

UPPER OXFORD TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
DECEMBER 6, 2021

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, December 6, 2021.

Members present: Elizabeth Randolph, Colin Kraucunas, David Underwood, Ron Ragan, township engineer and Jane Daggett, township secretary. Chairman, Karl Herr via telephone.

Others present: Scott Rugen, Howard Reyburn, Tom Schreier of Hillcrest Associates, Dave Gilgenast, from Investor Realty, Dan Miloser and Chris Strohmaier from Chester County Conservation District.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Vice-Chairman, Dave Underwood.

MINUTES – There were a few corrections to last month’s minutes:

JOHN HAYS SUBDIVISION - The spelling of Colin Kraucunas name was corrected in two places. Additionally – “Survey monuments and pins of the SALDO due to the level of the plan.”

KARL HERR – add to the last sentence “Karl would like to discuss this further after the regular business to avoid confusion in the future”.

Motion was made by Elizabeth Randolph, seconded by Colin Kraucunas and carried to approve the November 1, 2021 Minutes as amended.

Colin Kraucunas recused himself from all discussion on the Hillcrest Associates Plan since he is employed by Hillcrest.

HILLCREST ASSOCIATES – have met with the township engineer and presented a Sketch Plan to the Planning Commission. They are proposing placing five storage units at 3246 and 3254 Newark Road and 179 Forestville Road. Tax Parcel are #57-8-25.1A, 57-8-25.1B and 57-8-25.1C. The properties are approximately 7 acres and is in the LI Zoning District which allows this use. The applicants are also proposing a bill board and stated that public water will be available but will have on-lot septic system. A NPDES permit will be required along with a storm water plan. Ron Ragan checked with the Township Solicitor to clarify that “buildings” would comply with the ordinance. Access will be off Route 896. This plan has not been submitted formally yet. The Planning Commission had no questions at this time.

CHESTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT – Dan Miloser and Chris Strohmaier thanked the Planning Commission and the Supervisors for the opportunity to come and discuss partnering with the township on water quality issues and working with agricultural producers within the township. Dan handed out informational sheets regarding outreach to the farms in the township, researching by compiling existing information for the farms, visiting each farm, helping to determine if plans such as conservation plans or manure management plans are needed or updated, determine if BMPs are needed and then help find funding if needed. Dan believes that Upper Oxford Township has approximately 70 farms operating in the township. Discussion was held where the township could go to seek out any shared data on the farming operations. Dan handed out graphs showing PA DEP sampling stations and also nitrate levels as USGS sampled sites in Upper Oxford Township. Dan and Chris both stated that their department has the staffing to help with this project. They expect visiting and outreach to the farms would consume about 700 hours to complete. This could be done within the first six months of the agreement. Prioritizing farms would also be done. The Conservation District would also rely on the Township’s knowledge of the farms and information announcing this would be able to be included in the township newsletter. Quarterly reporting on the progress would be done and also attendance at township’s meetings if required. A Memorandum of Understanding would be drawn up. The Conservation District would be able to start after the new year. We will reconnect in January to work on the formality of partnering. The Planning Commission members and Supervisors thanked Dan and Chris for a great discussion and the opportunity to partner together.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, motion was made by Colin Kraucunas, seconded by Elizabeth Randolph and carried to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Daggett
Secretary