

**UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
JULY 3, 2017**

The Upper Oxford Township Planning commission held their regular monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Oxford, PA at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, July 3, 2017.

Members present: Elizabeth Randolph, Sam Reyburn, David Underwood, Harold Bryson, Karl Herr and Jane Daggett, township secretary.

Others present: Scott Rugen, Denise Rugen, Howard Reyburn and Charles Fleischmann

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chairman, Karl Herr.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Harold Bryson, seconded by Elizabeth Randolph and carried to approve the June 5, 2017 Minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY 7-YEAR REVIEW – The Township is required to do a review of the agricultural areas in the township every 7 years. The Planning Commission reviewed the recommendations and the list provided by Chester County Planning Commission. Upper Oxford Planning Commission had questions regarding properties with less than 10 acres. The Commission also questioned Page 2 of the Chester County review letter where Chester County stated that” based on the current Multi-municipal Comprehension Plan, all but 7 of the 176 proposed parcels within the ASA are located partially or entirely within areas that are designated in the future land use plan as being consistent with agriculture.” This was not clear to the Upper Oxford Planning Commission and would like to question Chester County on verification of this statement.

Motion was made by Elizabeth Randolph, seconded by Dave Underwood recommending to the Board of Supervisors that they adopt the Agricultural Security List as submitted by the Secretary. They also would like to ask the County to identify the 7 parcels that are in future land development. MOTION CARRIED.

Other items of interest were presented to the Planning Commission by Supervisor, Scott Rugen as follows:

RAIN GARDEN – The Park Committee met with Brandywine Conservancy and Greenweaver regarding the dead plantings in the rain garden. Greenweaver will replace them with new plantings.

EPA – Inspected two (2) Amish farms and found violations for manure going downstream. The farmers have 30 days to correct this. One farm was located on Limestone Road and the other on Saw Mill Road.

NOXIOUS WEED – A “Noxious Weed” act was pending in Harrisburg.

PLASTIC BAGS – Municipalities are banning fees on use of plastic bags.

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION – received information from Maryland Environment Finance Committee through the University of Maryland that municipalities can collaborate and share the costs of monitoring Storm Water problems with other townships.

OPIATE PROBLEM – was discussed at the Regional Planning Meeting. Nine (9) overdoses were in the 19363 zip code.

BRANDYWINE CONSERVANCY – Scott will contact the Conservancy to invite them to a work session to discuss riparian buffers.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Harold Bryson, seconded by Dave Underwood and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Daggett, Secretary

