

Upper Milford Township
Board of Supervisors
Township Building, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
May 18th, 2020 Immediately following Workshop
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors: Robert Sentner, Joyce Moore, Daniel Mohr; Manager Bud Carter; Solicitor Marc Fisher; Secretary/Treasurer Jessi O'Donald

Meeting called to order at 7:05 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:

Approval of June 4th Regular meeting minutes.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve the workshop and regular meeting minutes from June 4th. Supervisor Moore 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. 19436 to 19470 in the amount of \$ 101,942.22

ESCROW FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7109 - Check No. 148 to 150 in the amount of \$11,500.00

HIGHWAY AID FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7112 - Check No. 2637 in the amount of \$85,398.94

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

Transfer No's. 2020-034 to 2020-040

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: - No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Discussion of Yard Waste Site Operations

Manager Carter explained that Supervisor Sentner expressed concerns about the Yard Waste site and commercial vehicles dumping yard waste. The current rules state no commercial dumping. It was felt that commercial landscapers charge for their services and disposal, that they pass that along to their customers so they should not be using the residential recycling site.

There was a brief discussion of options and that the township normally uses the grinder twice a year and it is only June and we have now used the grinder twice this year already.

It was decided that Manager Carter and Brent Fegley would come up with a plan for controlling the recycling site and present it to the Board of Supervisors.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Discussion of Auditorium Rental a. Memo from Manager Carter

Memo from Manager Carter states, with the Covid-19 pandemic, I would like the board to approve suspending any future hall rentals to the public for the remainder of 2020. With the only exceptions to be for a community event, and any previously booked events that would be allowed by the current guidelines from the Department of Health.

There was a discussion of liabilities with Solicitor Fisher and the Township's ability to maintain facilities. The discussion continued to include the Park Pavilions and bathrooms.

Colt Hershner commented that if there were no facilities present then people will still relieve themselves and it will create a different issue.

Lisa Martin ask about the playground equipment. (Guidance on Playground Equipment states that there is no additional maintenance needed)

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to allow the pavilions to be open to the public in the green phase. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments all were in agreement, motion carried.

MOTION: Supervisor Moore made a motion to continue with the closure of the facility restrooms, keep in place the Port-a-pot and add signage for warning of not sanitized frequently. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no further comments, Supervisor Moore and Mohr were in favor, Supervisor Sentner was against, motion carried.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to suspend Auditorium Rentals for the remainder of the year with the exception of the Fire Companies Community Day to be held strictly outside with the building used only for restrooms, if guidance at the time allow for events of that type, Light the Night Safe Zones Block Party may hold their event only outside in the parking lot if guidance allows for the event at that time with no building access. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Hearing no questions or comments, all were in favor, motion carried.

- 2.) Ordinance No. 167 – Arrowhead Park rules – Authorization to Advertise
a. Memo from Secretary O'Donald

During the February 20th Board of Supervisors meeting authorization was granted for the drafting of a park rules Ordinance for Arrowhead Park. Ordinance No. 167 was drafted and reviewed by the Recreation Committee then sent to the Solicitor. This is presented to you this evening. The Recreation Committee met on Monday June 15th at Lenape Park and gave their recommendation for approval if the Board is in agreement the ordinance is ready for advertisement.

There was a brief discussion on the rules presented. It was decided that Exhibit #3 would be changed to no fires or burning and # 10 will be re-worded to make sure it encompasses all rallies.

MOTION: Supervisor Sentner made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 167 for advertising with the understanding that Number 3 and 10 are corrected prior. 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: - None

OTHER ISSUES: - None

REPORTS:

Emergency Services Committee Report: N/A

Township Emergency Management Coordinator: N/A

Emergency Services Call Report: Report on Website

Fire Companies: No Report

Emmaus Library: The Library has started curbside pickup of materials and has received loaned materials back. They have had one drive up Bag sale with adult books. They will have another sale on June 26th from 9-2 with more children's books. The summer reading program will continue with changes. Sign-ups are online and readers will earn rewards. The Library received the Trexler Grant. That money will fix an HVAC unit and the fire system.

Recreation Commission:

Supervisors:

Daniel Mohr – No Comment

Robert Sentner – 1) he is concerned about the storage trailers with possible fireworks in them along with the sales tents. He stopped at the newly permitted sale stent and there wasn't a fire extinguisher. He is concerned of an event happening in Upper Milford Township like happened in Lower Milford and having Volunteer Fire Fighters hurt due to lack of notification of explosives. He would like temp sales tents to have notification to the Fire Companies. 2) He wanted to express that we have a wonderful police Force and that he works closely with our local troopers and they are always helpful. The he supports the first responders of the area.

Solicitor Fisher explained that they only way to control temp sales tents is to change the zoning ordinance.

Joyce Moore – She stated we are all grateful to the first responders and police. She wishes everyone to stay safe and stay healthy.

Township Manager:

Bud Carter – The regional Act 537 plan comment period is open until July 10th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: -Not Needed

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Chairperson, Joyce Moore

July 16, 2020
Date

Secretary/Treasurer, Jessi O'Donald