

## MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, February 26, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.  
Township Municipal Building

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

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager  
Thomas Dinkelacker, Township Solicitor  
Charles Unangst, P.E., Township Engineer  
Patricia Lang, Director of Community Development  
Patrick Leonard, Special Projects Coordinator

### CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Benner 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. Benner asked all in attendance to stand and recite the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

### NOTIFICATION

Mr. Benner 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

Lynnette Saeger of Southern Lehigh Public Library – Ms. Saeger said she was recently informed that the location of this year’s Electronics Recycling Event is being changed from the Library to Penn State Lehigh Valley. She explained that increased fundraising and foot traffic are just some of the ways the Library benefits from hosting this event. She asked the Board to consider changing the location of this year’s event back to the Library.

Mr. Beil explained the Electronics Recycling Event is very popular and the Library parking lot is not big enough to handle all the people that show up to the event. In past years when

the event was held at the Library, traffic routinely backed up onto Preston Lane creating a safety concern. He pointed out Penn State Lehigh Valley has a large parking lot that can easily accommodate all the traffic generated by this event.

Ms. Saeger mentioned limiting the event to only Upper Saucon residents and switching the event to the north side of the park as possible options for dealing with the traffic issues.

Doris Clegg of Environmental Advisory Council – Ms. Clegg invited Ms. Saeger to attend the next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council to discuss whether the Electronics Recycling Event should be held at Penn State Lehigh Valley or the Library.

The Board encouraged Ms. Saeger to work with the Environmental Advisory Council to find an acceptable solution to this issue.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-15 – RECOGNITION OF NATHANIEL COCCO FOR ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT**

Mr. Benner invited Nathaniel Cocco to step forward and describe his Eagle Scout project. Nathaniel Cocco explained his Eagle Scout project involved clearing foliage, removing debris and erecting a fence on the grounds of the Ecumenical Soup Kitchen in Allentown.

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to adopt Resolution No. 2018-15 recognizing Nathaniel Cocco for the tremendous honor he has brought to his family, Boy Scout Troop and community by attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

Mr. Benner congratulated Nathaniel Cocco on his scouting accomplishments and presented him with a framed copy of Resolution No. 2018-15 signed by all the Board members.

**PRESENTATION BY ERIN SIEGFRIED OF SAUCON VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER AND LYNNETTE SAEGER OF SOUTHERN LEHIGH PUBLIC LIBRARY – CHILDREN’S SUMMER PROGRAM AT TOWNSHIP PARK**

Erin Siegfried and Elissa Rothermel of the Saucon Valley Community Center discussed plans for a Children’s Summer Program at the Township Park. The Program would be available to children in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children enrolled in the Program would participate in a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, sports, educational programming, board games and science experiments. Lynette Saeger and Erica Rudolph of the Southern Lehigh Public Library explained how the Library would partner with the Saucon Valley Community Center in providing some of the activities related to the Program. Ms. Siegfried asked the Board to provide direction on the fees charged and residency requirements for the Program.

The Board supported the Saucon Valley Community Center’s plans to hold a Children’s Summer Program at the Township Park. It was the consensus of the Board to charge a fee of

\$60 per child for the four-week session. The Board was of the opinion that children residing within the Township should be given first preference in signing up for the Program.

### **INTERVIEW APPLICANTS TO FILL VACANCY ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

It was noted that a vacancy currently exists on the Board of Supervisors due to the recent resignation of Patrick Leonard. The Board interviewed the following individuals who are interested in filling the vacancy created by Mr. Leonard's resignation:

- Eric Bartosz
- Kimberly Stehlik
- John Inglis III
- Doris Clegg
- Barbara Repsher
- Richard Woodring

The Board wanted to carefully consider the qualifications of all the applicants before making a decision. Therefore, it was decided to wait until the next meeting to take action on filling the vacancy.

### **SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

None

### **MINUTES**

#### **Regular Meeting of January 22, 2018**

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 22, 2018.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **Resolution No. 2018-13 – Expressing Township Support For Redistricting Reform**

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Farrell to adopt Resolution No. 2018-13 in support of an independent commission to explore legislative and congressional redistricting reform.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

#### **Resolution No. 2018-16 – Grant Application for New Park Near Hopewell School**

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to adopt Resolution No. 2018-16 authorizing the submission of a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the purpose of obtaining funding to assist with the construction of a new park near the Hopewell Elementary School.

Ms. Clegg of 4137 Bunker Hill Drive S wanted to know how long it would take before the new park was open for public use. Mr. Beil said it would take about two years to construct the new park.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

### **DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **Request to prohibit parking on a portion of Huckleberry Drive**

Mr. Beil reviewed a request by the Countryside Home Owners' Association to prohibit parking on a portion of Huckleberry Drive. It was the consensus of the Board that Mr. Beil should prepare the necessary ordinance establishing a no parking zone on a portion of Huckleberry Drive consistent with the request submitted by the Home Owners' Association. The proposed ordinance will be considered for possible adoption by the Board at a future meeting.

Ms. Clegg of 4137 Bunker Hill Drive S questioned whether no parking signs on Huckleberry Drive would be effective.

### **BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS**

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List and Warrant List #02262018 dated 02/23/2018.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

None

### **COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Lloyd Ohl, 6173 Limeport Pike, wanted to know about the proposed sanitary sewer project along Sunset Drive and Ackermans Lane. Mr. Beil said he would meet with Mr. Ohl to review the proposed sanitary sewer project.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At approximately 8:29 p.m. the Board met in executive session to discuss the following:

- Real estate matter and potential litigation involving the Tumblebrook Golf Course.
- Personnel matter.

The Board returned from executive session at approximately 9:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:01 p.m.

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Secretary

