

**Upper Moreland Township
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting
July 9, 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. Lavalley, 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 7:25 p.m.
- II. **Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and President Spearing; Commissioners Lavalley, 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 Spearing announced that prior to tonight's Regular Meeting, the Board of Commissioners met in an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

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- V. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only** - Nothing to report.
- VI. **Treasurer’s Activity Report – June 2018:** The Treasurer's Activity Report was unanimously approved as submitted.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes - June 4, 2018**

Commissioner Scull made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McFatrige, to amend the Regular Meeting Minutes under "C. Parks & Recreation Committee, item ‘c’.". Commissioner Spearing stated that the following words will be stricken "*subject to a compliance review of the Township’s Special and Large Events Policy in Community Parks, and subject to requirements related to permits to serve alcoholic beverages, maintenance personnel, police coverage, insurance coverage, and other conditions to the satisfaction of the Township Director of Parks and Recreation*". The meeting minutes as amended above, were unanimously approved.
- VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**
 - A. **Finance & Administrative Committee:**
 - 1. **Appointments/Reappointments**
 - a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the appointment of Mary Meister to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council as a representative of Ward 1, due to the resignation of Linda Jones. This term will expire on March 1, 2019.
 - b. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the appointment of John A. Knauss to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council as a representative of Ward 2, due to the resignation of Ann Hurley. This term will expire on August 4, 2018.
 - c. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the appointment of Lisa

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Marsteller to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council to fill the “At Large” vacancy due to the reassignment of Mary Meister. This term will expire on June 30, 2018.

- d. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the appointment of Margaret S. Holscher to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council to fill the “At Large” vacancy due to the reassignment of John A. Knauss. This term will expire on December 31, 2019.
 - A resident of Ward 3 inquired on the expiration date in item "c.". Commissioner Valenza stated that the appointment and expiration date will be discussed at the July 23, 2018 Finance & Administration Committee Meeting.
 - Commissioner Scull commented on the expiration date of Lisa Marsteller's appointment. Commissioner Valenza stated that an appointed member cannot be moved forward until their term has expired.
 - Commissioner Spearing stated that he very much favors the appointments of John Knauss and Margaret Holscher.
 - Commissioner Scull stated that Margaret Holscher will be a strong asset to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Council.

2. List of Bills Payable:

- 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:

- 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:

- Commissioner Valenza stated that the Finance & Administrative Committee Meeting for August 20, 2018 is canceled.

5. New Business - Nothing to report.

B. Community Development Committee:

1. Code Enforcement: Nothing to report.

2. Land Development/Subdivision Applications: Nothing to report.

3. List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications:

- Commissioner Lavelle stated that no applications are scheduled for a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 12, 2018 and that the meeting has been canceled.

4. Other Items:

- a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-17** – a waiver from the requirement of Section 295-17.C to perform a full travel lane restoration at 15 Woodlawn Avenue, subject to certain conditions.
- b. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-18** – a waiver of land development regulations for construction of a new parking area at Masons Mill Park.
 - Lynette Saunders, Chair, Environmental Advisory Council, inquired on the collection of stormwater and the loss of trees. Commissioner Lavelle stated that

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the associated detention basin will collect stormwater. Commissioner Spearing stated that there is a budget to replace trees.

- c. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-19** – authorizing Gilmore & Associates, Inc. to prepare and submit a Growing Greener Grant Application to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) by the July 31, 2018 deadline, in the amount of \$165,500 for construction cost of the proposed Stormwater Basin at Fair Oaks Park.
 - d. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, authorizing McMahon Associates, Inc. to proceed with engineering design services related to the Township’s grant applications for traffic signal and roadway improvements at Davisville and Byberry Roads; fee for such services is \$83,600.
 - Commissioner Lockard suggested that McMahon include sidewalks in their design to make the area accessible to the YMCA development.
 - e. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, authorizing McMahon Associates, Inc. to prepare Automated Red Light Enforcement (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 on behalf of the Township.
5. **Commissioner Comments:**
- Commissioner Lavelle stated that the Community Development Committee will make a decision soon on the status of the August 13, 2018 meeting.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee:

- Commissioner Scull stated that the August 20, 2018 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting is canceled.

D. Public Health & Safety Committee:

- a. Commissioner Whiting made a motion for the Board of Commissioners to vote to authorize the purchase of Pierce Ascendant 107’ Quint Ladder Truck. The truck will be financed from the 2017 General Obligation Bond Issue; a loan of up to \$300,000 from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (interest rate of 2%); and, fund balance maintained in Truck Escrow Fund. Estimated cost of the truck is \$1,000,000. Commissioner Lockard made a motion to table the vote, seconded by Commissioner Scull. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of four (4) in favor (Commissioners Spearing, Whiting, Lavelle and Lockard) and three (3) opposed (Commissioners McFatrige, Scull and Valenza), to table the motion authorizing the purchase of Pierce Ascendant 107’ Quint Ladder Truck with the intention of returning for consideration at the July 23, 2018 Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting.
- b. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, authorizing **Resolution No. R-2018-20** – the submission of application to PennDOT for traffic signal improvements at Easton and Fitzwatertown Roads funded by the Green Light Go Program.
 - Commissioner Valenza inquired on the match and Mr. Dodies stated that there is a 50% match.
- c. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, authorizing **Resolution No. R-2018-21** – the submission of application to PennDOT for traffic signal improvements funded by the Green Light Go Program at Easton Road and Sycamore Avenue.

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

X. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Whiting stated that the August 20, 2018 Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting is canceled.
- Commissioner Spearing stated that the Board of Commissioners attended the PSATC Conference Annual Conference, June 21-24, 2018.
- Commissioner Spearing stated that he is personally committed to battling the opioid epidemic and commented on the need for cultural, healthcare and insurance changes throughout the Country.
- Commissioner Spearing commended and thanked Dennis and Ann Hurley for their dedicated service to the community.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.