

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2020 – 6:30 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Brian J. Farrell, Chairman
Philip W. Spaeth, Vice Chairman
Stephen Wagner
Dennis E. Benner
John G. Inglis, III

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Joseph Geib, Assistant Township Manager
Thomas Dinkelacker, Township Solicitor
Charles Unangst, P.E., Township Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Farrell 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. Farrell asked all in attendance to stand and recite the “Pledge of Allegiance.”

NOTIFICATION

Mr. Farrell 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

Joan Slota – 3880 E. Hopewell Road – Ms. Slota commented that last week’s Tropical Storm caused extensive flooding in the Township. She implored the Board to put a stop to all building and development in the Township until the stormwater and flooding issues are addressed.

Ms. Slota wanted to know when the bid for the Water / Sewer Department Garage was approved by the Board because she did not recall seeing this matter on an agenda. Mr. Beil said the Water / Sewer Department Garage has been under construction for about a year and the bid was awarded at a Board meeting in June of 2019.

David Kidd – 1330 Stonestrow Road, Lower Saucon Township – Mr. Kidd expressed concerns with stormwater and mud originating from a construction project at 2152 Stonestrow Road in Upper Saucon Township. He said the stormwater and mud are negatively impacting his property, and he wanted to know what actions will be taken to correct the situation.

Mr. Beil noted the owner of 2152 Stonestrow Road commenced earthmoving work without obtaining the proper permits and approvals. He said the Township Zoning Officer and the Lehigh County Conversation District are investigating the matter and will take the appropriate action.

Patricia Lang, Director of Community Development, added that the Zoning Officer has issued a cease and desist order to the owner of 2152 Stonestrow Road.

Mr. Wagner asked Mr. Beil to send him additional information about the property in question.

Lee Werkheiser – 1349 Stonestrow Road, Lower Saucon Township – Mr. Werkheiser expressed concerns about the mud and runoff originating from 2152 Stonestrow Road. He hoped that the Township could do something to prevent further damage to his property.

Sally Keglovits – 6121 Valley Forge Drive – Ms. Keglovits said State Senator Browne introduced new legislation that would allow larger municipalities to place more restrictions on the use of fireworks within their jurisdictions. She asked that the Township contact Senator Browne's office to request being included in the legislation.

Donna Voag – 1335 Stonestrow Road, Lower Saucon Township – Ms. Voag expressed concerns about the mud and water coming from 2152 Stonestrow Road. Ms. Voag noted seeing a lot of dump truck traffic in recent weeks, possibly heading to the property in question. She is concerned about the potential negative impacts to her property, including damage to her driveway and basement.

Kevin Burnett - 1341 Stonestrow Road, Lower Saucon Township – Mr. Burnett said he received 2 inches of mud in his basement. He asked the Board to take the appropriate actions to correct the situation.

Jason Lynn – 3570 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lower Saucon Township – Mr. Lynn reiterated many of the same concerns that other speakers had about mud and stormwater originating from 2152 Stonestrow Road. He expressed frustration with the situation and asked the Board to act quickly so his property is not negatively impacted by the next rain event.

Bernard Musgnung - 1378 Stonestrow Road, Lower Saucon Township – Mr. Musgnung expressed concerns about mud and stormwater coming from 2152 Stonestrow Road. He noted hearing a lot of tree clearing activity on the property at 2152 Stonestrow Road in recent weeks.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Lanark III – Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan – Resolution No. 2020-30
Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Wagner to adopt Resolution No. 2020-30 conditionally approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan of PD Lanark, LP to construct a three-story medical office building and other site amenities on 2.634 acres of land located at 5321 and 5341 West Valley Road.

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

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Regular Meeting of April 27, 2020

Motion by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 27, 2020.

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

Regular Meeting of May 18, 2020

Motion by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2020.

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

ORDINANCES

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2020-28 – PennDOT Winter Traffic Services Agreement

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Wagner to adopt Resolution No. 2020-28 authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to execute the Winter Traffic Services Agreement with PennDOT.

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

Resolution No. 2020-31 – Disposition of Township Records

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Inglis to adopt Resolution No. 2020-31 authorizing the disposition of certain Township records in accordance with the schedules and procedures established in the Municipal Records Manual published by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

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

MOTIONS

Right-Of-Way Encroachment Agreement – Melanie Sanchez-Jones – 2450 Ballybunion Road

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Benner to approve the Right-Of-Way Encroachment Agreement with Melanie Sanchez-Jones to allow the installation of two landscape pillars within a portion of the Township right-of-way of Ballybunion Road, and to authorize the Township Manager to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Township.

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

Release of Funds – Lanark Commons II Land Development – Release No. 4

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize the release of construction security in the amount of \$210,915.58 for the Lanark Commons II land development project in accordance with the Community Development Director's memo dated July 28, 2020.

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

Request for Payment – Central Complex at Hopewell Park – Certification No. 1 (Contract 4 – Electrical)

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to authorize payment in the amount of \$1,125.00 to Orlando Diefenderfer Electrical Contractors for work completed on the Central Complex at Hopewell Park.

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

Request for Payment – Central Complex at Hopewell Park – Certification No. 2 (Contract 4 – Electrical)

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment in the amount of \$999.00 to Orlando Diefenderfer Electrical Contractors for work completed on the Central Complex at Hopewell Park.

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

Request for Payment – Water/Sewer Department Garage – Certification No. 4 (Contract 2 – Mechanical)

Motion made by Mr. Wagner and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment in the amount of \$18,000.00 to K.C. Mechanical for work completed on the Water/Sewer Department Garage.

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

Request for Payment – Water/Sewer Department Garage – Certification No. 9 (Contract 1 – Site Work and General Building Construction)

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment in the amount of \$217,547.80 to Ankiewicz Enterprises for work completed on the Water/Sewer Department Garage.

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

Request for Payment – Water/Sewer Department Garage – Certification No. 8 (Contract 3 – Plumbing)

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to authorize payment in the amount of \$45,298.64 to Dual Temp Company for work completed on the Water/Sewer Department Garage.

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

Request for Payment – Central Complex at Hopewell Park – Certification No. 1 (Contract 1 – Site Work and General Building Construction)

Motion made by Mr. Inglis and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment in the amount of \$23,850.00 to Perrotto Builders for work completed on the Central Complex at Hopewell Park.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & INFORMATION ITEMS

None

DIRECTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Proposed Ordinance prohibiting the release or launch of sky lanterns within the Township
Mr. Beil reviewed the proposed Ordinance with the Board. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with advertising the proposed Ordinance so it can be considered for adoption at the Board's second meeting in September.

Consider holding the September 14th Board of Supervisors meeting in a large tent next to the Township Building due to the State's new COVID-19 mitigation order limiting the size of indoor gatherings to 25 people

Mr. Beil noted a large group of people could be in attendance at the September 14th Board meeting because the Estates at Saucon Valley Subdivision will be discussed that night. It was the consensus of the Board to hold the September 14th Board meeting in a large tent next to the Township Building in order to accommodate the expected crowd and comply with the State's new COVID-19 mitigation order.

Cancellation of Board of Supervisors meeting scheduled for August 24, 2020 due to lack of agenda items

It was the consensus of the Board to cancel the meeting originally scheduled for Monday, August 24, 2020.

BILLS, PAYROLL, AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Spaeth and seconded by Mr. Benner to authorize payment of the Prepaid Invoice List Dated August 7, 2020 for Check Issues Dates 7/14/2020 – 8/10/2020 and Warrant List dated August 7, 2020 for Report Date 8/10/20.

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

None

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 7:34 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session to consult with the Township Solicitor regarding pending litigation.

At approximately 8:18 p.m., the Board returned from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Benner and seconded by Mr. Inglis to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:19 pm.



Secretary