

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP
JUNE 24, 2024

Upper Oxford Township Board of Supervisors held an advertised work session at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Russellville, on Monday, June 24, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Scott Rugen, Howard Reyburn, Charles Fleischmann, Karl Herr and Dave Underwood

Riparian Buffer Ordinance was discussed briefly in an effort to begin formulating ways to continue to provide ag activities an exemption from the buffer width provisions of the ordinance if certain conditions are met without exempting the ag activity from the entire ordinance. This would allow a restrictive covenant to be entered into with the landowner and provide the township with oversight authority to ensure the riparian buffers are being maintained per the ordinance requirements.

Solar ordinances and regulations were discussed in depth. The township would probably amend the existing zoning ordinance to regulate solar activities as opposed to adopting a stand-alone ordinance. Prohibiting ground based solar arrays in the AR-1 zoning district would seek to protect the prime ag soils and natural resources in the district. The State of Maryland prohibits ground based solar arrays on ag properties. Other aspects of the solar regulations discussed included 1) Decommissioning costs 2) Grid scales 3) Community scales 4) Setback and buffer requirements 5) Glare control for surrounding neighbors 6) SW issues.

Sample ordinances will be reviewed from Delaware, Penn State and Carroll County, MD for future discussions during work session and meetings with the Planning Commission.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM .

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Rugen
Acting Secretary