

Upper Milford Township
Board of Supervisors
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
March 2, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: -

Acceptance of February 16, 2017 workshop and regular meeting minutes

Motion: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to accept the workshop and regular meeting minutes as presented. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7096 - Check No's. 16318 to 16346 in the amount of \$45,456.82

PAYROLL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7015 – Check No.7345 in the amount of \$212.48

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

No. 2017-010 to 2017-013

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Crossley Lease- Discussion

Manager DeLong stated that there was a discussion with Mr. Crossley for farming in regard to the farming practices on the parcel of the Fulmer Preserve that is leased. Mr. Crossley does have an agricultural Conservation Plan filed with the Township and has implemented those practices. There is a rotation of corn and soybeans. Mr. Crossley has stated that the use of a cover crop on this parcel is cost prohibitive.

The Board was in agreement to allow the parcel to be farmed.

Supervisor DeVault stated he would like to see a better agricultural conservation and implementation plan used on the parcel. He would like to see a plan with a cover crop prior to signing a new lease.

Phil Casey questioned if the Township would be willing to grant the lease at no charge.

Supervisor Sentner questioned the precedent that would set to allow the use of the land for no fee since other farm land can be expensive to lease.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Lehigh Valley Planning Commission Presentation

Members of the LVPC presented information on the tentative draft Southwest Lehigh County comprehensive plan.

There was discussion on different aspects of the plan. Supervisor Sentner pushed for a way to uphold the plan.

George DeVault spoke of the high speed traffic. He would like to see as many teeth as possible included in the plan.

Phil Casey made comments on traffic volume and patterns.

Becky Bradley is asking the steering group to designate tractor trailer routes.

Francis Caputo also commented on the traffic.

Becky Bradley of LVPC stated that being a part of the SWL Plan will allow Upper Milford Township to see development plans in member municipalities and weigh in on those plans prior to permissions given to developers. Being a member of the SWL Plan also allows the Township to go to the Lehigh Valley Transportation Authority to try for money to correct some of these issues. Elected leaders are directly responsible for Zoning and SALDO.

2.) Board of Supervisor acknowledgement of receipt of request from April & Christopher Schiel to add 6067 Tollgate Rd, PIN 548255615038-1, 13.9423 acres to the Upper Milford Township Agricultural Security Area

3.) Board of Supervisors Acknowledgement of receipt of request from South Shore Acquisitions, LP to add 4401 Main Road West PIN 549314377445-1, 46.7 acres and 5051 Milford Road PIN 549304363575-1, 11.7 acres to the Upper Milford Township Agricultural Security Area.

Motion: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of application for Agricultural Security Area inclusions for PIN 548255615038-1 from Schiel, PIN 549314377445-1 and 54904363575-1 from South Shore Acquisitions, LP and to direct staff and Solicitor to process and advertise. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

- 4.) Appointment of Barry Williams to the Recreation Committee
 - a. Memo from Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald

Mr. Williams left the recreation Committee in 2015 to accept an Elected Auditor's position. His Auditor duties are complete for the year even though his term isn't over until January 2, 2018. Mr. Williams's feels at this point he can better serve the community on the recreation committee and would like to resign that position to fill the vacancy on the recreation committee. Mr. Barry Williams has asked the recreation Committee if they would have him back to fill the position made vacant through Phil Vanim's resignation. The Recreation Committee unanimously approved of Mr. Williams returned and asks the Board for their approval of appointment.

Motion: Supervisor Sentner happily made the motion to appoint Mr. Barry Williams to fill the vacant position on the Recreation Committee pending his resignation as Elected Auditor. Supervisor Mohr happily seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS: -

- 1.) Fields at Indian Creek Phase 1B and 2 contingent approval
 - a. Resolution No. 2017-020 (Revised)

Attorney Murphy stated he had nothing else to add to what had already been said.

Supervisor Sentner asked to have resolution 2017-020 section F. clarified.

Brian Miller thought on the plan it was listed as an emergency access road. Attorney Murphy agreed. Solicitor Fisher advised they could approve the resolution with that clarification if they so choose.

Motion: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve resolution 2017-020 subject to the clarification of terminology in section F. to align with what is stated on the plan. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried unanimously. (Resolution 2017-020 section F was updated to read Emergency Access Road)

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) The Fields at Indian Creek Boundary Line Adjustment-Approval
 - a. Letter from Planning Coordinator Brian Miller

Mr. Miller's letter stated that Planning Commission reviewed the Overall Lot Line Adjustment for the Fields at Indian Creek revised on 02/17/2017. The Planning Commission recommends approval contingent upon addressing comments made by the Township Engineer in a review letter dated 02/24/2017.

Motion: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve the Boundary Line Adjustment for the subdivision for the Fields at Indian Creek contingent on the Township Engineers

comments in the review letter being addressed. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comment, all were in favor, motion carried.

- 2.) 90 day time extension for Kohler Tract Minor and Major Subdivisions
 - a. Letter from Planning Coordinator Brian Miller

Mr. Miller's letter stated the Planning Commission recommended a time extension for the Kohler Tract Minor and Major Subdivisions at their February 27th, 2017 meeting. The applicant has requested a 90 day time extension ending June 30th 2017.

Motion: Supervisor Mohr made a motion to grant the 90 day extension to June 30th 2017 for the Kohler Tract Minor and Major Subdivisions as requested. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Any question or comments, all were in favor, motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

Emergency Services Report: None

FIRE COMPANIES: Jason Tapler ask to be copied on the addresses that are issued certificates of occupancy within the Township so the Fire Company can keep their mailing list up to date along with the list of houses that are occupied within the new developments.

Emmaus Library: Lisa Marten reported that during school holidays the library holds children's programs. Presidents Day they built a cave in honor of Theodore Roosevelt and National Parks. Martin Luther King Day the children made cat toys to donate to the Peaceable Kingdom Shelter.

Township Emergency Management Coordinator:

Bill Stahler – Absent

James Krippe-Deputy- Mr. Krippe reported that in speaking with William Stahler, Mr. Krippe was asked if he would be willing to lead the steering committee. Mr. Krippe agreed and reported that a letter from Mr. Stahler would be going out in the mail shortly to those involved with the Steering Committee. Mr. Krippe was looking at a date the end of March. He would report back as to a definite date.

Recreation Commission: None

Supervisors:

Daniel Mohr – None

Robert Sentner – Supervisor Sentner is very concerned about the emergency vehicle access to the Fields at Indian Creek. The streets are clogged with construction vehicles that a fire truck or ambulance would not be able to get through. There are times when regular vehicles have to wait for a construction vehicle to be moved to get through. He asked if the Fire Company would go and take a look so they know what they are dealing with. He also said it was a perfect example of why he thought the Steering Committee should be started again without the supervisors to include fire and EMS in those talks.

George DeVault – None

Township Manager:

Dan DeLong – None

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm

**AGENDA PART II:
UNFINISHED BUSINESS (NO ACTION ANTICIPATED):
OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Indian Creek Industrial Park Subdivision:
 - a. Letter dated 01/31/07 from the Planning Commission recommending Preliminary Plan Approval contingent upon Township Engineer comments in their review letter dated 01/25/07.
(This approval is granted an extension until June 30, 2017)
2. Estates at Maple Ridge Subdivision:
 - a. Contingent Preliminary Plan approval will expire 8/7/2018. (Contact developer 4/1/2018.)
3. Recreation Commission request to update the 2004 UMT Park, Recreation, Open Space, & Environmental Plan; Survey.
4. Seedway Improvements Agreement

END AGENDA PART II:

Chairman George DeVault

03/16/2017

Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald