

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, June 26, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Stephen Wagner, Chairman
Patrick M. Leonard, Vice Chairman
Dennis E. Benner
Brian J. Farrell
Philip W. Spaeth

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Robert E. Kassel, Jr., Assistant Township Manager
Jeffrey Dimmich, Township Solicitor
Charles Unangst, 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.”

NOTIFICATION

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 COMMENT

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Request by Victor Vardaro to reduce speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph on Route 309 northbound between Route 378 and Camp Meeting Road

Victor Vardaro, 6087 Main Street – Mr. Vardaro spoke in favor of reducing the speed limit from 40 mph to 35 mph on Route 309 northbound between Route 378 and Camp Meeting Road. He noted State Representative Simmons recently wrote a letter to the Township in support of the speed limit reduction.

Mr. Vardaro said it was PennDOT's expert opinion to reduce the speed limit and the Board should follow PennDOT's advice.

Chairman Wagner said PennDOT is entitled to reduce the speed limit on its own because Route 309 is a State road. He said it appears PennDOT does not wish to unilaterally lower the speed limit and is leaving the matter up to the Township.

Mr. Leonard said he would be fine with lowering the speed limit, although the other Board members do not seem inclined to do so. He asked Mr. Vardaro if keeping the speed limit at 40 mph but installing enhanced speed limit signs along this stretch of highway would be acceptable.

Mr. Vardaro said he would be willing to accept what Mr. Leonard proposed.

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the Township Manager to approach PennDOT to gain approval for posting enhanced 40 mph speed limit signs on Route 309 northbound between Route 378 and Camp Meeting Road at the Township's cost.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTER – INTERVIEW APPLICANTS FOR POLICE CHIEF

At approximately 6:48 p.m. the Board met in executive session to interview applicants for police chief.

The Board returned from executive session at approximately 9:41 p.m.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Wedgewood Replacement Golf Holes – Revised Final Land Development Plan – Resolution No. 2017-24

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to adopt Resolution No. 2017-24 conditionally approving the Revised Final Land Development Plan for Distinct Golf, Inc. –

Wedgewood Golf Course to relocate the 7th and 8th holes of the Wedgewood Golf Course and to construct associated site amenities on a 21 acre property along Limeport Pike.

Brian Engle of Rettew Associates was present on behalf of Distinct Golf, Inc. – Wedgewood Golf Course. Mr. Illigash briefly reviewed the Plan and responded to questions from the Board.

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

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Regular Meeting of April 10, 2017

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 2017.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0 with 1 abstention. Mr. Benner abstained from voting because he did not attend the meeting on April 10, 2017.

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

MOTIONS

Select Planning Consultant to Prepare Comprehensive Plan Update

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to accept the proposal of Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc. (JMT) to update and revise the Township's Comprehensive Plan for a cost not to exceed \$76,000.00.

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

Release of Funds – High Hotel Project (Stabler Center Lot 10) – Certification No. 2

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$449,072.69 for the High Hotel project in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated June 20, 2017.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Leonard and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List and Warrant List #06262017 dated 06/23/2017.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to approve the Separation and Consulting Agreement with Robert E. Coyle, Jr., who currently serves as Police Chief, whereby Mr. Coyle will provide consulting services for a six month period of time immediately following his retirement on August 1, 2017 in order to assist with the smooth transition to a new Police Chief; and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign said Agreement on behalf of the Township.

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

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

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 9:53 p.m.

Secretary