

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUSINESS MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2019, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:48 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Greg Waks, Bill Jenaway, Greg Philips, Carole Kenney, and Tina Garzillo. Also present were: Anthony Hamaday, Township Manager; Joe McGrory, Township Solicitor; Kyle Brown, Associate Township Planner; Mike Joyce, Assistant Township Engineer.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Ms. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the following meeting minutes: July 18, 2019 Business, August 1, 2019 Zoning, August 1, 2019 Workshop, and August 15, 2019 Business as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Waks stated that an executive session was held prior to this meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters and there may be an executive session following the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RE:

1. Board Motion to accept the 2020 MMO's for the Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans
2. Authorize Approval of AT&T License Agreement for Permit Placement of DAS (Wireless Facilities) throughout the Township
3. Authorize Sub-recipient Agreement between SEPTA and Upper Merion Township regarding the Rambler Senior Service
4. Authorize License Agreement with Lockheed Martin to provide overflow parking at their site to accommodate the Community Fair
5. Resolution 2019-34 re: Authorize Township Manager to execute Schedule 3 of the Master Lease Agreement with Jules and Associates, Inc. for the fitness equipment at the Community Center
6. Resolution 2019-36 re: Disposition of Township Vehicles to Auction for a minimum sale value of \$6,500.00
7. Equipment Replacement Requests re:
  - a. Matsunk Plant – Replace Grinding Cartridge on Influent Grinder - \$30,095.00
  - b. Replace Non-Functioning Audible Pedestrian Stations at Allendale & Keebler Roads as well as Devon Park & County Line Roads - \$15,920.00
8. Appointment to Planning Commission:
  - a. Martin Trumbler
  - b. Ken Brown
9. Resolution 2019-37 re: Disposition of Township Police Records
10. Authorize Agreement with Delaware Valley Municipal Management Association for Disability Consulting and Case Management Services
11. Authorize the Solicitor to Sign Settlement Stipulation re: 211 South Gulph, Tax Parcel 58-00-17488-00-4

Board Comments:

Mrs. Garzillo wanted to let the public know for Item #3, what this refers to is the free transit program for seniors 65 years old and older.

Mrs. Kenney stated Item #4 is just an agreement to indemnify Lockheed Martin for any damages that might occur during the Community Fair. She also thanked Lockheed Martin for providing parking spaces for the Community Fair at no cost.

Board Action:

It was moved by Ms. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Philips, all voting "Aye" to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

UPPER MERION HIGH SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: 440 CROSSFIELD ROAD, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL AND CONSTRUCTION +300,000 SF HIGH SCHOOL W/PARK, ATHLETIC FIELDS LANDSCAPING, LIGHTING PATHS AND MUNICIPAL TRAIL. R-2, 58.78 ACRES  
PLAN EXPIRATION: 9/30/2019. RESOLUTION 2019-35

Mr. Brown stated this plan is for the new high school located at Crossfield Road and has been before the Planning Commission. Dr. Toleno, Superintendent of Upper Merion School District thanked his fellow school board members for coming out and showing support. He also mentioned both Mr. David Shrader from Shrader Group Architecture & Design and Mr. Glenn Harris from Renew Design Group were present for any questions the Board of Supervisors may have.

Mr. Waks stated that after presenting at two previous workshops he was ready to move forward.

Mrs. Garzillo commented the development plan for the school district is amazing, very forward thinking, and a collaborative effort as far as education. She also stated they have done so much with the stormwater management system as well the additional parking and applauded them for that. Mrs. Garzillo noted her concern with the parent drop-off and Dr. Toleno stated they would do their best in reminding parents of safe drop-off with the help of Township Police although this issue is inevitable. Mrs. Garzillo also noted a concern the Shade Tree Commission noted after they had a chance to recently review the development plans. On Thomas Drive, the area was noted on the development plans to be a soft buffer and the Shade Tree Commission interpreted that area to be a screening buffer. Some of the residents suggested planting evergreen trees instead of canopy trees in that area so that during the winter season when the trees are bare, they still have a buffer there. Dr. Toleno stated they would certainly take that under advisement. Mrs. Garzillo also stated having trees be put in Heuser Park as a consideration for the additional trees and Mr. Toleno responded if they wind up with extra trees, they can revisit the matter. Mrs. Garzillo also stated she would like to see an agreement for the use of Township fields by the school district and Mr. Toleno agreed that can be done likewise with the Township's use of the school district's fields. Mr. Toleno stated he would coordinate with Dan Russel, Director of Parks and Recreation, as well as Mr. McGrory as necessary. Mrs. Garzillo wished the school district the best with this project.

Mr. Philips stated the architects are doing an amazing job on this project. He also asked Mr. Brown what the two waivers being requested were and Mr. Brown responded for street trees and parking lot trees. Mr. Philips asked if there was a timeframe to vacate a portion of Crossfield Road and Mr. Toleno responded there is no timeframe as of now but it is being worked on by the attorneys.

Mr. Jenaway also congratulated Upper Merion School District on their new high school. Mr. Jenaway requested confirmation that the engineering reports and county planning reports have been filed and everything is consistent and resolved and it was responded that it is.

Mrs. Kenney congratulated Upper Merion School District team on their new school. Mrs. Kenney expressed how going forward with any development that having more trees is always better for the Township given climate change issues and the desire to improve sustainability of the Township. Mrs. Kenney suggested evergreens in the area at the end of Crossfield Road on both sides of the path. Mrs. Kenney asked if there was a net gain or loss or same number of fields and Mr. Toleno responded a net neutral except the tennis courts will be over at Belmont.

Mr. Toleno stated the building as it is currently designed is lead silver. Mr. Shrader stated the building is very energy efficient and a sustainable project for the school district for years to come. Mr. Waks concluded by asking when construction would begin and Mr. Toleno stated this coming spring and the building should be opened September of 2022, in the end of June of 2022 they will starting tearing down the old high school and reclaiming all the property on top of where the high school is and replacing those fields with total completion sometime in the summer of 2023. Mr. Waks congratulated the school district before the vote and Mr. Toleno expressed gratitude on behalf of the team.

#### Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve the Resolution 2019-35 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

#### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL:

##### Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

#### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

##### Annual Fire Prevention Night

Mr. Jenaway announced that Wednesday, October 2, 2019 will be the Annual Fire Prevention Night at the Giant Food Store on South Henderson Road where you can see a variety of Police, Fire and EMS equipment.

##### Smoke Alarm Blitz

Mr. Jenaway announced during the summer months the three fire companies conducted a Smoke Alarm Blitz in conjunction with the American Red Cross. Over one-thousand smoke detectors were installed in Upper Merion Township over a three-day period. Mr. Jenaway also advised the public if there is anyone in need of a smoke alarm to please contact the fire marshal's office and they will arrange to have staff go out and install a smoke detector in your home. He further stated a smoke detector in each level in your property is recommended.

##### Police Department

Mr. Jenaway congratulated the Police Department for being reaccredited and having been recognized this past month. This happens every three years with the objective to review the policies, procedures and operations of the Police Department to determine their level of performance in conjunction with

established protocols and standards. The Upper Merion Police Department first started this in 2004.

#### Upper Merion Foundation

Mrs. Garzillo stated the Upper Merion Foundation is doing another restaurant fundraiser and the next one coming up will be at Chili's on September 24, 2019 from 11 a.m. to closing.

Mr. Waks also announced the Upper Merion Foundation will be selling mugs. All proceeds for the mugs will be benefitting charities in Upper Merion Township. The mugs will be sold at the fall fair and at the King of Prussia Beer Fest as well.

#### Annual Fall Park and Stream Clean-Up

Mrs. Garzillo mentioned the Annual Fall Park and Stream Clean-Up will be held at the Ross Road parking lot on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. If you are a first time volunteer you will receive a t-shirt.

#### Farmer's Market

Mrs. Garzillo announced some saved the dates for the Farmer's Market. October 12<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Fall Festival and Fiber Arts Day, Oct 26<sup>th</sup> is the Halloween Spooktacular and Barktober Fest. Mrs. Garzillo also mentioned the Farmer's Market has received \$3750.00 through donations and thanked the generous sponsors for supporting the Farmer's Market.

#### Shade Tree

Mrs. Garzillo stated Shade Tree recently partnered with QVC to do some tree planting. On Saturday, September 14, 2019, QVC executives joined at the park and planted some trees. They made video footage and it will be released on television. The date is to be determined. On October 26, 2019 there will be another tree planting event at Heuser Park. The plan is to plant 100 trees and Mrs. Garzillo encouraged the public to participate.

#### Annual Upper Merion Community Fair and Fall Fest

Mr. Waks stated the Annual Upper Merion Community Fair and Fall Fest will be on Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Heuser Park.

#### Happy New Year/ Yom Kippur

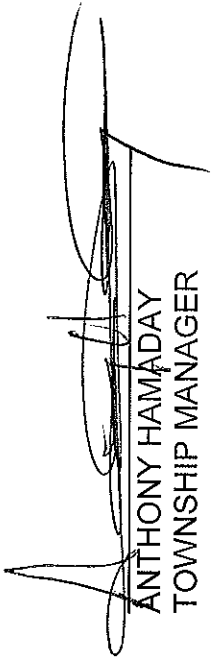
Mr. Waks wished a Happy New Year and a solemn Yom Kippur to the Jewish population which will occur prior to the next Board of Supervisors meeting.

#### Sustainability Award

Mr. Waks congratulated everyone who made it possible that Upper Merion Township once again received the platinum level Sustainability Award from the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Association.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0. Adjournment occurred at 8:24 p.m.



ANTHONY HAMADAY  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered:

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