

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, February 11, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

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

Participating Via
Speakerphone: Philip W. Spaeth

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Joseph Geib, Assistant Township Manager
Thomas Dinkelacker, Township Solicitor
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

Jennifer and Aaron Stancombe, 3822 Bittersweet Road, addressed the Board about issues concerning the Oakhurst Drive Drainage Project. The Stancombes signed an easement with the Township to allow the project to proceed. They have issues specifically with the portion of the project constructed by Nimaris Construction. Ms. Stancombe complained that the contractor did not use proper construction techniques, resulting in poor grading, standing

water, and other issues on their property. Additionally, they are questioning the functionality of the conveyance channel on the neighboring Heritage Conservancy property, because that was installed by the same contractor as part of the project. Ms. Stancombe is frustrated the Township has not been able to resolve these ongoing issues. She said she has been unsuccessful in her attempts to set up a meeting with Township staff.

Attorney Dinkelacker explained that the meeting scheduled for January was cancelled because the engineer, Princeton Hydro, was unable to attend. Attorney Dinkelacker assured Mr. & Mrs. Stancombe that his assistant is working to reschedule this meeting and staff will resolve the issue as soon as possible.

Mr. Wagner inquired about the working relationship Princeton Hydro has with the Township. Attorney Dinkelacker noted that the design of the conveyance channel portion of the project fell outside of the expertise of The Pidcock Company – the Township Engineer on the project – and The Pidcock Company sought out the assistance of Princeton Hydro for the engineering and oversight of that portion of the project.

PRESENTATION BY PAUL KAMOR OF PNC BANK – INVESTMENT REVIEW OF TOWNSHIP PENSION PLANS

Paul Kamor of PNC Bank, the Township's pension custodian, reviewed the performance of the Township's pension plans for the year 2018.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Brinley Court - Preliminary and Phase 1 Final Land Development Plans – Resolution No. 2019-09

Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Stehlik to adopt Resolution No. 2019-09 conditionally approving the Preliminary and Phase 1 Final Land Development Plans for Brinley Court.

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

Mount Trexler Manor - Waiver Request – Resolution No. 2019-10

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to adopt Resolution No. 2019-10 conditionally approving the request of Mount Trexler Manor to waive subdivision and land development review for the proposed construction of a “Pod” building and site amenities at 5201 Saint Joseph's Road.

Mr. Spaeth questioned why this request did not go through the Planning Commission. Solicitor Dinkelacker explained that review by the Planning Commission was not necessary in this instance as the proposed project was relatively minor in scope. The project consists of the demolition and replacement of an existing building – there will be no change in use, no change in the number of residents at the facility, no change in sanitary sewer use, and no access or parking issues to be concerned with. The project will still need grading and building permits to proceed, and those will be handled by Township staff.

Mike Jeitner of Bohler Engineering representing Mount Trexler Manor gave a brief overview of the project stressing that the total number of resident beds is not changing.

Samantha Falcone, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, said the Planning Commission really couldn't offer much in this instance.

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

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Reorganization Meeting of January 7, 2019

Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Ms. Stehlik to approve the minutes of the reorganization meeting of January 7, 2019.

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

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

MOTIONS

Request For Payment – Saucon Country Estates and Sunset Park Sanitary Sewer Project – Certification No. 7

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment in the amount of \$17,833.51 to RGC Development LP for work completed on the Saucon Country Estates and Sunset Park Sanitary Sewer Project.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Cancellation of Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for February 25, 2019 due to lack of agenda items

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the meeting originally scheduled for February 25, 2019.

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Wagner to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List and Warrant List dated 2/08/2019.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

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 7:16 p.m.

Secretary