

**Upper Moreland Township
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting
June 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Board of Commissioners Members: Commissioner and President, Kevin C. Spearing; Commissioner and Vice President Charles M. Whiting; Commissioners R. Samuel Valenza, Joseph A. Lavallo, 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 Lavallo, Lockard, McFatrige, Scull, Whiting, and Valenza. Also present: David A. Dodies, Township Manager and Sean P. Kilkenny, Esquire, Township Solicitor.

IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**

- A. Commissioner Valenza, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, presented a plaque to David J. Robertson, Ph.D. in recognition of his 30 years of dedicated service to the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust and contributions to its growth and success.
- B. Commissioner Spearing introduced Detective Frank Gallagher, Officers Jeff Ford and Andrew Clauhs.
 - Detective Gallagher stated that he was recently selected to be the President of the Upper Moreland Police Benevolent Association. He expressed thanks to the Commissioners, David Dodies, Township Manager, Randy Schaible, Director of Finance and Assistant Township Manager, and Megan DeLaurentis, Director of Human Resources, for the successful agreement of their recent contract.
 - Officers Jeffrey Ford and Andrew Clauhs stated that the Police Benevolent Association donated \$1,900 to the Police Unity Tour, a fundraiser for the National Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. and thanked the Association, the Commissioners and Chief Murphy for allowing them to represent Upper Moreland on a national stage. From May 9, 2018 through May 12, 2018, the Officers rode their bicycles over 270 miles while stopping at police stations, barracks, and scenes where officers lost their lives. They participated in wreath laying ceremonies and as escorts in the Honor Guard during the National Candlelight Vigil that recognizes officers' names added to the Memorial wall. Officers Ford and Clauhs presented Detective Gallagher with a plaque and stated that the Unity Tour donated \$2.8 million to the Memorial and that a museum is being built that will open in October.
- C. Commissioner Spearing introduced Chief Michael Murphy, who stated that he has three announcements.
 - Chief Murphy introduced K-9 Handler Brian Rems, Police K-9s Dex and Max. Chief Murphy reviewed the accomplishments of Police K-9 Dex, who officially retired as of

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May 18, 2018 after serving the Upper Moreland Police Department for eight years. Chief Murphy thanked K-9 Handler Rems and Police K-9 Dex for their years of service.

- Chief Murphy introduced the new Police K-9, Max, who will complete training with K-9 Handler Rems in the Fall.
 - Chief Murphy presented a Citizen's Commendation to Rick Slowiski in recognition of his support for the Penn Vet Working Dog Group and Police K-9 Max.
- D. Commissioner Spearing thanked the Police Department, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, for handling a SWAT situation at the Blair Mill Village Apartments in Ward 2 in a professional manner.

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V. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only:**

- Marie Rodi, 2708 Vesper Lane in Willow Grove, stated that a house located in her neighborhood at 2711 Vesper Lane sustained fire damage on April 16, 2017 and asked for recommendations on how the property will be maintained since the owner has passed away. Commissioner Spearing stated that the Board has taken her comments into advisement and will direct the Township staff to follow up on this property.

VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report** – May 2018: The Treasurer's Activity Report was unanimously approved as submitted.

VII. **Approval of Minutes** - May 7, 2018: The Regular Meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**

A. **Finance & Administrative Committee:**

1. **Appointments/Reappointments** - Nothing to report.
2. **List of Bills Payable:**
 - a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the List of Bills as submitted in the new format.
3. **Aqua General Funds:**
 - a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0 in favor and one (1) abstention (Abstention by Commissioner Spearing, Aqua employee).
4. **Other Items** - Nothing to report.
5. **New Business** - Nothing to report.

B. **Community Development Committee:**

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1. **Code Enforcement** – Nothing to report.
 2. **Land Development/Subdivision Applications:** Nothing to report.
 3. **List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications:**
 - Commissioner Lavalle read three applications scheduled for a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Upper Moreland Township Building.
 4. **Other Items:**
 - a. The Board of Commissioners made a motion and seconded the motion to approve **Resolution No. R-2018-12**. Subsequently, a motion was made to table the original motion, the motion to table was seconded and passed by a vote of 7-0; the request from Franc Environmental, Inc. for a waiver from Township Code of Ordinances, subject to certain conditions, to perform a full travel lane restoration at 15 Woodlawn Avenue.
 - John McCarthy, Franc Environmental Inc., will be invited to the June 11, 2018 Community Development Committee Meeting to explain his request for a waiver from Township code.
 - Commissioner Valenza commented on his original request to have the Sewer Authority map and identify ownership of the lateral. Commissioner Spearing stated that the lateral is in the right-of-way, it has been identified, and that the Department of Environmental Protection agreed that the Sewer Authority should take ownership of the lateral. He stated that there will be a follow up discussion at a future Community Development Committee meeting.
 - b. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-13** - granting the request from 2405 Maryland Road Owner, LLC, for a 12-month extension of time to keep portable storage units, construction and demolition dumpsters, and construction trailers at the 2405 Maryland Road site.
 - c. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-14** - granting the Upper Moreland School District a waiver from payment of permit fees for the installation of a new roof at Upper Moreland Middle School.
 5. **Commissioner Comments** - Nothing to report.
- C. **Parks & Recreation Committee:**
1. New Business:
 - a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-15** - authorizing an application for traffic signal approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for a new Rapid Flashing Beacon to be located at the intersection of Byberry Road with Pennypack Trail.
 - Commissioner Lavalle inquired on whether the project's plans include beacon at County Line Road. Pat Stasio, Director of Parks & Recreation, stated that

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County Line Road is the responsibility of Bucks County, Montgomery County and Southampton Township and therefore, not part of this portion of project.

- b. The Board of Commissioners made a motion, the motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0, to table a request to authorize Truth United Ministries to hold a function at Mill Creek Park on September 9, 2018 from 8 am to 2 pm, (rain date of September 16, 2018 if necessary) subject to a compliance review of the Township's Special and Large Events Policy in Community Parks, and subject to requirements related to maintenance personnel, police coverage, insurance coverage, and other conditions to the satisfaction of the Township Director of Parks and Recreation.
 - Commissioner McFatrige commented that this is a matter that does not require a waiver of policies and ordinances.
- c. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, authorizing request by Friends of Boileau to operate a Food and Beverage Garden Program in Boileau Park involving service of alcoholic beverages, for Thursday through Sunday, during two (2) consecutive weeks, from September 20 to September 30, 2018, from 5 pm to 10 pm on Thursdays and Fridays, 1 pm to 10 pm on Saturdays, and 1 pm to 8 pm on Sundays.

D. **Public Health & Safety Committee** - Nothing to report.

IX. **New Business:**

- a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-16** - establishing fire zones and erecting "No Parking in Fire Zones" signs at the Asplundh Cancer Pavilion, 3941 Commerce Avenue; the Station at Willow Grove, 91 North York Road; and the YMCA, 3300 Davisville Road.

X. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Scull read the meaning of the Township Seal. The two cross bars represent the intersection of York and Easton Roads; the horses represent the carriages that traveled to Willow Grove; the shield at the top is the seal of Dr. Nicholas Moore who was granted the Manor of Moreland by William Penn; the circle containing wavy lines is a heraldic sign for fountains and mineral springs; the Latin phrase at bottom means "Pride In Our Past, Faith In Our Future". Commissioner Scull stated that Mr. Dodies had provided a detailed written description of the Seal.
- Commissioner Whiting wished all graduates and families of the Upper Moreland High School Class of 2018 much success and God speed.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.