

WORK SESSION:

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) of East Bradford Township (Township), Chester, County, PA held a Pre-Regular Meeting Work Session on January 13, 2015 in the in the McCardle Meeting Room in the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester and County of Chester, PA 19380-1822.

Public Notice of the 2014 East Bradford Township public meeting schedule was published in the Daily Local News 12-29-14.

Supervisors present:

- Vincent M. Pompo, Esq., Chair
- Dr. Thomas A. Egan, Vice-Chair
- John D. Snook, Supervisor

Supervisors not present: All present.

Staff / Professionals in attendance:

- Township Manager Michael P. Lynch
- Assistant Manager Amanda M. Cantlin
- Township Codes Enforcement Officer Brenden L. Beaumont

Not in attendance:

- Township Engineer Mark J. Lucas
- Public Works Director John P. Carroll
- Administrative Assistant Tenley F. Adams
- Administrative Assistant Nancy F. Holland
- Township Solicitor – Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees – Ross A. Unruh, Esq.

Also in attendance (ABC's):

None in attendance.

Others / Citizens / Residents in Attendance (*and those noted below in the body of the Minutes*):

None in attendance.

The work session commenced at approximately 06:15 P.M.

The purpose of this regularly scheduled public work session was to discuss ongoing Township business.

EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TUESDAY, January 13, 2015, 06:00 P.M.

(Pre-regular Mtg) Work Session Agenda

- i. 01-13-15 Regular Mtg Agenda:
 - Public Hearing – PSATS Trusts Intergovernmental Agreements (Pension, Health, UC Comp)
 - Presentations – None scheduled
 - Treasurer – December 2014
 - Subdivision / Zoning – None scheduled
 - Escrow – None this period
 - Other Business – Bills to Pay – January 2015

Executive Session – BOS discretion (legal, real estate, personnel)

The Board of Supervisors did not convene an Executive Session during this Pre-Regular Meeting.

Public Comment –

None received / offered at this time.

Discussion Items –

A. Parks & Recreation

Supervisor Snook reported a recent conversation with Gary Bevilacqua (WCASB) regarding the potential for active recreational development in the Township, specifically at the Skelp Level Township open space property. West Chester United Soccer Club and also West Side Little League may be interested to explore a cooperative and financial arrangement with the Township for park development if an agreement could be executed with the Township to provide access and permit active recreational improvements to the land. The Skelp Level Township open space originally was purchased by the Township (in the 1990's) for park development and has remained vacant due to

lack of funding for active recreational improvements.

B. Police Services

Chair Pompo requested for the BOS, Twp Mgr Lynch to commence an exploratory review of regional police service with initial contact to the Governor's Center for Local Government Services in Harrisburg referencing a recently prepared report – Chester County Regional Police Study - for a group of municipalities in southern Chester County.

C. Compensation Policy

Asst Mgr Cantlin distributed a revised draft incorporating BOS comment from the 01-08-15 meeting. Vice Chair Egan indicated that the Township should use the U.S. Cities Average CPI data (rather than the Phila. Region). Twp Mgr Lynch will prepare a 5 year comparison of CPI data for consideration.

D. Alarm Administration / Ordinance

Twp Staff continued discussion / review with the BOS. Asst Mgr Cantlin indicated the primary objective for the amendments to Ch. 42 – Alarms, is updating obsolete language and proactive administration of the data base of properties with alarms.

Upon discussion by the BOS of the value of the service to property owners, administrative coordination by the WCPD for the Township, responsibilities of the alarm / security companies (vs the property owner) and related police response, the BOS agreed that Ch. 42 should be updated with current language and procedure with no fees charged to property owners for registration of new alarms or annual renewal but to continue the fee schedule of false alarm fines.

E. Regulation of Surface Land Uses Affiliated w/ Transmission Pipelines

Twp Mgr Lynch reported the Public Hearing for the ordinance is delayed until 02-10-15 due to an advertising miscue by Twp Staff.

F. S. Creek Road sycamore tree

Twp Staff, upon inquiry / request of the BOS on 01-08-15, updated the BOS on its investigation on the sudden and unknown removal of a historic (William Penn Tree as defined by Township Code w/ trunk of 5' diameter or greater) sycamore tree located in the PADOT right of way on S. Creek Road at the entrance to the United Soccer Club fields on the DeLacy property. The tree was the focus of controversy and a preservation effort by the Township, County Commissioners, and PADOT more than 10 years ago.

Upon contact with the property owner (Kevin DeLacy), Twp Staff was informed that Mr. DeLacy was notified by a West Chester United Soccer Club Board Member (12-22-14 via email) after the tree was removed by the WCUSC based upon its assessment that the tree was a liability due to its deteriorated condition.

The Township was not notified in advance of this action which is contrary to Township ordinances. Twp Staff notified Mr. De Lacy that the unauthorized removal of a William Penn tree, under Township Code, is subject to requirements for compensatory replacement planting (i.e., six (6) trees of the same species with a minimum caliper of 4 inches).

Other Items:

None discussed.

The Pre-regular meeting work session ended at approximately 07:05 P.M.

Michael P. Lynch,
Township Secretary

Next Pre-Reg Mtg WS: February 10, 2015

Next Ordinance: 01-2015

Next Resolution: #06-2015 (various Organization Mtg; Sewer S-01-15; Open Space OS-01-2015)