

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068  
FEBRUARY 4, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

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**ATTENDANCE:** Supervisors; George DeVault, Daniel Mohr, Robert Sentner; Township Manager, Daniel DeLong; Asst. Township Manager, Timothy Haas; Solicitor, Marc Fisher

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 P.M.

**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.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Resident, Phil Casey commended the Public Works Department on doing an outstanding job during the latest snowstorm. He also raised concerns over the numerous "shenanigans" that PennDOT has been pulling with the Township. He believes the Township should either not plow a State maintained road or write a letter requesting compensation for the times when a Township truck plows and/or salts any portion of a State maintained road.

Supervisor DeVault agreed that the Public Works Department did a great job during the latest snowstorm. He thanked Phil Casey for his comments.

Supervisor Sentner commented that it is much easier and safer for a plow truck to traverse a road with the plow down during a large snow storm.

Resident, James Krippe also commended the Public Works Department on a job well done during the latest snowstorm. He raised concerns regarding residents parking their vehicles so far out from the curb that the width of the travel lanes are compromised, in some cases down to a lane and a half wide. It will make it difficult for the Public Works Department to navigate their trucks past these vehicles. He urged the Township to consider utilizing their two (2) Code Enforcement Officers to drive around the Township and write warning letters to residents who are parking in such a manner.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1.) Open discussions with the Recreation Commission (RC).

Members present from the RC: Philip Vanim, Robert Mutchler, Jr, Wendy Ashby, Roselyn Parry, and Robert Parry.

Supervisor Sentner began the open discussion in hopes to fix certain disconnects between the Board of Supervisors and the RC. He asked what reports they would like to give to/receive from the Board of Supervisors.

Philip Vanim commented that they provide the Board with minutes from their meetings, occasional letters regarding specific issues, and they go on a parks' tour twice a year, where they look for issues or raise concerns regarding the township parks. No one from the Township typically joins them on the parks' tour.

Supervisor Sentner asked if it makes sense to have someone from the Public Works Department and possibly a Board of Supervisor join them on their parks' tour.

Roselyn Perry mentioned that the RC never receives any feedback from the projects or items brought up in their meeting minutes and letters.

Supervisor Sentner brought up an idea for the RC to create an annual list of attainable goals for the Board of Supervisors.

Philip Vanim believes that the RC deserves better ongoing information on the township budget. It's difficult for the RC to put together a plan of punch-list items when they have no idea what's available in resources.

Supervisor Sentner asked how the RC feels about installing soccer fields at Church View Park, as it may potentially be the most cost effective way to go.

Philip Vanim and the rest of the RC has no oppositions to that proposal. He believes that it would be important to get updated need assessments from the Upper Milford Youth Association.

Supervisor Sentner asked the RC if they have considered updating the Recreation and Open Space Plan.

Philip Vanim agrees that the plans should be looked at as he believes they're stale.

Supervisor Sentner requested the Board to take a serious look at initiating a referendum question in order to resolve the issue of establishing and financing a viable open space program.

Solicitor Fisher urged the Board not to make motion at this time regarding an open space referendum. He reminded the Board that currently township staff is looking into the referendum process.

Supervisor Sentner and the rest of the Board would like feedback from the PC regarding the Kohler Tract submission. He also mentioned that he will join them on the parks' tour on a rotational basis with the other Board members. He also asked the RC to provide them with a list of attainable goals.

Philip Vanim answered that the RC will provide feedback regarding the Kohler Tract and requested township staff representation at their future meetings.

Supervisor Sentner volunteered his services to attend the upcoming RC meeting.

Supervisor DeVault mentioned that the Board members can attend the RC meetings also on a rotational basis. He was happy to see communication improve between the Board of Supervisors and the RC. He believes it's very important to begin looking into the future and be proactive in planning. He also referenced Upper Saucon Township's Official Maps as a good example to mirror as the Township begins attainable future planning.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:29 P.M.

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George D. DeVault, Chairman

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Timothy A. Haas, Asst. Twp. Manager/Secretary