

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
MARCH 3, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; George DeVault, Daniel Mohr, Robert Sentner; Township Manager, Daniel DeLong; Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller; 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: None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

- 1.) Southwestern Lehigh County Comprehensive (SWL) Plan Presentation.
 - a. Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC).

Presentation was offered by Becky Bradley, Eric McAfee, George Kinney, and Geoffrey Reese.

Becky Bradley provided an overview of the SWL Plan. A huge aspect of the plan update is that it involves input from the community. The LVPC is attempting to complete the update of the plan by June, 2016 so the municipalities and boroughs involved can move for prompt adoption. She also summarized development trends. One of the biggest concerns is that the popular “age restricted” communities will be difficult to fill in years to come due to the age demographic population drop off behind the “baby boomers.”

Eric McAfee summarized the SWL Plan as it pertains to the area’s population, growth projections, and setting goals for strategic ways of growing.

Geoffrey Reese highlighted the natural and historic features throughout the Southwest region of Lehigh County.

George Kinney summarized transportation throughout the Southwest region of Lehigh County. He also summarized what the community has prioritized regarding

transportation. Handling truck and freight transportation was the primary priority, followed by the need for pedestrian trails and walkway connectivity. The community feedback also showed that the community is concerned about preserving the natural resources and land throughout the region. Communities have provided feedback that they are trusting in their local elected officials to make the right decisions.

Resident, Phil Casey shared his opinion that it seemed like Lower Macungie Township didn't adhere to the prior plan and now everyone is left to deal with the problems that they created. He asked what their status is regarding the proposed updates to the plan.

Supervisor, Sentner expressed that the prior council members have changed and Lower Macungie Township's current council members have a different mindset.

Resident, Brian Evans asked what "legal teeth" can be built into the document so that all municipal bodies involved adhere to the new plan.

Becky Bradley answered that the multi municipal relationship of the plan promotes communication and common-chord coordination.

Resident, Phil Casey asked if the LVPC has leverage with PennDOT, because he feels that the Township does not.

Becky Bradley answered that they don't have specific leverage, but they have open communication lines with PennDOT. Upper Milford Township is in constant communication with the LVPC, as well as PennDOT, and that can only help in their efforts to see improvements by PennDOT throughout the Township.

2.) Christopher J. Greb, Macungie Ambulance Corps (MAC) Operations Manager.

a. 2015 Annual Report.

Christopher Greb summarized the MAC's 2015 year. Some highlights included: the MAC responded to a historic high of 3,482 calls (213 of which were in Upper Milford Township), held 56 American Heart Association training classes, and trained over 500 individuals in CPR, AED, and/or first aid training.

The Board publically thanked Chris and the entire MAC for everything that they do.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

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APPROVED MINUTES

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:58 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

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