

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068  
MAY 5, 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:** 7:01 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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Fields at Indian Creek Plan Approvals; Resolution 2016-022 & 2016-023  
(Discussion).

Manager DeLong summarized the proposed Resolutions for the Board and clarified some of the outstanding contingencies remaining for the Fields at Indian Creek approvals.

Solicitor Fisher clarified that the proposed Resolutions have been reviewed by the developer.

Supervisor DeVault mentioned that the Board will further discuss the proposed Resolutions during the regular meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1.) Fire Company Steering Committee BOS Representative (Discussion).
  - a. Memo from Manager, Dan DeLong.

Supervisor DeVault read Solicitor Fisher's letter which clarified that a Township Supervisor can sit as a member on the Fire Company Steering Committee because the membership is not an "office" or "position."

Supervisor Sentner also clarified that part of the previous argument was that the Supervisor's memberships to their respective fire company causes a conflict with

the representation on the Steering Committee. He recommended appointing all three (3) Supervisors to the Committee.

Solicitor Fisher indicated that Supervisor Sentner's idea is a possibility, but the discussions at a steering committee meeting must be limited to those that are posted on the advertised agenda.

Asst. Manager Haas summarized Jerry Ozog's layout and direction for a successful steering committee.

Manager DeLong mentioned that the steering committee could create a structure and by-laws for itself similar to that of the Joint EAC.

Resident and Citizen's Fire Company Chief, Joseph Sherman expressed his concern that items discussed at a steering committee should be reported back to the fire companies and discussed among them first before those items are reported to the Board of Supervisors and anything would be acted on. He is also concerned that if all three (3) supervisors are present they can make final decisions without the fire companies being able to provide input.

Solicitor Fisher clarified that the supervisors would only be in a capacity of a member of the fire company steering committee and the fire companies would still have the right to discuss between the fire departments before a decision would be recommended.

Supervisor Sentner mentioned that Joe Sherman's concerns could be addressed while creating by-laws for the committee. He expressed his opinion that it would be a benefit to have all three (3) supervisors present at a meeting to provide the fire companies an opportunity to discuss matters directly with the supervisors.

Supervisor DeVault reminded everyone that the steering committee is strictly advisory.

Supervisor Mohr disagrees with the idea of having all three (3) Supervisors being members on the steering committee.

Resident, Rebecca Sherman suggested that the Township should allow the fire departments to discuss whether or not they want the steering committee to continue prior to any Board action.

Manager DeLong feels that it is a good idea to keep the steering committee going so both fire companies would be able to maintain an open dialogue with the supervisors. The next logical step would be to provide structure and by-laws to the committee. It doesn't make sense to continue with a steering committee if one (1) of the departments doesn't want to be part of it.

Supervisor DeVault had mixed feelings on the steering committee. He believes that the dialogue it provides is important and necessary, but after hearing certain counterproductive comments from prior meetings he's not so sure he wants any part of it. He doesn't have a problem with all three (3) supervisors being members on the steering committee.

Resident, James Krippe recommended the Supervisors trust Asst. Manager, Tim Haas to attend the steering committee meetings and report to the Board without a need for any Supervisors to be on the steering committee.

Asst. Manager, Tim Haas answered that the Township is following a layout provided by Jerry Ozog to establish the steering committee.

Resident, Emily Fair asked why a Supervisor isn't attending other meetings of committees where township tax payer funds are involved, i.e. the Emmaus Public Library.

Supervisor Sentner answered that he would love to attend meetings of other committees.

**MOTION:**

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to appoint all three (3) supervisors to the fire company steering committee. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any Questions or comments, the motion passed with a two (2) to one (1) vote. Supervisor Mohr was the opposing vote.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

The Board held an executive session from 7:26 to 7:51 P.M. to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:51 P.M.

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George D. DeVault, Chairman

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