

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP**  
**Community Development Committee**  
**June 11, 2018 - Meeting Minutes**

**Community Development Committee Members** - Commissioner and Chair Joseph A. Lavallo; Commissioners Kip McFatridge 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 by Commissioner and Chair Joseph A. Lavallo at 7:00 p.m.
- IV. **Presentations/Announcements** - Nothing to report.
- V. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Chair Lavallo, Commissioners Spearing and McFatridge. Members: Messieurs Elsier and Purtell. Also present: David A. Dodies, Township Manager; James Hersh, Township Engineer; Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- VI. **Approval of Minutes** – May 21, 2018 meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.
- VII. **Acceptance and Approval of the following reports:**
  - A. Code Enforcement Department Reports - Nothing to report.
  - B. Public Works Department Report:
    - Commissioner Lavallo inquired on the status of milling, paving schedule and paving materials with regard to the weather. Mr. Elsier stated that milling is completed and paving is two days behind with no compromise to the materials.
    - Commissioner Spearing commented that Maryland and Commerce Roads were difficult areas; however, he has received many compliments on the paving.
    - Commissioner Spearing inquired on the status of State highway roads that are in disrepair, damaged sidewalks on Warminster Road and on Terwood Road, and metal plating on York Road next to an inlet. Mr. Elsier stated that he has a meeting with the new PennDOT Assistant Superintendent, Tom Schmidt, on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 and will request a timeline for repairs on these issues.
    - Commissioner Lavallo inquired on stormwater issues from recent significant storms. Mr. Elsier stated that a swale was installed at the intersection of Grant and Lincoln Roads, there is a spring on Warminster Road and Byberry Road and, there is a broken pipe on Round Meadow that requires attention.
    - Commissioner McFatridge inquired on road closures due to flooding from recent storms. Mr. Elsier stated that he works with the Police Department to set up barricades but has not received requests to close roads recently.
    - Commissioner Spearing commented on areas experiencing recent stormwater flooding and that there are basins and preventive measures in place to help manage these issues.
    - Commissioner Scull commented on paving Inman Terrace. Mr. Elsier stated that Public Works can temporarily repair the road until the next repaving schedule.
    - Commissioner Scull commented that Evans Circle is experiencing flooding from stormwater. Mr. Elsier noted drainage problems on Evans Circle and Evans Avenue are being looked into.

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- C. Public Works Recycling Report - Nothing to report.
- Commissioner Spearing inquired on the status of comingling recyclables. Mr. Elsier stated that the recycling program is working well and residents are not buying new containers.
- D. Engineer's Report - James Hersh, Gilmore & Associates, provided the following updates:
- YMCA on Davisville Road - subsurface utilities have been installed; parking lots are being created; and the escrow amount is being coordinated to secure the offsite improvements and meet the posting deadline.
  - Station At Willow Grove - work continues on the retaining walls and sediment basin.
- E. Landscape Architect's Report - Commissioner Lavalley read the list of updates from McCloskey & Faber.
- F. Traffic Engineer's Report: Anton Kuhner, Township Transportation Engineer, reviewed and discussed the list of updates from McMahan & Associates.
- Commissioner Spearing stated his opposition to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's potential development of an interchange at Welsh Road and the Turnpike as part of the Montgomery County Turnpike Corridor Redevelopment plan. Commissioner Spearing is in favor of developing an interchange along County Line Road and improving southbound Route 611 access to the Willow Grove Interchange.
  - Commissioner McFatrige commented on a list of roads heavily impacted by traffic from northern areas that need access to the Turnpike interchange at Willow Grove.
- G. Upper Moreland School District – Construction/Other Items - Nothing to report.
- H. Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority {HLRA} – to monitor status of redevelopment of former Willow Grove Naval Air Station property:
- Commissioners Spearing and Lavalley stated that the Pennsylvania Department of Health is offering Bucks and Montgomery County residents a blood testing program at the end of June for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).
  - Commissioner Spearing commented that blood testing be offered to members of the military personnel that worked and lived at the Base.
  - Commissioner Spearing commented that grants were awarded to cleanup wells, some of which are located in the Upper Moreland and Hatboro areas, and residents should be notified.
- I. Environmental Advisory Council (EAC): Lynette Saunders, Chair, provided the following updates:
- Storm drain labeling is rescheduled for July 14, 2018, 10 a.m., at the Middle School on Orangeman's Road.
  - An EAC table will be available during the Library Community Day event on June 16, 2018, 1-3 p.m. with information for adults and activities for children.
  - Outdoor Educational Center's first phase is complete and new grant opportunities will be sought for additional stages of the project. Signage has been installed at the rain barrel and at the drainage swale.
  - Energy Week is being created to promote energy conservation. The event will be held April 21-27, 2019 and will include participation from schools.
  - A table cover embossed with the EAC logo will be purchased to use at events.
  - EAC would like to donate \$100 to the Montgomery County Master Gardeners program from where many speakers have provided presentations on Growing Greener program topics.

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- Commissioner Spearing stated that a student made a presentation at the May 29, 2018 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting regarding her visit of the Outdoor Environmental Education Center. He suggested that a student be selected to become a participating member of the EAC.
- Commissioner Spearing inquired on an Audubon concept to be incorporated in the Fair Oaks Basin project. Ms. Saunders stated that she has discussed the concept with Leigh Altadonna, Director at Wyncote Audubon Society, to obtain his input on the idea.

J. Pennsylvania Review Advisory Council:

- Commissioner Lavalley stated that the updated State Building Code will be implemented on October 1, 2018 and he has been invited to participate on a team of presenters at a two-day training session. This event is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in conjunction with the Department of Labor and Governor Tom Wolf's office, to be held August 8-9, 2018 in Manheim, PA. Commissioner Lavalley can be contacted for more information by email at: [jlavalley@uppermoreland.org](mailto:jlavalley@uppermoreland.org).

K. Upper Moreland Historical Commission - Susan Worth-La Manna, Member At Large, provided the following updates:

- Clarified that the annual Educational Event is scheduled for Sunday, September 23, 2018 with trolley tours being planned that will begin at Boileau Farm.
- Downtown streetscape banners are ready for installation upon completion of the Station At Willow Grove.
  - Commissioner Lavalley stated that the Township is fortunate to have restored properties that are open to the public and provides education on the history of the area. He stated that information on historical buildings can influence the design, materials and concepts applied to new developments, such as the Station At Willow Grove.
  - Commissioner Spearing suggested that historical trees be identified and inventoried along with their properties.
- Ms. Worth-LaManna thanked Mr. Dodies for having pictures taken of historical trees on the downtown properties and thanked the EAC on their conjoint efforts.

VIII. **Land Development/Subdivision** - Nothing to report.

IX. **Old Business:**

- A. The Committee moved for action at the July 9, 2018 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and directed the Township Solicitor to prepare appropriate resolution – for waiver from the requirement to complete full land restoration for road disturbance resulting from sanitary service connection at 15 Woodlawn Avenue. The only stipulation for the contractor is to perform trench restoration according to Township specifications.
- John McCarthy, Franc Environmental Inc., stated he incurred significant costs to satisfy additional roadway work that was not originally planned and had not charged the property owner.
    - Commissioner Scull commented that neither the contractor nor the homeowner should incur the additional costs from the roadway work.
- B. The Committee directed that the two (2) proposals from McMahon Associates, Inc. for design services concerning Traffic Signals and Roadway Improvements at Davisville and Byberry

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Roads (dated April 27, 2018), be moved for action at the July 9, 2018 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting.

- C. James Faber, McCloskey & Faber, P.C. - Update on draft ordinance of Native Plant Species – Mr. Faber will submit new information and present at a future Community Development Committee Meeting.
- D. James Faber, McCloskey & Faber, P.C. - Update on recommendations for Veteran’s Memorial Park Fountain - Mr. Faber will submit new information and present at a future Community Development Committee Meeting.

**X. New Business:**

- A. The Committee directed the Township Solicitor to prepare a resolution for action at the July 9, 2018 Regular Meeting that will provide a waiver from land development regulations for construction of a new Masons Mill Park parking area and sanitary sewer connection.
  - Mr. Hersh, Gilmore & Associates, discussed details of the conjoined design plans for a new parking lot area and public sewer connection to be constructed and completed by Spring 2019.
    - Commissioner Lavelle inquired on handicapped parking with access to amenities. Mr. Hersh will consult with Mr. Purtell and ensure that building code requirements are met.

**XI. Other Items:**

- A. The Committee directed that authorization to apply for the **Growing Greener Grant** be placed on the agenda and also directed the Township Solicitor to prepare appropriate resolution for action for the July 9, 2018 Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting. Gilmore & Associates, Inc. will prepare and submit a grant application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) by the July 31, 2018 deadline, in the amount of \$165,500 for the remaining funds of the construction cost of the Basin at Fair Oaks Park.
- B. A resolution prepared by the Township Solicitor authorizing the ARLE Grant Application will be moved for action at the July 9, 2018 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting. The Committee directed Anton Kuhner, Township Traffic Engineer, to prepare ARLE Grant Application for Traffic Signal, Pedestrian Signal, Emergency Pre-emption and Video Detection upgrades at Horsham and Blair Mill Roads and to submit the application by the July 6, 2018 deadline.

**XII. Redevelopment:** Commissioner Lavelle, in the absence of Chair Karen Houck, provided the following Revitalization Task Force report updates:

- Mike Narcowich, Principal Planner II for Montgomery County Planning Commission, will continue to meet with the Task Force every other month to finish the 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The public is invited to participate in the next meeting on June 27, 2018, 7 p.m., in the Township Building.

**XIII. Visitor Comments:**

- Sue Worth-LaManna, commented that the June Fete area is in need of water and sewer service. Commissioner Spearing stated that a plan would need to be initiated by the Committee for water and a separate 537 Plan would need to be initiated for sewer, for which the Township would budget half the cost.

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- Ms. Worth-LaManna commented that the American Flag should be respectfully flown and illuminated while adhering to U.S. Federal Law on the County Building, businesses in the Township and on personal properties.

**XIV. Commissioner Comments:**

**XV. Adjournment** - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.