

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 9, 2018 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

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

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Joseph Geib, Assistant Township Manager
Thomas Dinkelacker, Solicitor Township
Charles Unangst, P.E., Township Engineer
Patricia Lang, Director of Community Development

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. 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

Joe Saveri, 3189 Quail Drive – Mr. Saveri said the Tumblebrook Golf Course is a valuable piece of history and an asset to the community. He spoke in favor of leasing the Golf Course to Steve Grube. He said Mr. Grube is a good man and a competent manager, and the Township could not find a better person to run the Golf Course.

John Flanigan, 6001 Chestnut Hill Road – Mr. Flanigan said the Tumblebrook Golf Course is an important part of the community and enjoyed by a lot of people. He also highly recommended Mr. Grube to manage the course.

Francis Brucell, 4958 Bowood Street – Mr. Brucell had been a member of Tumblebrook Golf Course for the past several years and enjoyed it immensely. He finds Mr. Grube to be a man of integrity and competence. Mr. Brucell fully supports Mr. Grube taking over the management of the Golf Course.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to elect Dennis Benner as the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

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

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to elect Brian Farrell as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-20 – RECOGNITION OF AARON SCOTT HARLEY FOR ATTAINING THE RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

Chairman Benner invited Aaron Harley to step forward and describe his Eagle Scout project. Aaron Harley said his Eagle Scout project involved designing and constructing a large, built-in adjustable shelving unit for the music program at Christ Lutheran Church in Hellertown.

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to adopt Resolution No. 2018-20 recognizing Aaron Scott Harley 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 5 to 0.

Chairman Benner congratulated Aaron Harley on his scouting accomplishments and presented him with a framed copy of Resolution No. 2018-20 signed by all the Board members.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None

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Regular Meeting of February 26, 2018

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 26, 2018.

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

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

MOTIONS

Release of Funds – DeSales University – Upper Classmen Village, Phase 2 – Certification No. 1

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$122,335.40 for Phase 2 of the DeSales University Upper Classmen Village project in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated April 3, 2018.

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

Award Bid – Saucon Country Estates and Sunset Park Sanitary Sewer Project

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to award the bid for the Saucon Country Estates and Sunset Park Sanitary Sewer Project to RGC Development, LP for a total bid price of \$1,319,409.00.

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

Release of Funds – Traditions of America Saucon Valley, Phase 1 - Certification No. 4

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$228,512.63 for Traditions of America Saucon Valley, Phase 1, in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated April 5, 2018.

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

Release of Funds – Traditions of America Saucon Valley, Phase 2 - Certification No. 4

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$70,974.11 for Traditions of America Saucon Valley,

Phase 2, in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated April 5, 2018.

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

Release of Funds – Traditions of America Saucon Valley, Phase 3 - Certification No. 2
Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$245,154.35 for Traditions of America Saucon Valley, Phase 3, in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated April 5, 2018.

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

Release of Funds – Traditions of America Saucon Valley, Phase 4 - Certification No. 2
Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$37,980.03 for Traditions of America Saucon Valley, Phase 4, in accordance with the Township Engineer's recommendation made by letter dated April 5, 2018.

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

Award Bid – Initial Phase of Oakhurst Storm Sewer Improvements
Mr. Beil reviewed the bids received for the Oakhurst Storm Sewer Improvements Project.

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Ms. Stehlik to award the bid for the initial phase of the Oakhurst Storm Sewer Improvements Project (Bid 1 plus Bid B – pavement price adjustment) to Lehigh Valley Site Contractors for a bid price of \$1,189,399.25.

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

Tumblebrook Golf Course – Lease Agreement
Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve the Lease Agreement between Upper Saucon Township (landlord) and No Pro Golf, LLC (tenant) for the operation of the Tumblebrook Golf Course located at 3584 Jacoby Road and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Township.

Mr. Beil briefly reviewed the terms of the Lease Agreement.

Steve Grube, owner of No Pro Golf, addressed the Board describing his qualifications to run the Tumblebrook Golf Course. He also explained several upgrades he has planned for the course in the future.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the terms of the Lease Agreement.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

Nathan Brown, Lehigh County Commissioner for District 5, introduced himself to the Board. He said he looks forward to working with the Township, and Board members should reach out to him if they ever need assistance.

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Stehlik to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List and Warrant List #04092018 dated 04/06/2018.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:53 p.m., the Board met in executive session to discuss the following:

- Possible acquisition of real estate.
- Potential litigation with the developer of the Curly Horse Subdivision involving reimbursements for the construction of a sanitary sewer line.

The Board returned from executive session at approximately 9:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:04 p.m.

Secretary