Resolution 2002 for an event to be held May 22nd and 23rd, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day.
- Wycombe Train Station

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held March 26, 2008 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

Present:	Maggie Rash	Chairperson
	Jon Forest	Vice-Chairman
	Henry Rowan	Member
	Craig A. Smith, Esquire	Township Solicitor
	Dana S. Cozza	Acting Township Manager
	Daniel Gray	Township Engineer
	Lynn Bush	Bucks County Planning Commission
	Thomas Kelso	Township Water/Wastewater Consultant

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Mrs. Rash called the regular meeting to order at 7:40pm and led The Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Cunningham requested the Board inform the public exactly how much money each taxpayer will be spending each year for the Open Space Bond, should it get approved in the November election, and for how many years they will have that expense. Mrs. Rash replied this information will be available in the township newsletter going out soon, and during the April 2nd, Education Meeting for the Open Space Bond Referendum, and also said the maximum cost would be \$182.00 per year, for a 20 year time period. Mr. Cunningham recommended the township send postcards to the residents explaining the rules of how this money will be spent. He argued that the Tessmer Tract and Natural Lands Trust acquisitions were illegal easement purchases. Mr. Smith explained the Natural Lands Trust property did have restrictions on a small part of the tract set forth by the Zoning Hearing Board to prevent the land from further subdivision, but not from specific uses such as a shopping center, condominium use, etc. Mr. Smith said the conservation easement restricts the land from such uses, while preserving woodland and agricultural fields. Mr. Cunningham said he will not knock on doors, but he will support the referendum, but he wants the public to be properly educated.

Mr. George Michel said he saw a draft of the presentation to be given April 2nd, and felt it was very informative.

Mr. Cunningham questioned who pays the taxes for the preserved properties. Jill Pistory, Finance Director, replied only properties owned and used by Buckingham Township are tax exempt. Mrs. Rash said the property owner pays the tax.

Mr. Sam Brangan, New Hope Road, Pineville, said he has preserved his land free of charge to the township.

BOARD'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Rash announced the following items:

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PAYROLL AND BILL LIST

Consideration of approving Payroll for the week ending March 16, 2008 and the Bill List for the meeting of March 26, 2008.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to approve payroll for the week ending March 16, 2008 and the Bill List for the meeting of March 26, 2008 in the amount of \$427,673.91. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Consideration of approving Supervisor's Minutes of the January 7, 2008 Reorganization Meeting and the February 27, 2008 Regular Business Meeting.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to approve the Supervisor's Minutes of the January 7, 2008 Reorganization Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to approve the Supervisor's Minutes of the February 27, 2008 Regular Business Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

BUSINESS

1.
 - a. Consideration of accepting the Dedication Agreement between The Cutler Group, Inc. and Buckingham Township for “The Reserve at Holicong, Phase I-A and Phase II”, and accepting the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$482,472.44.
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Reserve at Holicong Phase I, Accepting the Holicong Road Gravity Line”, Accepting the Improvements to Pump Station No. 4, and Accepting Improvements to the Buckingham Wastewater Treatment Plant.

c. Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2044 Affirming the Acceptance of Roadways and Stormwater Management, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Access and Open Space Easements in the Subdivision of Lands Known as The Reserve at Holicong Phase I-A.

d. Consideration of approving Resolution No. 2045 Affirming the Acceptance of Roadways and Stormwater Management, Sanitary Sewer and Open Space Easements in the Subdivision of Lands Known as The Reserve at Holicong – Phase II.

Mr. Smith explained the dedication agreement specifies items that must be completed set forth in the township consultant’s review letters, and that the Reserve homeowners, as well as neighbors within a 1000’ radius from the development, have a right to enforce the agreement. He said that bills due the Township, in the general amount of \$85,000, have been paid. He explained with respect to the water and sewer system, it is only the internal onsite sewer facilities for which a maintenance bond will be posted., There is no security being posted for the line down Holicong Road, improvements to the Buckingham Township wastewater treatment and/or pump station as Mr. Tom Kelso explained these wastewater systems have been operational for eight years now, and the township is comfortable with them. Mr. Smith reminded the Board that the remainder of the public improvements in the development have a maintenance bond being posted to to secure the structural integrity of the improvements as well as the functioning of the improvements in accordance with the design and specifications as depicted on the final plat for a period of 18 months.

Mr. Rowan asked who would be responsible in the unlikely event that a problem was to develop on the wastewater end of things. Mr. Kelso replied, the township. Mr. Smith confirmed this. Mr. Kelso explained the same procedure was done in the Cold Spring area with Barness, and the same with Orleans. He said as the major off-site improvements age and the township maintains them; they become isolated from the development.

Mr. Carl Weiner, representation for The Reserve at Holicong Resident’s Association, thanked the Board and Mr. Smith for including provisions for the resident’s to be third party beneficiaries. He reported they have reached resolution with the developer regarding the root ball excavations, where in the open space a number of holes were left that retained water and created a walking hazard. He said Mr. McBride agreed to meet onsite and identify those holes and also what can be done to rectify the standing water on the walking trail. Mr. Weiner said the issues have now been covered.

Mrs. Rash asked about the Preston property being affected by stormwater runoff. Mr. Kelso said his office had inspected the area, and felt where the Texas Eastern pipeline installation was performed, and the area was backfilled with concrete, that this may have stopped the bank seepage reported at the Preston property. Mr. Dan Gray said his office had found an area along Holicong Road that appeared to be bypassing the storm sewer, and that would be corrected.

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Mrs. Rash made a motion to: a) accept the Dedication Agreement between The Cutler Group, Inc. and Buckingham Township for "The Reserve at Holicong, Phase I-A and Phase II", and accept the Maintenance Bond in the amount of \$482,472.44, b) Approve Resolution No. 2043 Accepting the Wastewater Utilities and Associated Improvements in the Subdivision of Lands Known as "The Reserve at Holicong Phase I, Accepting the Holicong Road Gravity Line", Accepting the Improvements to Pump Station No. 4, and Accepting Improvements to the Buckingham Wastewater Treatment Plant, c) Approve Resolution No. 2044 Affirming the Acceptance of Roadways and Stormwater Management, Water, Sanitary Sewer, Access and Open Space Easements in the Subdivision of Lands Known as The Reserve at Holicong Phase I-A, and d) Approve Resolution No. 2045 Affirming the Acceptance of Roadways and Stormwater Management, Sanitary Sewer and Open Space Easements in the Subdivision of Lands Known as The Reserve at Holicong – Phase II.

Mr. Forest seconded the motion.

Mrs. Rash opened the item to the floor for discussion. Mr. John Cunningham asked how the township was accepting a bond with forty-four (44) cents at the end, and why accept dedication when there was still something to be observed? Mr. Smith said the township was accepting dedication due to the agreement between the developer, township and neighbors. He said the developer contractually obligated himself to address the consultant's concerns. Mr. Cunningham asked if the improvements go over the bond amount, is the developer still responsible? Mr. Smith replied, "yes".

Mrs. Rash called the vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Consideration of approving Revised Final Major Subdivision Plan (plan dated "rev. 1/29/08") of the "Estates at Forest Grove (Smith Pfeiffer) aka Mill Creek", Township File SA 2001-05B, submitted by Gilmore & Associates, Inc. on behalf of Toll Brothers, Inc., T.P. 6-23-1, 6-23-4, 6-23-13, 6-23-13-5, 6-23-14 & 6-23-17, Dark Hollow Road / Smith Road / Forest Grove Road, 183.1 Acres, 71 Lots, in the AG-1 Zoning District. Extended 90-day Review Period Expiration date May 31, 2008.**

Representing the applicant were Mr. Steve Harris, Attorney, Mr. Tom Imperato – Toll Brothers, and Mr. James Matticola – Gilmore and Associates, Inc.

The following issues were discussed:

Mr. Harris reported the applicant is agreeable to moving the stormsewer across Smith Road in front of lots 26-29.

Mr. Harris reported there are approximately 1000 square feet of wetlands located on the border between lots 28 and 29. There is sufficient room to run the stormsewer, force main, water main and trail around it. Mr. Harris said the Board had requested shared driveways to minimize curb cuts onto Smith Road, so there are two possible solutions: 1) mitigate the wetlands by moving them and leave proposed driveways where they are shown, or 2) leave the wetlands where they are and reconfigure the driveway to be two separate drives. Mr. Forest, Mrs. Rash, and Mr. Rowan agreed the wetlands should be left where they are. Mr. Harris was agreeable.

Toll Brothers was requested to see if utility structures on the utility lots to be dedicated to the Township could be rearranged so that fee simple lots could be created with appropriate yard requirements. They have been able to do so. Mr. Matticola explained they propose to enlarge Lot 72 and push out two of the proposed lot lines, move the proposed pumping station to the south, along county property, and reconfigure the proposed paved road along the pumping station to meet the 40' setback requirements to each lot line, setbacks to water line and building. Mr. Harris said that allows Toll Brothers to convey lots in fee simple for those utilities to the township, which lots shall meet zoning requirements.

Mr. Harris understands Toll Brothers shall provide a 50' landscape buffer around the perimeter of the Hockley Lot, and needed to realign the Hillcrest and Smith Road intersection to create space for that buffer. Also regarding overflow from the outlet basin which will feed water into the existing pond on the existing farm, the pipe will be kept in the roadbed and then will discharge into the pond through an easement. The 50' landscape buffer will be free of any utility easements or other encroachments. Mr. Gray confirmed that all easements have been moved from the front of Mr. Hockley's property to the opposite side of the street; Mr. Harris confirmed this to be true.

Mr. Harris reported the issue of the additional line of trees along common area "M" for which the drip line had extended over what was shown as the rear conservation area, has been addressed. Mr. Matticola said the houses on lots 30 and 31, with proposed conservation easements, have been placed in the lower parts of the lots. Regarding the location of spray fields and spray heads, wherein the lot line must be a minimum of 100' feet away, the three heads affected will be moved to another location on the other side of the spray field. Mr. Kelso had not seen that in detail yet, and will need to review the plans upon submission.

Mr. Matticola said lot 73, the second utility lot at Hillcrest Drive and Forest Grove Road, has been made wider to comply with setback requirements for the pump station utility.

Review of Landscape Review Committee letter dated February 20, 2008

Mr. Harris said they received an additional letter from the Landscape Review Committee dated February 20, 2008 with an additional three items:

- To provide a split-rail fence on all lots to delineate the buffer area where buffer plantings appear on the lot or provide weatherproof signs along boundaries. Mr. Harris said they will comply with the signage request.
- To specify noted maintenance information on the Record Plan in the Maintenance Chart. Mr. Harris said, "Will comply".
- To add notes to the plan regarding split-rail fencing installation. Mr. Harris said, "Will comply".

Regarding the Technical Concerns:

- Item 1. The two 36" maple trees in front of the existing house shall be shown for removal. Mr. Harris said Toll Brothers does not want to cut them down. They feel the person buying the house should be responsible for the trees. Ms. Manicone agreed to meet Micah Lewis, of Toll Brothers, at the site and make a determination. She is concerned about when the PECO poles are relocated further into the property; it will affect what is left of the crown of those trees, which are

already in decay. She explained the township is not talking replacement inch for inch of the caliper. Mr. Harris requested to leave this issue open, as it is a concern that the trees are 72" caliper, and must be replaced someplace else. Mrs. Rash asked if the utility poles must be placed in that area? Mr. Gray said relocations are dependent on whether a cul-de-sac or regular intersection is installed – there may not be a need for pole relocation if a cul-de-sac is chosen.

- Items 2 – 5 are “will comply”.
- Item 6 (split rail fence vs. signage) was discussed with Micah Lewis, and Ms. Manicone agreed signage was acceptable.
- Item 7 & 8 are “will comply”.
- Item 9 – fencing – Toll would like to install 2-rail preferably on the entire site, however the preliminary plan required a 3-rail fence next to the Legerd House on Smith Road, the Douglas House on Forest Grove Road, and a 2-rail all along the police FOP facility. Mr. Harris proposed to honor the 3-rail requirement next to the two homes, and use 2-rail everywhere else. Mrs. Muriel Gordon asked if he had mentioned the Gordon property? Mr. Harris said, “Yes, 3-rail along the Gordon property.”

Mr. Forest confirmed that everything on Ms. Manicone’s review list is “will comply”, except the 2 large maple trees. Mr. Harris said “yes, with modifications on #6, agreeing to signs”.

Mr. Harris said Toll Brothers had prepared a sketch plan of the cul-de-sac. Mr. Harris offered to phase the development, with Phase 2 containing the cul-de-sac, if the Board would like. Mrs. Rash asked about the impact of trips using the cul-de-sac versus another road, and Mr. Smith stated there would not be much of a traffic impact. Mr. Gray said he had studied the traffic study, and concluded the Forest Grove and Smith Road intersection will be a traffic problem in the future regardless of this choice. Mr. Forest spoke in favor of the cul-de-sac. Mrs. Andrea Mehling said the neighbors would prefer the cul-de-sac for safety issues. Mr. Harris said he was just confirming the Board’s direction towards the cul-de-sac.

Mr. Harris discussed the March 21, 2008 Knight Engineering, Inc. review of the Highway Occupancy Permit Application, with respect to core boring. Toll is going to do penetration testing. Mr. Gray asked if that would also be done on Smith Road, to be sure that the road can handle new traffic. Mr. Gray said this must be determined in order to prepare “fee in lieu” if needed. Mr. Matticola said either synamic cone penetration or core boring test will be done. Mr. Gray said either test is sufficient. Mr. Matticola said the same testing type would be performed on both roadways.

Mr. Hockley wanted to confirm there would be no site distance problem with his existing driveway, from Hillcrest Drive. Mr. Gray said Toll Brothers improvements will not impact Mr. Hockley’s site distance. Mr. Hockley wanted to be sure his embankment would not interfere with the site from Hillcrest Drive. Mr. Gray said he would look at it again, and asked Mr. Matticola to mark the driveway so this could be analyzed. Mr. Gray and Mr. Matticola will meet with Mr. Hockley at the site.

Mr. Harris confirmed that the Highway Occupancy Permit Application was submitted yesterday, Mr. Gray replied “yes”.

Mr. Harris discussed the level of road improvements now proposed, due to the cul-de-sac versus road entry. He wanted to be clear what the Board is requesting on the drawings.. Mr. Harris said the configuration of the roads on the plan today, with the exception of the cul-de-sac, is what the township is requesting? Mrs. Rash said “yes”. Mr. Rowan said, “no, I don’t believe you have a valid preliminary plan so I don’t believe you should be talking about this at all”. Mr. Harris clarified Mr. Rowan was not suggesting other road improvements, just that we shouldn’t be discussing this? Mr. Rowan replied “correct”. Mr. Harris said then the only issue was the “fee in lieu of” discussion.

8:55 p.m. The Board retired to Executive Session to discuss legal issues related to the Smith Pfeiffer development.

9:10 p.m. The meeting resumed.

Mr. Smith asked the Board if they wished to address the extension granted by the applicant on March 10, 2008, to extend the review period to May 31, 2008.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest, to accept the Grant of an Extension to the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code to May 31, 2008 as submitted by Stephen B. Harris on behalf of Toll Brothers, Inc., for the “Estates at Forest Grove (Smith Pfeiffer) aka Mill Creek Ridge”, Township File SA 2001-05B.

Mr. Rowan stated that he objected to this. Mr. Rowan explained it was his belief that the Developer does not have a valid preliminary plan, and without a valid preliminary plan the township cannot consider a final plan. Mr. Rowan stated his objection to this was that the preliminary plan was approved with very specific conditions that were based on receiving engineering information, and it has come to light there were very significant errors in the engineering information received, therefore he believes that this voided the preliminary plan. Mr. Rowan stated he did not think we should be considering this extension because we do not have a valid preliminary plan.

Mrs. Gordon asked what happened to the March 15th plan review deadline? Mr. Smith said that is what the Board was now discussing. Mr. Harris explained that the Municipal Planning Code (MPC) requires that the applicant grant an extension, which is what they did in their letter of March 10, 2008. Mr. Harris said this Board typically acts on the extension, but the MPC does not require this. Mr. Rowan said the information Mrs. Gordon was asking about was relevant to the court order. Mr. Harris said that Toll Brothers felt due to positive discussions and working toward solutions with the township, they have cancelled the court hearing and have not asked that it be rescheduled. Toll Brothers would like to resolve the issues without the need to return to court.

Mrs. Rash called the vote: Mrs. Rash voted “aye”, Mr. Forest voted “aye”, Mr. Rowan voted “nay”. The motion carried with the grant of an Extension to the allowable review time under the provisions of the PA Municipalities Planning Code accepted to May 31, 2008.

3. **Consideration of accepting the Agreement to Extend the Residential Development Contract and Water and Sanitary Sewer Development Agreement to April 25, 2009 from David B. Anderson of Toll PA L.P., for the “Buckingham Forest, Phase I” Subdivision, Township File SA 97-01.**

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4. **Consideration of accepting the Roadmaster’s recommendations for the purchase of Stone and Asphalt through the Bucks County Consortium.**

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to accept the Roadmaster’s recommendations for the purchase of Stone and Asphalt through the Bucks County Consortium. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **Consideration of awarding the 2008 Street Sweeping Contract to RMC Clean Sweep of Furlong, PA for the hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour with a three-hour minimum per call-in.**

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to award the 2008 Street Sweeping Contract to RMC Clean Sweep of Furlong, PA for the hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour with a three-hour minimum per call-in. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Joel Nace questioned when the street sweepers will be called. Mrs. Cozza said they do a street rotation, which begins in April. Mr. Nace requested a list of the streets; Mrs. Cozza replied she will get him that list. Mr. Nace requested advance notice so that residents would know to move their cars from the street. Mrs. Cozza said she will look into the schedule.

6. **Consideration of awarding the Bid for “Buckingham Pump Station Upgrades – Grinder Systems, Contract BT-08-01” to GS Developers of Doylestown, PA in the amount of \$137,500.00.**

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to award the Bid for “Buckingham Pump Station Upgrades – Grinder Systems, Contract BT-08-01” to GS Developers of Doylestown, PA in the amount of \$137,500.00. The motion carried unanimously.

7. **ESCROW RELEASE:**

“Buckingham Friends School”, Township File LD 2000-07	ER # 3, Site	\$7,497.10 recommended for release
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Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to approve Escrow Release #3, Site, for "Buckingham Friends School", Township File LD 2000-07, in the amount of \$7,497.10. The motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS / MANAGER'S ITEMS

Consideration of request submitted by Kathy Pinchick, on behalf of Circle of Friends Nursery School, to waive the George M. Bush Park pavilion usage fee set forth in Resolution 2002 for an event to be held May 22nd and 23rd, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to approve the request submitted by Kathy Pinchick, on behalf of Circle of Friends Nursery School, to waive the George M. Bush Park pavilion usage fee set forth in Resolution 2002 for an event to be held May 22nd and 23rd, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day. The motion carried unanimously.

Wycombe Train Station Bid

Mrs. Cozza summarized that restoration of the train station went out to bid and the low bidder was at \$496,159.45, but this does not cover the whole construction cost. The township needs to pay an additional \$29,159.45. Mrs. Cozza is requesting authorization to send a letter to PennDOT indicating that the township will pay the difference of \$29,159.45 between the grant and the ultimate construction cost. Mrs. Rash felt the cost of this project was absurd. Mrs. Cozza explained that the township is seven years into this project, and if the township decided not to continue, they would need to return \$150,000 in grant money, and have an uncompleted project. Mrs. Bush asked if the township had explored the idea of getting more Transportation Enhancement money? Mrs. Cozza said the township has received two separate grants, and did not think we would get any more. Mrs. Bush said the Quakertown train station renovation ran into these same problems.

Mr. George Michel implored the township to follow through on the renovation of the train station. He said Wycombe is a classic example of Buckingham Township and Bucks County character, that the train station is a central focal point in lower Buckingham, and represents the future and history of Buckingham.

Mr. Skip Salvesen asked about the possible uses of the restored train station. He asked if a bathroom could be installed, because it would be required if the facility was to be used as a food/coffee service. Mrs. Cozza replied the useable space in the train station is very small, that it is two levels inside, and it would be very difficult to get ADA compliance.

Mr. John Cunningham said the project was a nightmare.

Mrs. Rash explained the township is doing this to restore the building, and that nobody could have anticipated the time or cost of the project.

Mr. Skip Salvesen said he objected, that the township should not be in the real estate business. Mrs. Rash disagreed. She said the preservation of township history may not be a practical purpose, but it is purposeful.

Mrs. Gordon did not feel it needs to have a practical purpose, and agrees it is purposeful. She said the train station is listed on the Bucks County tourism bureau tour, and that people paint pictures of it and photograph it. She said the residents of the village of Wycombe have raised money for the landscaping end of the project.

Mrs. Bush asked Mrs. Cozza if she had approached Wrightstown Township to see if they were willing to contribute? Mrs. Cozza said they had not been willing.

Mr. Forest pointed out that "The Peril's of Pauline" movie was filmed there. Mr. George Michel said several films have been made in that area.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rowan, to authorize Dana Cozza send a letter to PennDOT indicating that the township will pay the difference of \$29,159.45 between the grant and the construction cost. Mr. Forest abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

45 mph Speed Limit on Route 263

Mr. Rowan asked Mrs. Cozza if she had obtained the traffic study used by Warwick Township to set the 45mph speed limit on Route 263. Mrs. Cozza said Warwick Township is unable to locate the traffic study, and has contacted PennDOT to request a copy. Mrs. Cozza said Warwick Township indicated the traffic study was six years old, but the signs were not installed until recently. Mr. Rowan asked Mrs. Cozza to call Lester Tossi at PennDOT and ask how they could agree to reduce the speed limit on a four-lane road to 45mph, and not agree to reduce the speed limit on Cold Spring Creamery Road. Mrs. Cozza will do so.

Cold Spring Creamery Road / Burnt House Hill Road Roundabout

Mr. Rowan requested an update on the roundabout construction timing. Mrs. Cozza said the township should have PennDOT approval in June or July, that this approval was delayed due to the timing involved in the Bog Turtle Study, and that construction should begin in the fall.

Poole's Corner Status

Mr. Rowan asked about the status of the Poole's Corner upgrades, if anything had been heard from PennDOT's Ms. Lawson. Mrs. Cozza said she would look in the matter. Mr. Kelso reported at a meeting in Doylestown Township they were told the project was "on hold". Mrs. Bush said that DVRPC (Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission) has little money for any projects and are constantly removing them from their list. She said the Route 202 Parkway is the only project continuing at this time, that the focus of PennDOT is on fixing bridges. Mr. Rowan stated although the parkway will produce less traffic than an expressway would have, Poole's Corner will still collapse from the additional traffic. He said if the intersection is not improved prior to the parkway being constructed, you will not be able to make the trip. Mrs. Bush said Poole's Corner was always an ancillary improvement along with the parkway. Mr. Rowan asked Mrs. Cozza to investigate the issue. Mrs. Cozza agreed to do so.

Mrs. Rash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Forest to adjourn the meeting at 9:50pm. The motion carried unanimously.

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 9th day of April, 2008.

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