

UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Community Development Committee
May 11, 2020 - Meeting Minutes

Community Development Committee Members - Commissioner and Chair Joseph A. Lavalle; Commissioners Kip McFatrige and Kevin Spearing; Paul E. Purtell, Director of Code Enforcement; David Elsier, Director of Public Works

- I. **Moment of Silent Meditation:**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order remotely via audio call, by Commissioner and Committee Chair Joseph A. Lavalle.
- IV. **Presentations/Announcements** - nothing to report.
- V. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Committee Chair Lavalle, Commissioners Spearing and McFatrige. Members: Mr. Elsier. Absent: Mr. Purtell. Also, present: Matthew H. Candland; Township Manager; James Hersh, Township Engineer; Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – April 14, 2020: The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- VII. **Old Business** - nothing to report.
- VIII. **Land Development/Subdivision** - nothing to report.
- IX. **New Business:**
 - A. Consider recommending to the Board of Commissioners the YMCA’s proposal to amend the Schedule of Improvements included in the agreement between the YMCA and the Township.
 - Commissioner Lavalle read the items amended in the agreement.
 - Frank and Kathleen Carver, 3045 Davisville Road, commented on access to their property regarding the flood gates. Commissioner McFatrige stated that homeowners would not be able to access their property if the flood gates are down. The Committee discussed operational details of the flood gates and confirmed that only emergency personnel and police would have management of the gates.
 - Lynnette Saunders, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council, inquired on the purpose of the flood gates. Anton Kuhner, Township Transportation Engineer, stated that in emergency situations, vehicular traffic would be prohibited from entering Davisville Road, which would be managed by the Township's Emergency Services.
 - Frank and Kathleen Carver, 3045 Davisville Road, commented on the extension dates and also inquired about the Carson Simpson Temporary Construction Easement and the YMCA's payment per the terms of the agreement. The Committee agreed that funds should be used to secure necessary streambank stabilizations in the area affecting the Carson Simpson Farm and YMCA development.
 - Mr. Candland stated that the Township will follow up with the YMCA for a verification that no contractor, other than PECO, will be permitted to enter private residences to relight appliances.

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- Commissioner Spearing stated that the YMCA needs to provide verification that the YMCA's contractor will not perform work on Verizon's manholes.
- The Committee recommends the Board take action at the June 8, 2020 Regular Meeting, on the Schedule of Improvements included in the agreement between the YMCA and the Township.
- b. Consider recommending to the Board of Commissioners an Installation & Maintenance Agreement between the Township and Joseph Muscara 2012 Trust for a proposed Small Flow Treatment Facility (SFTF) located at 3232 Masons Mill Road.
 - Commissioner Spearing inquired about the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) testing the discharge, the responsibility of the homeowner, and should testing be included in the Maintenance Agreement. Mr. Hersh stated that it can be included, but testing is probably a condition of the permit with the Health Department.
 - Commissioner Spearing questioned if the owner could be required to participate in the municipal's system. Mr. Hersh stated that the owners may be required in the future to abandon the SFTF and make the connection.
 - Michelle Schetter, Schetter Environmental, confirmed that there is an annual inspection, post-construction, which is required by the DEP.
 - Commissioner Lavalley questioned the infiltration of the system in the event of a high-level stormwater situation. Mr. Hersh replied that the system is designed to be on the subsurface, will not generate runoff, and tanks will be water tight.
 - Lynnette Saunders, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council, inquired on treatment of wastewater for removal of nitrogen, phosphorus and other substances. She also inquired on efficiency of the system and if it will be tested by the Township on a regular basis.
 - Sue Worth-LaManna, a resident, inquired on inspection of the SFTF since it is a flow area on Masons Mill Road.
 - Ms. Schetter replied that tanks will be water tight as specified by the manufacturer.
 - Commissioner Lavalley recommended researching the product further to determine the removal of substances or if a post-treatment attachment would be necessary.
 - Ms. Schetter replied that upload quality will comply with DEP standards and not violate the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law for Water Quality Management Permit, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, and testing will be on a yearly basis.
 - Ms. Saunders commented that the State's testing standard is once a year. Commissioner Spearing suggested that the Township and stream watchers can also be implemented to monitor the the stream for discharge.
 - The Committee recommends the Board take action at the June 8, 2020 Regular Meeting, on the Installation & Maintenance Agreement between the Township and Joseph Muscara 2012 Trust for a proposed Small Flow Treatment Facility (SFTF) located at 3232 Masons Mill Road.

X. **Presentations** - nothing to report.

XI. **Acceptance and Approval of the following monthly reports for April:**

- A. Code Enforcement Department Reports (April 2019 and 2020) - nothing to report.
- B. Public Works Department Report and Recycling Report - nothing to report.
- C. Engineer's Report:

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- Commissioner Spearing inquired on bid documents for Fair Oaks Basin. Mr. Hersh replied that documentation will be provided for the June 15, 2020 Community Development Committee Meeting.
- Commissioner Scull commented on noise coming from Acme Box Company. Mr. Hersh stated that the Company has not started construction. Mr. Candland stated that Mr. Purtell has been in contact with Acme Box Company and will provide an update.
- Frank and Kathleen Carver, residents of Davisville Road, inquired about improvements at Acme Box Company and suggested that they be shut down when there is excessive noise.
- Commissioner Spearing commented that Mr. Purtell reported that it was a random incident.
- The Committee discussed details of the Company's proposed construction and compliance with the new Codes.
- Commissioner Valenza commented that Mr. Purtell provided an update and issues should be resolved in another week.

D. Landscape Architect's Report:

- Commissioner Lavalley read the Fair Oaks Park Basin design update.
- Commissioner Lockard inquired if a copy of the Fair Oaks landscape plan has been provided to Lynnette Saunders, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Council. Mr. Hersh stated that once the plan is finalized, a copy will be forward to Mr. Saunders.

E. Traffic Engineer's Report:

- Mr. Candland stated that Upper Dublin Township received bids for the Welsh Road Traffic Adaptive System and recommended that the Rhythm Engineering In|Sync System be approved. Anton Kuhner explained that that the system was evaluated for cost, ease of implementation, warranty, and recommendations from other municipalities.
- The Committee and the Board of Commissioners directed Mr. Candland to send a letter of concurrence to Upper Dublin concerning its purchase of the Rhythm System for the Adaptive Traffic System project on Welsh Road.
- Commissioner Spearing requested an update on the Welsh Road traffic signal system be included in future monthly reports.
- Commissioner Spearing commented that feedback is pending from Horsham Township on the request for a joint submission of the Multi-Modal Grant application for Blair Mill Road and Easton Road. Mr. Kuhner replied that an update will be included in future monthly reports.

F. Upper Moreland School District – Construction/Other Items - nothing to report.

G. Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority {HLRA} – to monitor status of redevelopment of former Willow Grove Naval Air Station property - nothing to report.

H. Environmental Advisory Council {EAC} - nothing to report.

I. Pennsylvania Review Advisory Council:

- Commissioner Lavalley stated that subcommittees continue via conference calls to review the 2015 Code and the changes implemented in 2018 to move forward a potential adoption of the updated ICC Codes in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A public meeting is pending further directive by Governor Wolf's office.

J. Upper Moreland Historical Commission - nothing to report.

XII. **Other Items** - nothing to report.

XIII. **Redevelopment** - nothing to report.

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XIV. **Visitor Comments** - nothing to report.

XV. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Spearing commented on future upgrades to aging sewer laterals throughout the Township. Specifically, there are issues related to the maintenance and extension of sewer services in areas currently not served. The Committee will continue a discussion at the June 15, 2020 CDC meeting about related costs and updating the Township's 537 Plan.
- Commissioner Spearing reminded the public that polling locations have changed in some precincts, voting by mail is strongly recommended, and the public can sign-up for a ballot online through Montgomery County.
- Commissioner McFtridge commented that it is questionable whether a person can go "in person" to a polling location to vote once they have registered online for a mail-in ballot.
- Commissioner Scull commented safety concerns on parades organized to celebrate events.
- Commissioner Whiting announced that the Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting will be held via audio conference call on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

XVI. **Adjournment** - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.