

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
MARCH 13, 2017

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held their regular monthly meeting at the Township Building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, PA on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Scott A. Rugen
Howard Reyburn
Charles Fleischmann

Jane Daggett, Secretary

OTHERS: Ed Jefferis
Bill Hovis
Georgeanna Singley
James St. John
Bill Beers

Denise Rugen
Susan Hancock
Cyrus Jones
Troy St. John

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Scott Rugen.

After the Salute to the Flag, Howard Reyburn led in prayer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Georgeanna Singley along with her neighbors questioned the Supervisors on whether a proposed shopping center was in the planning for premises situate on Baltimore Pike previously known as the Pettinaro project. Mrs. Singley stated that she saw plans for this center on the Pettinaro website and facebook. The Supervisors explained that a shopping center was proposed in 2007. At that time, Mr. Pettinaro requested that Upper Oxford Township change their zoning to allow a 55,000 square foot anchor store and also the lighting conditions. The Board voted no at that time and our present regulations stand. The Supervisors also explained if anyone would come forth with plans for a center they would need to go thru the proper procedures and adhere to our zoning regulations.

MINUTES - Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the February 13, 2017 Minutes.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

AGRICULTURAL SECURITY ADDITION – a Petition was received from Elam and Elizabeth King to add 69.9 acres to the present Agricultural Security Area. No action was taken at this time.

PENNS GROVE HOLDINGS LLC – Ed Jefferis from Concord Land Planners along with James and Troy St. John were on hand to present this land development plan to the Board of Supervisors. The applicants were seeking final approval of this Land Development Plan contingent upon them seeking satisfied financial security in the amount of \$272,352.32 as estimated by Ron Ragan, township engineer. Mr. St. James expressed that the financial security would be in the form of a “bond” if agreeable to our township solicitor.

Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to approve the Final Land Development Plan of Penns Grove Holdings, LLC/Brandywine Septic contingent upon a Performance Guaranteed Agreement secured by a Bond document prepared by the township solicitor, Thomas Oeste and approve by the Board of Supervisors and also that plans can be signed outside a regular meeting after all is in place.

Reyburn – Yea Rugen – Yea Fleischmann – Yea

BEN FISHER – Land Development Plan. – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to accept the extension offered by Red Barn Consulting on behalf of Ben Fisher granting a 120 days extension dated February 27, 2017 and will be acted on by June 12, 2017.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

COCHRANVILLE FIRE COMPANY – Annual Award Banquet will be held April 1st at the Historic Revere Tavern. Scott Rugen will let me know if he is able to attend.

RESIGNATIONS – The Township received resignation letters from Barbara Hill and Steve Hill who are moving to Lancaster County. Barb is presently an auditor and Steve is on the Zoning Hearing Board. The Supervisors have agreed to move Bill Hovis, alternate zoning hearing board member to fill the vacancy of Steve Hill. Positions will need to be filled on zoning hearing board alternate and auditor. Susan Hancock expressed that her husband, Tim Hancock who presently is an auditor would be interested in being appointment to the zoning hearing board alternate.

WEBB ROAD – The proposals for the materials and reclamation bids for Webb Road were reviewed by the Board of Supervisors. After modification of the telephone number, motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to authorize the Secretary to advertise the bids to be due and opened April 10, 2017 at the next regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

ROADS – Scott Rugen read the Road Master’s report for the month. The Supervisors gave permission to have the tailgate on the GMC Truck replaced. Scott will follow up with Andy regarding a grant for application for Rattlesnake Run.

ZONING - Scott Rugen read the Zoning Officer’s report for the month.

HISTORIC – Denise Rugen reported that the newsletter articles have been sent to the publishers and the committee is looking into a few large projects. Denise and Blair visited with Phillip Edwards who gave them a brief history of his area.

EMERGENCY – Charles Fleischmann reported that all radios have been tested by the Emergency Management Team for the upcoming storm.

ENGINEER – Scott Rugen read the Engineer’s report for the month.

TAX COLLECTOR REPORTS – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to have the Secretary turn over the delinquent 2016 Per Capita and Hydrant Taxes in the amount of \$226.58 to Berkheimer for collection.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion was made by Howard Reyburn, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$39,276.80 from the General Fund.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – Yea

Fleischmann – Yea

DONALD HERSHEY – Would like to put in a private driveway from his property to Log House Road. This drive was proposed on the Final Minor Subdivision Plan for Donald L. Hersey, prepared by Crossan-Raimato, Inc. and recorded at the Recorder of Deeds Office April 16, 2013. Presently Mr. Hershey is accessing the driveway that previously belonged to his Mother’s property. Mr. Hershey will contact the zoning officer and the road master regarding this.

RIPARIAN BUFFER OVERLAY DISTRICT ORDINANCE – Scott attended a seminar where Brandywine Conservancy produced a model overlay ordinance. In the future, we will be fined by DEP if our streams do not start improving. We can regulate the cleanliness by the amount of growth along the streams. An Ordinance would only

apply to streams on homeowners properties. Charlie stated that we already have steep slope districts in our zoning ordinance. Scott suggested that we read the samples and discuss this at a later date.

SARAH FISHER TIMBER HARVEST LETTER – Scott was contacted by residents in this area and has drafted a letter to send to Chester County Conservation District regarding the timber clearing of the Fisher property. The letter will inform the Conservation that the application is somewhat flawed and not signed and also the actual amount of disturbance was not listed. Scott will also add a paragraph regarding steep slopes and then forward to the other Supervisors for review before having the Secretary send out.

AUDITORS – The Auditors have completed their audit for the 2016 year and will post the report on our website.

PARK RENTAL – A park renter is requesting permission to have a DJ at their reunion held in the township park. Supervisors approved this request.

2017 ROAD WORK – Motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Howard Reyburn and carried to authorize the Secretary to advertise for road bids for work to be performed during 2017. Bids will be accepted and opened and awarded at the May 8th meeting.

Reyburn – Yea

Rugen – yea

Fleischmann – Yea

EMERGENCY DECLARATION – Motion was made by Scott Rugen, seconded by Charles Fleischmann and carried to Declare the Existence of a Disaster Emergency for March 14, 2017.

FARM BUREAU – Howard reported that he attended a Farm Bureau meeting in Washington DC and Pittsburgh. Thirty farms in the County were inspected by DEP. Fifteen in Upper Oxford and 15 in Lower Oxford.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Charles Fleischmann, seconded by Scott Rugen and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary