

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Workshop Meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2023, in the Township Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m., followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Greg Waks, Greg Philips, Carole Kenney and Bill Jenaway. Also present were: Anthony Hamaday, Township Manager; John Walko, Township Solicitor and Kalie Melchior, Solicitor's Office; Patrick Foley, Twp. Engineer.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

Vice-Chairperson Jenaway stated that there will be an Executive Session following tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters. He noted that Chairperson Garzillo is absent this evening.

DISCUSSIONS:

REVISED LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW – Spark Car Wash, 161 W. DeKalb Pike.

Mr. Hamaday spoke about some of the concerns the Board of Supervisors have with Spark Car Wash plans. They felt that the parked cars are too close to the entrance and to the trash dumpsters. Also, they would like them to contact PennDOT to see if the medium on 202 can be refigured between their site and the Cemetery opening.

Ms. Denise Yarnoff, presented the revised Spark Car Wash plans showing that they moved four (4) car spaces 15 ft. upward away from the entrance and readjusted the trash enclosures. They also reduced the length of the building by shortening the front giving cars better access and at the back of the site they increased the radius by widening it to accommodate trucks. They also created additional parking spaces for the employees.

A representative for Spark Car Wash, Matt answered many questions the Board had about cars maneuvering in and out as well as around the property. Finally, after a long discussion Spark Car Wash will go to next weeks Business meeting with a Final Land Development Plan.

Public Comment: None

Vice-Chair Jenaway had to leave the meeting due to an emergency so Supervisor Waks stepped in as Chair.

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CHAPTER 140 A & B – Stormwater, Grading & Erosion Control which consolidates current Chapter 140A and 140B of the Township Code into one Chapter with additional provisions for Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development.

Mr. Hamaday explained the Township had Arrow Consulting Engineers consolidate both Chapter 140A and 140B of the Ordinance with additional provisions for Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development all into one. This new Ordinance will also combine Residential and Commercial and it modifies some penalty requirements to allow the Township to issue violations with accordance to the clean streams law. Mr. Hamaday gave an example saying if certain projects couldn't fit a stormwater basin for some reason because the area is prone to sinkholes or there are underground pipes then they still pay the Stormwater Fee and it would be redirected towards a community or regional facility.

Mr. Hamaday also mentioned that the new Ordinance if passed would eliminate the provision for residents that put an addition on their home that is 250 ft. or less would not have to pay the Stormwater Fee. In addition, this Ordinance would include the redevelopment revisions, ex: even if a developer wants to rebuild an existing building the same exact way and size they would have to make it 20% less impervious.

Public Comment: None

PROPOSED TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM (MIPP) CHANGES MODIFICATION OF THE CURRENT PROGRAM TESTING PROCEDURES:

Mr. Hamaday explained that as of now the owner either hires or do their own water testing then submit it to A.J. Ryder who then sends us the results. By changing this requirement Upper Merion Township will collect the water samples and send it to A. J. Ryder to have them test. Doing this allows the Township to know when the testing was done and that the business is in compliance. This will also save the Township a lot of time not having to wait for the businesses to complete the testing or having to send them reminders that they're late.

Supervisor Kenney asked how many businesses have pretreatment plants and how many don't comply with the testing schedule. Mr. Hamaday said as of now there are twelve (12) and only about half comply.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA REVIEW:

Anthony Hamaday, Township Manager gave an overview of the September 14th Business Meeting.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Janet Barcaro from Redwood Road, KOP thanked Mr. Hamaday and Mr. Hickman, Public Works Director for listening to her concerns and mailing the Brownlie Road Bridge letters to the residents updating them. She said her neighbors were happy to receive the letter but wanted to know if everything was still on schedule to fix the bridge. Mr. Hamaday said he hasn't heard back from PennDOT yet but hopefully he will before October when the project goes to bid. Then there was some discussion about updating the Township website because it was difficult to find information about the bridge.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Board Action:

It was moved by Supervisor Philips, seconded by Supervisor Kenney, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Adjournment occurred at 8:44 pm.



ANTHONY HAMADAY
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: