

**Board of Commissioners Members:** Commissioner and President, Kevin C. Spearing; Commissioner and Vice President Charles M. Whiting; Commissioners R. Samuel Valenza, Joseph A. Lavalle, Kip McFatrige, Nicholas O. Scull and Cheryl Lockard

I. **Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township was called to order by the President of the Board of Commissioners, Kevin C. Spearing at 7:00 p.m.

II. **Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and President Spearing; Commissioners Lavalle, Lockard, McFatrige, Scull, Spearing, Whiting, and Valenza. Also present: David A. Dodies, Township Manager and Sean P. Kilkenny, Esquire, Township Solicitor.

IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**

A. Commissioner Spearing presented plaques of appreciation and thanked former Commissioners Donna Parsell, Donald G. Warner and Donald “Bud” B. Tucker, in recognition of their dedicated service and many contributions to the residents of Upper Moreland Township.

B. Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) made a presentation on the proposed relocation of the Willow Grove Train Station and will return with updates likely in mid-summer 2018.

- Warren Williams, Senior Project Manager for SEPTA, stated that the project is approximately 15% planned and proceeded with a review of the background, goals, open issues, and preliminary schedule.
  - Commissioner Spearing inquired on the adaptive use of the old building. Mr. Williams stated that SEPTA has no use for the building and is offering it to the Township.
  - Commissioner Spearing inquired on pedestrian access across the railroad tracks on the southbound lanes of Route 611 and asked that SEPTA coordinate a solution with PennDOT. Mr. Williams stated that they will make a review and envisions a change with the timing, but not with the crossing itself.
  - Commissioner Spearing inquired if the Township can assist SEPTA with parking issues. Mr. Williams stated that it is matter of when funding becomes available.
  - Commissioner Spearing inquired if reconstructing the bridge on Mineral Avenue is planned. Mr. Williams does not believe that reconstruction of the bridge is necessary, but more research needs to be performed.
  - Commissioner Scull inquired on pedestrian access to the station's platform walking along the north side of the tracks up Route 611. Mr. Williams stated that it is not on the current design, but the intent is to install a walkway from Route 611 for pedestrians who do not use Davisville Road.
  - Commissioner Spearing inquired on the drop-off that accommodates only two cars. Mr. Williams will look at areas for additional drop-off space.
  - Commissioner Valenza inquired if their final plan includes a parking garage. Mr. Williams stated that SEPTA would like to include a parking garage, but it depends if there is funding. Commissioner Spearing inquired again on whether the

Township could assist with the hardship. The Assistant General Manager for SEPTA stated that they need a partnership to find a funding source dedicated for the garage. Commissioner Spearing inquired on previous funding sources for structured parking. The Assistant General Manager stated that was paid for under ACT 89 which comes through PennDOT, but alternate competitive grants are considered.

- Commissioners Valenza and McFatridge reminded the public that the Township has meet multiple times with SEPTA, Department of Community and Economic Development, Senator Greenleaf, Representative Murt, Montgomery County Planning Commission, and Montgomery County Parks, Trails & Historic Sites who are all working to get the project completed.
- Commissioner Lavalley inquired on bus access and circulation, stacking areas, fire lanes, van accessibility for the disabled, mechanical transportation for pedestrians to and from the platform, drop-off and pick-up, signaling at the intersection, ticket purchasing, parking management and weather shelters. Mr. Williams reviewed these various scenarios referring to the preliminary design plan.
- Commissioner McFatridge inquired if a parking garage would significantly change traffic circulation and whether there will be security cameras. Mr. Williams stated that there would be some changes to traffic around the station, and there would be security cameras.
- Donald Warner, a resident, commended the project and suggested that the old train station would make a perfect place to locate the Historical Association, which would be a tremendous asset to the community.
- Mr. Warner inquired if Memorial Park Drive could handle the weight of continuous bus traffic. Commissioner Lavalley stated that it is enough to challenge the road and should be tested for structural integrity.
- Mr. Warner requested that the parking garage be first priority and the street level parking lot act as a backup plan.
- Mr. Warner commented on traffic flow entering and exiting from Davisville Road and stated that he will encourage Senator Greenleaf to support funding.
- Richard Booth, a resident, commended the project and asked if there is a sidewalk proposed for the northside of the tracks. Mr. Williams stated that a sidewalk is anticipated.
- Mr. Booth inquired on the height of the parking garage. Mr. Williams stated that the estimate is four levels.
- Mr. Booth suggested there be commercial properties on the lower level of the parking garage to generate income.
- Commissioner Spearing thanked SEPTA for their time and stated that it is an exciting project.

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- V. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only** - Nothing to report.
- VI. **Treasurer’s Activity Report** – March 2018: The Treasurer's Activity Report was unanimously approved as submitted.

VII. **Approval of Minutes:** The Regular Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2018 were unanimously approved as submitted.

VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**

A. **Finance & Administrative Committee:**

1. **Appointments/Reappointments:**

a. Appointments – The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0, the reappointment of John Bethard to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council as a representative of Ward 4 and serve a new 2-year term that will expire on February 3, 2020.

2. **List of Bills Payable:**

a. The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the List of Bills as submitted in the new format by a vote of 7-0.

b. The Aqua General Funds Checks, separated from the List of Bills Payable, were approved by a vote of 6-0, with one (1) abstention (Abstained by Commissioner Spearing, Aqua employee).

3. **Other Items** - Nothing to report.

4. **New Business** - Nothing to report.

B. **Community Development Committee:**

1. **Code Enforcement** – Nothing to report.

2. **Land Development/Subdivision Applications:**

a. The Board of Commissioners approved **Resolution No. R-2018-04** by a vote of 7-0, granting the revised preliminary/final land development approval with conditions to Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA for the development of the YMCA on its site located at 3400 Davisville Road.

- Commissioner Lavalley read the list of changes to the preliminary/final land development plan that are without compromise to the original stormwater management design.

- Commissioner Spearing stated that the YMCA remains committed to their original offsite improvements.

- Francis Carver, 3045 Davisville Road, commented on offsite changes in relation to the traffic study and improvements to Davisville Road and asked if PennDOT anticipates further changes. Commissioner Spearing stated that changes are not anticipated by PennDOT, and assured Mr. Carver that any modifications would be made public at a future Community Development Meeting.

3. **List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications:**

- Commissioner Lavalley read two applications scheduled for a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Upper Moreland Township Building.

4. **Other Items:**

a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the **Reserved Parking Agreement** between Upper Moreland Township and the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA for property located between Terwood Road and Byberry Road.

- b. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-05**, a waiver request on the time limit and number of units kept on site at any one time and allows for one (1) trailer for 18-months and up to five (5) dumpsters for 12-months, from JERC Partners XXXVIII and J.G. Petrucci Co., Inc. for the Station At Willow Grove development project.
- c. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-06**, submission of a 2018 Multi-Modal Transportation Fund Grant application from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to fund improvements at the Davisville and Byberry Roads.
  - Commissioner Lavelle inquired on the grant match. Mr. Dodies stated that the Township match will be 31% expended from the Traffic Improvement Fund and the contributions made by the YMCA.
- d. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No R-2018-07** authorizing the application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for Traffic Signal Improvements at the York and Davisville Roads Intersection.
  - Mr. Dodies stated that the signal and improvements were part of the land development application approved for Station At Willow Grove and, as a technical matter, the Township must submit the application on behalf of the applicant, J.G. Petrucci Company, Inc., because the Township owns the signal.

**C. Parks & Recreation Committee:**

1. New Business:

- a. The Board of Commissioners approved **Resolution No. 2018-08** by a vote of 7-0, submission of a DCNR grant application for funding a draft Township Master Trail Plan.
  - Mr. Dodies stated that the DCNR grant program stipulates submission of a Master Trail Plan to link the Township's trail systems together. The Plan can be used in future grant applications and is estimated to cost \$50,000 to \$60,000 with a match of 50% by the Township.
- b. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, a request from Friends of Boileau for the "Boileau Day/Annual Spring Event" to be held on Saturday, May 5, 2018, that includes animals and cannons.

**D. Public Health & Safety Committee:**

- Commissioner Spearing commented that the Police Department reviewed the Parking Ordinance which contained obsolete signage that is unenforceable, and he requested that the public take this opportunity to provide feedback on any issues that should be considered by the Committee.

IX. **New Business** - Nothing to report.

X. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Valenza commented that potholes be reported to 1-800-Fix-Road or go online to [www.penndot.gov](http://www.penndot.gov). The Township cannot fix potholes on PennDOT roads.
- Commissioner Valenza stated that the 40th annual "Taste Of Willow Grove" will be held on Sunday, April 15, 2018, from 5-8 p.m. at Kremp Florist.

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- Commissioner Scull commented that the Township should be cautious not to lose more park land and open space, specifically with regard to Ward 1 and in the downtown district neighborhood.
- Commissioner Spearing stated that the School Board will hold a follow up meeting on the "Safe Schools Forum", Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 7 p.m., at the Intermediate School.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.