

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 12, 2014 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Stephen Wagner, Chairman
Joaquim "Jack" DeMatos, Vice Chairman
Dennis E. Benner
Patrick M. Leonard
Philip W. Spaeth

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Robert E. Kassel, Jr., Assistant Township Manager
Al Stirba, Township Solicitor
Dennis Harman, P.E., Township Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Upper Saucon Township Municipal Building, 5500 Camp Meeting Road, Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, PA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wagner asked all in attendance to stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Mr. Wagner announced that all public sessions of the Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors are electronically recorded. The recordings are maintained as part of the record of the meeting until the minutes are transcribed and approved by the Board.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Wagner announced upcoming Township events:

- Primary Election on May 20, 2014 - 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Electronics Recycling Event on June 7, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Southern Lehigh Public Library and June 21, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Township Building.
- Summer Concert Series at Township Community Park – June 19, July 10, July 24 and August 7, 2014 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Brinley Court, Phase 1 – Resolution No. 2014-25

Motion made by Mr. DeMatos and seconded by Mr. Benner to adopt Resolution No. 2014-25 conditionally approving the Phase 1 Final Land Development Plan of Ann and Harold Dieterly to construct 46 townhouse units on approximately 10.6 acres located at 7535 South Main Street.

Attorney Kimberly Freimuth of Fox Rothschild, LLP, was present on behalf of the developer. She reviewed the proposed development project with the Board.

Chairman Wagner called for a roll call vote. The results of the vote were as follows:

Supervisor DeMatos	Yes
Supervisor Benner	Yes
Supervisor Leonard	Yes
Supervisors Spaeth	Yes
Supervisor Wagner	Abstain

Chairman Wagner abstained from voting because a family member is employed by Ryan Homes, the homebuilder for the Brinley Court development.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0 with Chairman Wagner abstaining.

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Regular Meeting of March 10, 2014

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 10, 2014.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Regular Meeting of April 14, 2014

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2014.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 42-R – Requirements for Connections and Discharges to the Township Sewer System

Motion made by Mr. DeMatos and seconded by Mr. Leonard to adopt Ordinance No. 42-R establishing standards and requirements for connections and discharges to the Township's sanitary sewer system.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2014-21 – Conveyance of Right-of-Way Along South Main Street to PennDOT

Motion made by Mr. DeMatos and seconded by Mr. Leonard to adopt Resolution No. 2014-21 accepting additional road right-of-way along the west side of South Main Street and approving the subsequent conveyance of said right-of-way to PennDOT.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

MOTIONS

Request For Payment – James D. Morrissey, Inc. – Certification No. 7

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to authorize payment in the amount of \$73,676.53 to James D. Morrissey, Inc., for work completed on the Taylor Drive Roadway Rehabilitation Project.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

Request For Payment – RGC Development LLC – Certification No. 1

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. DeMatos to authorize payment in the amount of \$55,388.10 to RGC Development LLC for relocating storm sewer facilities and a waterline on Spring Drive.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

Letter from Matthew Caffrey of Velocitel regarding proposed AT&T cell phone tower on DeSales University property

Mr. Beil reviewed a letter dated May 8, 2014 from Matthew Caffrey of Velocitel. The letter states that AT&T is no longer interested in building a cell phone tower on Township-owned property along Preston Lane. AT&T has decided to explore the possibility of finding a new location for the proposed cell phone tower on property owned by DeSales University.

Mr. Beil indicated the correspondence is for information purposes only and no action by the Board is required.

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion with Robert Ashford regarding strategies for permanently preserving the Locust Valley Golf Course

Robert Ashford, owner of the Locust Valley Golf Course, made a presentation to the Board regarding the possibility of the Township purchasing the development rights of the Golf Course.

It was the consensus of the Board to refer this matter to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Cancellation of Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2014 due to lack of agenda items

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the May 27, 2014 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Development of 2015 Township Budget

It was the consensus of the Board to refer development of the 2015 Township Budget to the Administration & Finance Committee.

Zoning Ordinance amendment proposed by Saucon Valley Lifestyle Center LP relaxing the parking requirements for hotels in the Town Center Core

Attorney Joseph Fitzpatrick was present on behalf of Saucon Valley Lifestyle Center LP. He asked the Board to consider amending the Zoning Ordinance to relax the parking requirements for hotels in the Town Center Core.

It was the consensus of the Board to refer this matter to the Planning & Zoning Committee for further discussion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment of the Warrant List and Prepaid Invoice List #05122014 dated May 9, 2014.

Warrant List.....	\$495,073.60
Prepaid Invoice List.....	\$121,540.24

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Jim La Porta, 5640 Mountain Laurel Drive – Mr. La Porta wanted to know why the Township has yet to clean the street on which he lives. He said there are road cinders on his street from the winter and it presents an unsafe condition.

Mr. Beil explained the Township is behind on street sweeping due to equipment breakdowns.

Mr. La Porta also asked why there are “No Trespassing” signs posted on the former Benckini property which the Township now owns. He said many people want to fish at this location but are prevented from doing so because of the “No Trespassing” signs.

Mr. Beil said there are various safety concerns on the former Benckini property that could pose a risk to the general public. These concerns include old dilapidated buildings and large ruts in the turf where trees were removed.

Mr. La Porta complained about barking dogs in his neighborhood. He suggested the Board consider adopting a barking dog ordinance.

Mr. La Porta spoke highly of Rob Ashford and the Locust Valley Golf Course. He said the golf course is a wonderful asset to the community and the Board should seriously consider Mr. Ashford’s request.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Leonard to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m.

Secretary