

Upper Milford Township
Board of Supervisors
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
February 16th, 2023, 7pm
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors, Joyce K. Moore, John D. Zgura, Daniel J. Mohr; Manager Edward Carter, Planning Coordinator Brian Miller, Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 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.

Upper Milford Board of Supervisors held an executive session beginning at 6:30 pm prior to the start of this meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jim Krippe: Jim mentioned that he thinks that Township should consider a back up generator.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Approval of February 2nd, 2023, regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: Supervisor Zgura made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7096 - Check No's. **21921 to 21950** in the amount of **\$71,797.03**

STREET LIGHT FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7125 - Check No's. **1387** in the amount of **\$2,449.02**

ESCROW FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7109 - Check No's. **175 to 177** in the amount of **\$6,549.35**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

Transfer No. 2023-004

MOTION: Supervisor Mohr made a motion to pay the bills as read and acknowledge the bank transfer. Supervisor Zgura seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: No Report

OLD BUSINESS: No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Approval to advertise updated Pollution Reduction Plan
 - a. memo Manager Carter

I would like to request approval from the Board in a motion to advertise the revised Pollution Reduction Plan (PRP) for the Township. The plan has been amended to add an Agricultural Conversion. This will allow the township to take credit for no-till farming practices on the Fulmer Nature Preserve the PRP will be available at the township building for a 30 day public review starting on February 22nd. Jason Smith from Hanover Engineers will be attending the March 16th meeting to take any additional comments.

There was a brief discussion on the requirements of the PRP Plan. This plan update is for this permit period. The next permit period starts in 2024 or 2025.

MOTION: Supervisor Zgura made a motion to advertise the updated Pollution Reduction Plan as required. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS: None

SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Proposal for Pollinator Garden at Jasper Park
 - a. Letter from Noah Schreiner

My sister Annika and I would like to propose an idea. We see that with constant structures being built there is less and less space for needed pollinators to make their home. Our community needs to not only preserve but create new pollinator habitat. We are inspired by the work you did at Church View Park, that's why we would like to introduce the Pollinator Planting Project at Jasper Park. Our idea is to inspire local elementary school students to help give better life to pollinators therefor giving us better life in the future as well. How would our idea work? Well, we would like to use the backfield of Jasper Park to plant many different native plants to attract bees, butterflies, caterpillars, and more. Not only we would plant a pollinator meadow, but we would like to invite Lincoln Elementary School and Jefferson Elementary School to join us! If we receive permission to plant the meadow our next step would be to reach out to the schools to hopefully have them join us. This would be a fun way to hopefully inspire a lot of children going into the future! We could also hype up the event by putting out a poster contest for both schools and selecting 10 (5 from each school) to put up at Jasper Park to advertise the meadow and show what they did to help the Earth and many pollinators. We would also make a short film to enter into the My Impact Challenge, Nat Geo Slingshot, and Allentown Film Festival about this project. I have already had experience with film competitions entering the Emmaus Film Festival multiple times and entering a documentary about the

Dolphin Research Center in the Florida Keys to the All-American High School Film Festival. The focus of our film would be how children can make an impact on their communities. The My Impact Challenge focuses on Civics, and the Nat Geo Slingshot focuses on environment. We feel this project would highlight both themes of them. It would gather children to make an impact on their community and local environment creating habitat for pollinators. This project would also make nice scenery along the trail as well. We are proud to be part of a community that cares about protecting nature and land. We love the pollinator meadow at Church View Park and this project would be another great step forward for Upper Milford in leading the way in conservation. Thank you for considering.

Noah Schreiner is in ninth grade and studying biology. Him and his sister are very interested in protecting the nature around us and have help with the joint EAC's Kids Earth Day project at Emmaus Community Park last year. This year they propose installing a pollinator garden at Jasper Park. Jessi has met with them at the site and spoken about the garden area along the Turnpike fence and the reality that with the expansion of the Turnpike we don't know what that area of the park will look like in the future. She mentioned that there is an erosion concern in the back walking loop by the billboard and that would make a good pollinator area like Churchview Park. The plan is to just allow the grass to grow tall and cut it once a year while adding a small pollinator area for the kids to plant with material they are growing, seed they have collected and some donation from area businesses. They will hold an art contest to come up with signage for the garden.

MOTION: Supervisor Mohr made a motion to allow the Pollinator Garden with input from Staff. Supervisor Zgura seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

OTHER ISSUES: - None

REPORTS:

Emergency Services Committee Report: No Report

Township Emergency Management Coordinator: N/A

Emergency Services Call Report: Report on Website

Fire Companies: No Report

Emmaus Library: No Report

Recreation Commission: No Report

Township Manager:

Bud Carter – Quarry Road Bridge work will begin mid-March weather depending and complete the end of March.

Supervisors:

John D. Zgura – No Report

Joyce K. Moore – No Report

Daniel J. Mohr – Dan questioned the house numbering grid. Someone had a package delivered to the same house number but different road. Manager Carter explained that there shouldn't be a problem with the grid, that numbers do not repeat on the same road. Jessi Also stated that some areas have multiples of the same house number but they do not repeat house numbers on the same roads.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - Not needed

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Chairperson Joyce K. Moore

03/02/2023
Date

Secretary Jessi O'Donald