

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
JUNE 5, 2023

The Upper Oxford Township Planning Commission held their monthly meeting at the township building, 1185 Limestone Road, Oxford, PA at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, June 5, 2023.

Members present: Elizabeth Randolph, David Underwood, Karl Herr and Jane Daggett, Secretary

Others present: Scott Rugen

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-chair, Elizabeth Randolph at 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES – Motion was made by Dave Underwood, seconded by Karl Herr and carried to approve the May 1, 2023 Minutes.

RIPARIAN BUFFER – discussion was held regarding the definition of a conservation plan as opposed to the definition of an erosion plan. The Planning Commission also discussed the exemption clause in the ordinance and feels that they are not stringent enough. Presently the special protection waters buffers can be reduced from 150 to 50 feet if the applicant has a conservation plan. Other water bodies can be reduced from 100 to 35 feet. One solution to some areas of concern isto have a work session and invite the Brandywine Conservation along with our engineer. It was also noted that the Timber Harvest section should be deleted.

HISTORIC DRAFT ORDINANCE – discussion was held on the revised draft received from Blair Fleischmann, member of the Historic Commission. The areas marked “other considerations” were discussed. The first paragraph should be eliminated. The second paragraph should have the word “shall” changed to “desires to”. The third paragraph should be placed under Section 101, Purpose. Additionally, discussion was held regarding providing definitions for the Class I and Class II properties. These suggestions will be forwarded to Blair.

STYLER PEONIES – The Amish are holding chicken BBQs at this area located at Route 10 and Route 926. This is considered a Use by Right in Agriculture in our zoning books.

KAVANAGH FARM – was purchased by Chester County and Upper Oxford Township. The property is over 100 acres and is now being purchased by Pete King from the Kavanagh Estate.

WEDDING VENUE – The Supervisors had a request from a lawyer for their opinion for a property located at Route 10 and Edenton Road to have a wedding venue. The biggest problem would be storm water management in the parking area out back.

DE STORAGE – is still working on their land development plan. They might have to scale back their design to due to stormwater.

WATERSHED – Scott informed the PC that there are three webinars coming up in the future regarding watersheds if they are interested.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Dave Underwood, seconded by Karl Herr and carried to adjourn at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary