

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, April 8, 2019 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

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

Participating Via
Speakerphone: Stephen Wagner

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Joseph Geib, Assistant Township Manager
Thomas Dinkelacker, Township Solicitor
Charles Unangst, P.E., Township Engineer
Chris Cope, Director of Water / Sewer Resources

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

None

PRESENTATION BY DORIS CLEGG OF ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL ACTIVITIES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018

Doris Clegg, Vice Chairwoman of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) presented the Annual Report of the Council's activities for calendar year 2018. The presentation highlighted the year's accomplishments and outlined its goals for 2019.

PRESENTATION BY JOHN INGLIS OF PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION – ANNUAL REPORT OF COMMISSION ACTIVITIES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018

John Inglis, Vice Chairman of the Park & Recreation Commission presented the Annual Report of the Commission's activities for calendar year 2018. The presentation highlighted the year's accomplishments and outlined its goals for 2019.

PRESENTATION BY JIM GOLDEN OF UTILITY SERVICE PARTNERS – RESIDENTIAL WATER AND SEWER SERVICE LINE WARRANTY PROGRAM

Jim Golden of Utility Service Partners gave an overview of the residential water and sewer service line warranty program. The program educates homeowners about their service line responsibilities and offers affordable protection from unanticipated service line repair costs. Homeowners in participating municipalities are eligible to purchase low-cost repair service plans for broken or leaking water and sewer lines, covering up to \$8,500 per occurrence. He said there is no cost for the Township to participate in the program and homeowners pay about \$6 per month for coverage.

Mr. Golden responded to questions from Ms. Stehlik and Mr. Spaeth.

Mr. Golden asked the Board to consider approving a marketing agreement with his company in order to move this matter forward.

The Board asked the Township Solicitor to review the marketing agreement and identify any possible legal concerns. The Board will take up this issue at a future meeting after the Solicitor's legal review is complete.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Resolution No. 2019-17 – Modifying Recreation Fees & Emergency Access Requirements For The Old Saucon Subdivision

Attorney Dinkelacker reviewed proposed Resolution No. 2019-17 with the Board.

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to adopt Resolution No. 2019-17 revising Resolution No. 2013-14 to modify recreation fees and emergency access requirements for the Old Saucon Subdivision and Land Development Plan.

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

Resolution No. 2019-18 – Intent of Board To Accept Streets In Brinley Court Development
Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to adopt Resolution No. 2019-18 confirming the intent of the Board of Supervisors to accept the interior streets in the Brinley Court development.

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

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Regular Meeting of February 11, 2019

Motion made by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Spaeth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 11, 2019.

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

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2019-19 – Street Light Agreement For Whispering Pines Subdivision

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Farrell to adopt Resolution No. 2019-19 approving a street light services agreement with PPL Electric Utilities Corporation for the Whispering Pines Subdivision.

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

MOTIONS

Purchase Agricultural Conservation Easement On 11.25 Acre Property At 2280 Reinbold Road

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Farrell to approve the Sale and Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement on an 11.25 acre property at 2280 Reinbold Road for the purchase price of \$69,187.50 (with the County paying \$67,500.00, Upper Milford Township paying \$843.75 and Upper Saucon Township paying \$843.75); and to authorize the Township Manager to sign said Agreement on behalf of the Township.

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 April 22, 2019 due to lack of agenda items

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the meeting originally scheduled for April 22, 2019.

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Ms. Stehlik and seconded by Mr. Farrell to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List and Warrant List dated 04/05/2019.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Geraldine Davies of 5468 Glen Road spoke in favor of the Township partnering with Utility Service Partners to offer the water and sewer service line warranty program to Township residents. Mrs. Davies said she recently paid \$3,100 to repair copper pipes in her home that would have been covered under this type of warranty. Richard Davies of 5468 Glen Road said many homeowners mistakenly believe insurance covers the cost of repairing water and sewer service lines.

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 7:32 p.m.

Secretary