

Upper Milford Township
Board of Supervisors
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
June 20th, 2019 at 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors: Robert Sentner, Joyce Moore, Daniel Mohr; Township Manager, Edward Carter; Solicitor Marc Fisher; Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller; Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This meeting is being recorded principally to aid in the preparation of Minutes and for such other purposes as the Board sees fit. For that reason, will each person wanting to give any comments during this meeting, please state your name for the record and address the Board of Supervisors.

The July 4th Board of Supervisors meetings has been canceled. The next Board of Supervisors Meetings will be Thursday July 18th starting at 7pm.

The Joint EAC will be hosting a Rain Barrel Workshop June 24th at 7pm at the Emmaus Community Park. Information is posted on their Facebook Page.

At the June 17th Recreation Committee meeting the Township, along with UMYA, Representative Justin Simmons, Senator Patrick Browne and Congress women Susan Wilde's offices, honored Roselyn and Robert Parry with the dedication of the Lenape Park Pavilion in their name and bestowing of proclamations. The Township would like to thank the Parry's for their 53 years and counting of volunteerism within our community.

The Board of Supervisors held an executive session immediately prior to this meeting to discuss a legal matter.

PUBLIC INPUT:

1.) Eagle Scout Project Proposal – Coy Naugle

Coy Naugle from Troop #31 presented his Eagle Scout Project of a chimney swift tower for the Fulmer Preserve. He proposes to build a 16" x 24" by 16' tall insulated tower to host vulnerable chimney swifts close to Quarry Drive within the Fulmer Preserve. Coy has spent a lot of time at the Fulmer Preserve bird watching and would like to add the tower to help attract a colony of swifts to the park. Chimney swifts are small birds that roost in chimneys and dead trees. With the advent of chimney capping and logging there are fewer places for these beneficial birds to roost. These birds feed on small insects and may help control the mosquito's population along the creek in the Fulmer Preserve. He would like to have this project completed by August to be able to possibly have chimney swifts find the tower as a roosting site during migration so that a colony may establish next spring. Coy has worked closely with the Lehigh Valley Audubon Society for direction in this project.

The Board unanimously approved. They suggested Coy come back to the Board after he has done his fund raising if he has a shortfall for building materials.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Approval of the June 6th, 2019 Workshop and Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: Supervisor Moore made a motion to approve the Workshop and Regular meeting minutes from June 6th, 2019 as presented. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7096 - Check No's. **18514 to 18553** in the amount of **\$36,598.93**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

Transfer No. 2019-039 to 2019-042

MOTION: Supervisor Mohr made a motion to pay the bills as read and acknowledge the bank transfers. Supervisor Moore seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) DeWalt conservation preservation – Resolution No. 2019-026
 - a. Letter from planning coordinator Brian Miller

At their Meeting June 12, 2019 the Open Space Committee made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to proceed with the Natural Resource Conservation Easement for preservation of the property at 5474 Acorn Dr. Emmaus. The property is owned by Mark and Pamela DeWalt, it totals 39.4116 acres of land. The majority of the property is wooded except for a small area around the house and garage. The Conservation objectives are to maintain, protect and improve the Water Resources, Biological Resources, Soil Resources, Scenic Resources and Ecosystem. The property shares it border with two preserved farms and is within several hundred feet of other preserved agricultural properties. An Appraisal was completed on the property last month that determined the effect of the conservation easement on the property (attached). An Easement agreement has been created, reviewed and approved by the Property Owner and the Solicitor (attached). An Easement Plan was created showing the property and the protection area locations. Baseline documentation will be completed next and that will catalog and identify the property depicting the existing conditions of the property as of the easement date. At this time I would like approval for the Township Staff and Solicitor to move forward with completion and purchase of the Township's first Natural Resource Conservation Easement for the Dewalt property

MOTON: Supervisor Moore made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2019-026 and the DeWalt Conservation easement purchase per Brian Miller's letter dated June 3rd, 2019. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: - No Report

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS: - None

SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS: - None

CORRESPONDENCE: - None

OTHER ISSUES: - None

REPORTS:

Emergency Services Committee Report: No Report

Township Emergency Management Coordinator: No Report
James Krippe:

Emergency Services Call Report: Report posted on Website

Fire Companies: Station #19 has Chicken BBQ on Sunday

Emmaus Library: The Summer Kickoff party was attended by 720. Summer reading club has 300 kids and 374 adults signed up. The Library circulation is higher than last year and the Library addition space is being used well by the public.

Recreation Commission: No Report

Supervisors:

Daniel Mohr – No Report

Joyce Moore – Supervisor Moore wanted to again thank the Parry's for their commitment to Upper Milford Township.

Robert Sentner – Supervisor Sentner had three concerns. 1. He saw a commercial vehicle loading mulch from the pile at 7pm on a Sunday Night. 2. He is concerned about being the only lien holder on the conservation easements. 3. He wanted to express how well all of the crews from surrounding stations helped with the structure fire on Chestnut St.

Township Manager:

Bud Carter – No Report

EXECUTIVE SESSION: -If Needed

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Chairman Robert Sentner

07/18/2019
Date

Secretary Jessi O'Donald